

Duddon Saint Peter's School



Worship Policy

Worship is an important part of the life of Duddon Saint Peter's School and supports our corporate life. Worship helps us to:

- learn and reflect on the life of Jesus and of the peoples of the Bible
- reflect on the meaning and purpose of life
- develop meditation and thought
- respond to challenges
- explore religious ideas
- celebrate festivals and life
- learn from the experiences of others

Links between Saint Peter's Church and the school are long established; we hold services in church to celebrate Harvest, Christmas, Easter, Saint Peter's Day, and a service for the pupils leaving school in July. These services bring parents and children together. The Vicar also takes assemblies in school/church each week and contributes to the Church Services. Children from Treetops Foundation Unit are invited to join us for services.

Each day begins with an act of worship:

Mondays	Whole school worship	Head Teacher
Tuesday	Key Stage One Key Stage Two	Key Stage 1 staff / Adam Friend - Vicar Key Stage 2 staff / Adam Friend - Vicar
Wednesday	Whole school worship	A variety of staff and children
Thursday	Whole school "Songs of Praise"	
Friday	Whole school worship	Led by members of staff and/or children

Visitors are invited to make a contribution on some occasions; for example, representatives of Charities such as the Guide Dogs for the Blind, R.N.L.I, Barnardo's or NSPCC.

Planning for worship is based on the Christian Calendar. Particular events are programmed for each term and a thematic approach is often used. A wide range of resources is available for the preparation of themes and a variety of formats is used. The RE Renewed framework is in place and followed.

Each act of worship includes a song or hymn, a theme using the Bible and/or a story, a poem, a factual account, or discussion with the children and a prayer. Music is used to introduce and end the worship; music is sometimes used as the worship theme.

Children are encouraged to take an active part in all assemblies eg: playing instruments, selecting pre-recorded music, leading prayers, delivering information, talking about life experiences, reading aloud, asking and responding to questions raised.

A worship file is kept and this also contains the themes and formats of the services arranged in Church.

Signed:

Governor responsible

Signed:

Head teacher

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