

Collective Worship

At White Woman Lane School we provide a daily collective act of worship for all registered pupils (apart from those who have been withdrawn from this by their parents) and this is usually provided within our daily assembly.

Our collective worship is mainly of a broadly Christian character but we plan to ensure that we are able to include all pupils in our act of collective worship. We frequently deal with aspects of personal relationships and the central themes of Christianity and other major world religions. We also make provision for moral and social development; emphasis is placed on the difference between right and wrong and pupils are encouraged to take on responsibilities.

We believe it is the quality of the experience rather than its daily occurrence which is important therefore we plan thoroughly by the use of themes over a term or half term and use some visitors who are able to bring insights directly from their own faith and cultural traditions.

Our collective worship allows us the opportunity to clearly express the school's ethos and contributes to a sense of community in the school; it affirms the importance of relationships and the sharing collectively of both joy and sadness. Collective worship is also an important vehicle for pupils to explore and share beliefs, consider the importance of prayer, meditation and silence, the relevance of ideas and beliefs to their own lives and to think about the needs of others. We try to give sufficient time to allow for the children to reflect on their own thoughts, feelings and beliefs.

We use different approaches to involve people and to provide a variety of worship experience. This may include:

- telling a story,
- describing a situation / event,
- drama,
- 'Part' speaking,
- using visual aids / artefacts,
- music,
- silence,
- involving pupils / students,
- using visitors.