



Talavera Junior School
Collective Worship POLICY

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Aim

The aim of collective worship at Talavera is to:

- Develop and support a community spirit, a common ethos and shared values;
- Provide a sense of family, community and belonging by taking opportunities to mark special celebrations and achievements to develop and reflect upon social and moral values;
- Reflect upon values which are broadly of a Christian nature (past and present, incorporating values, beliefs, traditions and patterns of worship);
- Develop an awareness of others' beliefs, cultures, patterns of worship, ceremonies, festivals; and that people achieve self knowledge and a sense of belonging by adherence to a particular faith;
- Enable children to respond to the worship offered in a positive manner personally or collectively, in thought, word or silence, by exploration, appreciation, or observation, or through performances such as music, drama or dance;
- Develop spiritual awareness and provide space and time to pause for reflection and stillness;
- Give opportunity for the children to appreciate by observation or by sincere participation in the symbolism, language and actions of religious worship;
- Involve children in an activity with which they can identify, while allowing for them to be emotionally and intellectually challenged.
- To show an awareness of the feelings of others and express feeling of their own, in a thoughtful manner.

Rationale

Talavera believes that we should arouse a sense of enthusiasm in the children of caring and sharing; a sense of community; a sense of awe; experience stillness and calm and to celebrate and worship. We value the importance of children and staff taking part in an act of collective worship each day, whilst recognising that parents do have the right to withdraw their child from worship activities.

Practice

Talavera provides daily, planned acts of collective worship (See Appendix A) in accordance with requirements of the 1988 Education Reform Act. The majority of the acts of worship are wholly or mainly of Christian character. Local clergy from mainstream Christian denominations, who represent the local Christian Community are involved within an act of worship on a weekly basis. We recognise and celebrate that there are many within our school that are from a different background, and this is considered within collective worship.

In order to make regular opportunities for our children with religious beliefs from the other World Religions to celebrate, the school plans acts of worship for key festivals and National Days throughout the year (for example Dassain and Diwali).

During the year a number of special services will occur in order to celebrate: Harvest Festival, Christmas, Easter, Dassain and Diwali.

APPENDIX A

General Weekly Arrangements

Monday Headteacher's Assembly (follows a theme either SEAL scheme or PSHE).

Tuesday and Wednesday Faith celebration assembly lead in phases / PHSE links to collective worship

Thursday Looking at the wider world in classes with thought provoking pictures or scenarios to reflect upon.

Friday Celebration Assembly (recognises achievements of individuals through the giving out of Special Awards to celebrate children's work and extra curricular achievements. Whole school and staff attend.)

Due to large numbers within year groups (Year 5, 4 and 3 being bulge year groups, we cannot fit the whole school in the hall so assemblies will look like this:

Talavera Junior School Assembly Timetable 2023-2024					
Week A	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
09:00-09:25	Head Teacher Assembly Lower School- 4/6				
3:00 - 3:15	Singing Assembly- Year 3/5 in the hall <u>AWil</u> to deliver	Faith Assembly- Year 4/6 in the hall LC/AP to rotate	Faith Assembly- Year 3/5 in the hall <u>AWr/NH</u> to rotate	Class Assembly- Delivered by CT in classes	Head Teacher Assembly 4/6 AW or AP
Week B	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
09:00-09:25	Head Teacher Assembly Upper School- 3/5				
3:00-3:15	Singing Assembly- Year 4/6 in the hall <u>AWil</u> to deliver	Faith Assembly- Year 4/6 in the hall LC/AP to rotate	Faith Assembly- Year 3/5 in the hall <u>AWr/NH</u> to rotate	Class Assembly- Delivered by CT in classes	Head Teacher Assembly 3/5 AW or AP