



## Collective Worship Policy (June 2026)

### Statement of Intent

At Hutton Rudby Community Primary School, the daily act of Collective Worship is highly valued and every effort is made to ensure that all children and staff take part in a high quality and meaningful, spiritual experience. We aim to:

- offer the whole school community the opportunity to participate in worship, ensuring that the experiences provided are relevant to the age, aptitude and family background of the children on both an individual and collective basis.
- enable children, staff and visitors to explore and celebrate difference and diversity in a safe environment.
- seek to widen and enhance the experience of those of faith, no faith and the curious and to allow them to make their own response.
- ensure that collective worship is properly resourced and professionally co-ordinated.
- use regular monitoring and evaluation of all stakeholders to review and further develop creative and meaningful acts of collective worship.

Our Collective Worship sessions aim to link with our school values, which focus on:

- **Culture & Community**
- **Healthy Mind & Body**
- **Individual Excellence**
- **Lifelong Learning**
- **Determination**

The worship of the school is broadly Christian in nature, although it draws on stories and lessons from many faiths. The contributions of staff, pupils, church clergy and other visitors are valued highly.

## **Christian Values**

We identify the Christian values of kindness, stewardship, faithfulness, wisdom and fellowship as those that best match our school values. These form a key part of our teaching and reflections within our collective worship.

These values are also linked to the school's curriculum through the teaching of RE and PSHE. The promotion of Christian values is a key part of children's social, moral, spiritual and cultural development.

## **Planning and organisation**

Each Monday, the Headteacher delivers a collective worship session which focuses on one of the values above (one value is focused on each half-term). Links to the school's values are made during this session. This session links directly to Thursday's class-based collective worship, where the ideas brought up in Monday's collective worship are built upon and there are more opportunities for discussion. Tuesday's collective worship utilises the Picture News resource, which helps the children understand current affairs and link them to British Values and protected characteristics. On Wednesdays, the children congregate in the hall to sing together and on Fridays they celebrate their achievements of the past fortnight either in a whole-school in-person or whole-federation online assembly.

The PSHE Lead is responsible for organising a collective worship timetable. This includes the themes that are being delivered, links to school, Christian and British values, recorded follow up reflections and current affairs topics.

## **Prayer and Reflection**

Collective worship always includes a time of reflection. Towards the end of the whole school worship a time of reflection and quiet is encouraged.

## **Responsibility for collective worship at Hutton Rudby Community Primary School**

Monitoring and review of Collective Worship will be carried out jointly by the Headteacher and members of the governing body / local school committee.

## **The Right of Withdrawal**

Hutton Rudby Community Primary School recognises the legal right of parents to withdraw their children from Collective Worship.

## **Support for delivery of collective worship (professional development)**

Hutton Rudby Community Primary School recognises the need for professional development of staff in the review and delivery of Collective Worship and will ensure that training is offered on both an individual and whole staff basis.

## **Policy Review**

This policy was agreed in June 2026. It will be reviewed on a biannual basis.



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