



Water Mill Primary School

Collective Worship Statement

Introduction

At Water Mill we believe that Collective Worship plays a very important role in the life of our school. It is an opportunity to celebrate all aspects of school life, to support our curriculum and to provide an opportunity for coming together to reflect on what is very often a busy, active day for the children.

Aims

The central aims of Collective Worship at Water Mill are to:

- Provide our children with spiritual, moral, social and cultural educational opportunities through collaborative and meaningful themes and relevant topics.
- Celebrate the values and worth of the whole school community and all who belong in it, including the sharing of the gifts and talents of our children.
- Help children understand both the nature and language of worship of the Christian and different World faiths.
- Help children develop respect and sensitivity to the beliefs and values of others.
- Support the broader curriculum through the use of art, music, dance, story-telling, drama and other visual and oral means of communication.

In our school, Collective Worship is seen as an educational activity which forms part of a structured and coherent curriculum linked to other subjects especially RE and PSHE. It will be of a broadly Christian character, though non-denominational, and take into account the pupils' needs, ages, aptitudes and faith backgrounds. It will also reflect notable dates and events within the year.

A termly outline programme of assemblies is available through the school office.

Assemblies are held daily.

Parents/carers have the right to withdraw their child from Collective Worship, They should inform the school in writing of their request for this to happen.

Requests for time for pupils to pray on an individual basis

There is currently no legal requirement for schools to allow their pupils time within the school day to pray upon request, nor are they required to provide any pupil with a physical space, such as a prayer room, to conduct their prayers.

It is our policy that we do not allow pupils time within the school day to pray upon request. This is because we do not have a suitable room available for this or sufficient adults to supervise.

Should a parent wish for their child to pray during the school day then they can make a written request to take their child home to pray during the lunchtime break.

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