

Collective Worship

We continue to plan our Collective Worship themes alongside Rev Felicity and Barrington School. This half term, in Collective Worship we are using the Roots and Fruits resources to explore some of the words of Jesus and to reflect on Advent and Christmas.

Collective Worship autumn 2 highlights:

Week 1 – In Collective Worship for the first part of this half term, we are considering the Big Questions:

What did Jesus say?

What can we learn from his words?

This week, we reflect on when Jesus said "I am the light of the world", "Blessed are the peacemakers" and "Do not be worried".

Week 2 – In Collective Worship this week, we joined with our school – and for our year 6s the local community to mark Remembrance. Together we sing in advance of our Christingle Service in Church on the 3rd December. Please do join us if you are able. Yew class led Tuesday's Assembly. We continue to consider the words of Jesus this week – in particular "Do not judge others" and "Forgive others".

Week 3 - In Choral Worship, we continue to sing our Christingle songs and begin to introduce our Christmas songs in advance of us being joined by the local Community Allsort group for a Christmas celebration later in the term. This term, Amanda continues to come into school from the Orwell Benefice on behalf of Rev. Felicity. Amanda completes our "Words of Jesus" exploration considering 'Love one another'. At the end of the week, we begin our Advent and Christmas Collective Worship series. We reflect on the foretelling of the coming of Jesus.

Week 4 – In Choral Worship, we continue to sing our Christingle songs and our Christmas songs. Pine class led Tuesday's Assembly and Amanda introduced our Advent Wreath. Continuing in our series on Advent and Christmas, we explore the Good News being announced to Mary.

Week 5 – This week, our Collective Worship included being joined by the Allsorts Community Group to sing Christmas Songs, a performance by Rocksteady, our Christingle service in church and the next instalment of Advent and Christmas story – When Mary visited Elizabeth.

Week 6 - This week we welcome GenR8 to school for this week with their Collective Worship focused on their Christmas theme 'No Room'. As we approach Christmas, we continue to sing our Christmas songs, learn about the Journey to Bethlehem and reflect on the birth of Jesus. We include a listening meditation in our Collective Worship.

Week 7 - In our final week of the Christmas term, we sing our Christmas songs together in school for the final time this year and visit Church for our EYFS Nativity scene narrated by year 6.

Our Church Community

Year 6 joined the local community in the village to mark 11th November. Thank you to our Standard Bearer for leading us through the village. Our Remembrance collection raised £206.06 for the Royal British Legion.

Mrs Penrose and Ms Perkins attended the [Ely Diocese](#) Headteacher Conference where Bishop Dagmar spoke and they attended equality training.

This year, the children took part in decorating the school for Advent. Particularly noteworthy were the many entries to the bauble competition. As a result, the tree in the hall, kindly donated by Top Tree Fellas, was decorated entirely by the children's beautiful and thoughtful creations.

As a school, we visited St Andrew's Church for our Christingle service alongside Mother Goose preschool. For our EYFS pupils and parents, this was their first visit to St Andrew's church for a school event. Thank you to everyone who attended, church was packed!

All the children were also able to join virtually for the Ely Diocese Christingle from Ely Cathedral.

Thank you to GenR8 for leading our Christmas Collective Worship focusing on 'No Room'. The children told us: "I liked it when they used the puppets, it was quite cool, they were teaching us to remember friends, family and Jesus at Christmas", "I really liked when they dressed up at the end" and "I like when they do the different waves, my favourite is the 'seal of approval'".



Each of the children designed a decoration inspired by the poem 'A Visit from St. Nicholas' by Clement Clarke Moore as our contribution to the beautiful Methodist Tree Festival.

In December, children from Key Stage 2 visited St Andrews Church in Orwell to take part in some Christmas themed REActive Church activities. We are thankful to volunteers from the local churches and communities who gave up their time to work with the children. The children said, "We were learning about Mary and Joseph and the birth story of Jesus. We had four different stations with an adult. We learned that the road leading to Bethlehem was made out of dirt and sand. We found out about the Wise Men who followed the star which led them to the stable where Jesus was. Jesus was born in a stable, not a hospital. We all wrote our names on a paper chain and that represented that everyone is human. We wrapped sweets for people who are poor or alone at Christmas. We coloured in a poster each to represent the different parts of the story."

We were delighted to welcome the Allsorts Methodist Group into school this year. After many years of talking 1 class to visit them, this year we invited the group to school so everyone could join in. We all enjoyed choosing and singing Christmas songs and are equally pleased that Allsorts have already accepted our invitation for next year to return to school to sing with everyone again!

Thank you to our FOPS committee for running the fabulous Christmas Fair. This was very much enjoyed by many families and raised a fabulous £661.60.

Our last week of term created many moments of awe in school and at St Andrew's Church. Our EYFS and KS1 pupils were outstanding in their Christmas performance. Their oracy skills, singing, dancing and acting were phenomenal and resulting in huge smiles from everyone who joined us to share in these wonderful performances. Thank you to the pupils, Mother Goose, staff, parents, family members and governors who joined us for the Dress Rehearsal and two performances.

Year 6, our EYFS pupils and Rev Felicity led our final collective worship of the term at a service in church on 20th December. The readings and Nativity tableau showcased our pupils' confidence and oracy skills. Thank you to everyone who joined us in the packed church and took the time to comment on the excellent pupil behaviour and engagement. Thank you also to John, our pianist.

Every day of the year, our catering team provide lunches in school cooked on site. Christmas dinner is an opportunity for every pupil to eat together in the hall with music and crackers (thanks to FOPS) whilst being served by all our school staff. We took this opportunity to say a huge thank you to our cooks.

Father Christmas visited Petersfield on the last day of term. The children were VERY excited and were very happy to receive a present to take home for Christmas.

Religious Education (RE)

This term, we have continued to implementing our new Kapow RE curriculum. The [curriculum outline](#) can now be found on the website curriculum page. Each term, a summary of the learning can be found on the class pages which contain this term's curriculum maps and homework menus.