




Coddington

— C of E —

Primary and Nursery
School

WORSHIP POLICY

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Coddington CofE Primary and Nursery School Policy on Worship

School Vision

We value each child for who they are and prepare them for who they can become.

Our vision is underpinned by Thessalonians 5:11

'Encourage one another and build each other up'.

We live this verse through our values of Care, Community and Courage. Recognising everyone matters, we are all neighbours, we act with compassion and bravery. We are inquisitive of the world around us and reach for the best in ourselves and others. We are thankful for the love, guidance and inspiration we receive from our faith.

School Values



We believe in providing opportunities for all to explore and develop their own beliefs and values whilst reflecting on the relevance of Christian beliefs to their lives.

- We work together to create a culture in which pupils are proud of their achievements, are happy with who they are and feel supported by those around them.
- We engender a sense of belonging for every pupil; to feel part of our community and to achieve their potential; to develop their character and to grow and learn together.
- We create a culture where pupils can meet and overcome the challenges presented by a desire to succeed.
- We encourage all members of our community to be positive role models, leading by example and inspiring others through their words and actions.

These principles are based on our Christian foundation as a Church school.

As a Church of England school, we believe in providing opportunities for all pupils to explore and develop their own beliefs and values whilst reflecting on the relevance of Christian principles to their lives.

The curriculum encourages pupils to reflect on faith through one of 3 lenses.



Opportunities are built into the wider curriculum to allow pupils to explore the Christian faith in more detail, through regular Acts of Worship as well as termly services at All Saints' in Coddington which are led by a member of the clergy.

Worship

The worship calendar in school is led by the Head Teacher, supported by members of the teaching team, and church community. These members are further supported by Southwell Diocese in delivery of collective practice.

Although worship at Coddington CofE Primary and Nursery School will be mainly Christian, both in character and content, materials from other religions and belief systems will be included, and every effort will be made to treat such content with integrity and sensitivity.

As a Church school we offer a range of opportunities for pupils to reflect on, explore and deepen their faith in relation to, the Christian virtues that are at the heart of the school, Biblical teachings, the examples of Jesus and the life of key religious thinkers. These include:

Daily acts of collective worship

Reception, KS1 and KS2 pupils have daily acts of collective worship. These are listed below:

Monday	Whole School. Linked to a whole school theme and a school value. Lead by the Head Teacher or Deputy Head.
Tuesday	Singing Collective Worship. Focus upon learning songs (both hymes and seasonal) Lead by the Music Lead
Wednesday	Picture News / Class Worship. Current topic from Picture News, related to British Values and Protected Characteristics. Lead by the class teacher
Thursday	Whole school Linked to a whole school theme or school value Lead by class teacher or visitor
Friday	Celebration Assembly Focus upon awarding and celebrating the children. Two awards per class: Gold Book for excellence in learning and attitude. Jigsaw award for development of personal characteristics.

Nursery children celebrate key points through the Christian calendar (Harvest, Christmas, and Easter) in their class through stories, songs and activities in their classroom. In the Summer term, they start to join F2 in the hall for songs.

Reflection

Through our PSHE curriculum, we teach children how to control their breathing and focus their thoughts on reflection and a moment of silence and stillness.

In collective worship, children are invited to pray our school prayer. The school prayer can also be found in every classroom, along with age-appropriate literature and space away from the desk for reflection.

Visitors

Our local vicar, supported by wider members of the church. regularly visits the school and leads collective worship for the school. Members of our local church also visit lessons and explore faith in the class allowing children the opportunity to ask questions in an open and supportive environment.

St Mary's Church

Every term KS1 and KS2 visit the school's local church to participate in a celebration service. These are led by the Church and include prayers, Bible readings, songs, a talk and reflection as well as more interactive elements. Again, pupils are encouraged to access them through one of the 3 stated lenses.

Right of Withdrawal

If the parent of any children requests the pupil's withdrawal from attendance at religious worship in the school the pupil should be excused until the request is withdrawn. (Section 9.3 of the 1988 Education Act).

Quality assurance

Quality assurance will be carried out to ensure that school worship:

- Provides meaningful opportunities for reflection, exploration and/or deepening of faith.
- Is relevant to the lives of pupils as well as to current issues faced within society.
- Includes pupil participation.
- Is consistently delivered to a high standard whilst encouraging providers to adapt their approaches and use a variety of mediums and styles.
- Has a Biblical basis and allows pupils to explore key themes within a Christian context.
- Sits alongside the school's beliefs in equality, diversity, kindness and respect in how to treat others and in the way we serve our friends, the school and wider society.

Quality assurance will be led by the Head Teacher and Governors who lead on Quality and Christian distinctiveness. This will predominantly involve pupil voice and learning walks.