



Collective Worship is at the heart of Wybunbury Delves and all children and staff engage fully with it. It provides the opportunity for our school community to come together in fellowship to share experiences, ideas and understanding. It is the context in which the language of spirituality, which we use as a school, is regularly and explicitly shared. Collective Worship provides the opportunity for our children and adults to become aware of the importance of reflection; how our positive and negative

experiences can help us to learn about ourselves, the wider world, God's Kingdom, it allows us to connect, question and develop.

Through daily Collective Worship, children and adults are offered a space and a place for hearing the Christian story. They are offered an understanding of worship by being invited to participate in, or observe, Christian spiritual practices such as: prayer, reading and reflection on the Bible and liturgy and music. Children enjoy taking part in collective worship and relish contributing to questions linked with the theme of worship. Children enjoy making their reflections and are proud when they are included in the class worship books. The reflections are inclusive and take away from the pressures of writing allowing children to speak from the heart. Not all of our worships have an outcome for the worship book, questions posed allow for reflection in the moment.



Spiritual Development occurs in many ways, both planned and unplanned. We aim to ensure that children:



- Have regular times in the day for quiet and reflection. This might be listening to a story, lighting a candle in worship, engaging in reflection activities in spaces around school
- Will be provided with many opportunities for creativity and imagination.
- Will be provided with purposeful and regular opportunities for prayer. This can take many forms, but should include being thankful and allow the children an opportunity to open themselves up to God.

- Will have regular opportunities to explore, express and share feelings.
- Will see positive relationships role modelled around school. The importance of relationships will be reaffirmed to them. This will include clear exploration of how we talk to and relate to each other.
- Have opportunities to express awe and wonder, appreciate beauty in all its forms and appreciate connections and unity in the world.
- Will be encouraged to reflect on mistakes and say sorry, where appropriate.



- Will be encouraged to show perseverance, respect and trust and express these in practical ways.
- Have opportunities to explore 'Big Questions', particularly through RE learning. Spiritual development can be encouraged through a range of activities. These will include both planned and unplanned learning opportunities.
- Children are encouraged to ask questions and explore topics, discussing and responding to issues around them.

Worship takes priority within school and all children are active participants in this. It is always distinctively Christian, reflecting our vision and allowing us to explore our Christian values and consider ways we can put them into action in our daily lives. The school liturgy for collective worship follows the gather, engage, respond and send model.



We hope that our worship helps us to learn something new, to reflect on our own feelings and behaviours and to think about how we might behave or do things differently in the future. Worship also gives us a chance to feel closer to God and to be able to talk to him through prayer and song.



At Wybunbury Delves, we ensure that no matter where worship is held or who is leading, that collective worship is inclusive, invitational and inspirational enabling pupils and adults to flourish spiritually. Worship at Wybunbury Delves involves meeting, exploring, questioning, and responding to others and, for some, to God. Our children, their families and other adults encounter worship that is inclusive of, and fully accessible to, all. Children, and adults, are given the opportunity to think and ask questions and we recognise that our children, and adults, will bring their own experience to worship. Worship at our school is open to all and provides the opportunity to engage but with no compulsion to 'do anything' allowing those of different faiths and those who profess no religious faith to be present and to engage with integrity. We ensure a calm atmosphere on entry and begin worship with a prayer to welcome all. There are opportunities for both pupils and adults to ask big questions about who we are and why we do what we do. We aim to inspire and motivate pupils and adults to take action and be agents of change. We encourage them to think searchingly about their faith, beliefs and/or philosophical convictions.



Prayer is an important part of school life and is naturally woven throughout the school day. Regular opportunities for both personal and collective prayer are given. Careful consideration has been given to secure a rich learning environment which encourages pupil's spiritual, moral, social and cultural development.

Due to a carefully planned collective worship schedule, children have a good understanding of the different festivals in the Church calendar. Activities and services are planned for our families to join us in celebrating. Our classes plan and deliver class worships for their families across the year – these can explore our vision, values and work as courageous advocates. We welcome our new starters to our school family with a service in church led by Year 6 which explores our vision with our new families. At the end of Year 6, our children plan and write a Leavers service which celebrates their journey at Wybunbury Delves through our aims, vision and values.



Messy Church sessions give our families opportunities to engage with their children in activities which explore the Christian message of the theme. It leads to moments of shared awe, wonder and delight between child and carer.

