



The Orchard Vision: *Inspiring Success*
Values: *Determination, Courage, Respect, Kindness*

Collective Worship at The Orchard

Our aim is that every child feels welcome in "assembly" time and wants to participate. We offer them the opportunity to pray but do not insist; for example, "if you would like to make this prayer your own you can join in/or you may say "Amen" at the end.

There is a daily act of collective worship in the form of a fifteen-minute assembly. Assemblies are planned to follow a theme for each half term and to incorporate special days and festivals, sharing achievements and reinforcing the ethos of our school. Assemblies provide a time for classes to join together as a whole school community to listen, share ideas, experience awe and wonder and reflect. We invite special visitors to our assemblies including the local vicar or minister, speakers from charitable organisations and people who help us in our local community. Parents have the right to withdraw children from daily assemblies. Each daily act of collective worship has a Christian emphasis, (This is a statutory requirement). The format usually includes a story (Bible story or modern story to convey a Christian message) or poem. Children are involved by being able to offer ideas or join in role play. We incorporate singing, listening to music, reflection time and a prayer. There is a school prayer which the children learn and may join in.

Once a half term there will be an assembly based on the PSHE Jigsaw half termly focus. These are as follows:

- Being me in my world
- Celebrating differences
- Dreams and Goals
- Healthy Me
- Relationships
- Changing Me

Our assemblies include class assemblies, year group / key stage assemblies and whole school assemblies.

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