

St Paul's First School - Collective Worship Vision Statement

Collective Worship at St Paul's is a time to focus on God and His love for us, to worship Him with songs and dances, to learn from the Bible, to reflect on the teachings of God and to pray together. It is a colourful, vibrant and enjoyable part of every day school life and is a part of the day where all children come together.

At St Paul's, children experience worship daily and this differs every day. Children are part of whole school worship as well as individual class worship. In class worship, children are asked to discuss British Values and offer their thoughts and opinions on issues that are happening in the present. With regards to British Values; the Department for Education state that there is a need "to create and enforce a clear and rigorous expectation on all schools to promote the fundamental British Values of democracy, rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect whilst being tolerant of those with different faiths and beliefs". Here at St Paul's we feel this is an integral part of school life.

St Paul's First School adopts the **CARE** values; Community, Aspire, Respect and Endurance. These core values are taught throughout school and are expanded on in daily worship. Children are taught to be part of our whole school community and the wider community. Staff encourage children want to be a well-rounded member of the community where they help and support one another. Children at St Paul's strive to achieve and aim high both personally and academically. All staff encourages children to have high aspirations and will teach them the necessary skills to achieve those personal goals. Respect is a key value which we focus on in school and promoting respect is deeply embedded in all that we do in school. The children know and understand that respect is expected of all and that it should be shown to everyone. Children are also taught to respect God's world in addition to God's people. Within all lessons, children are taught to persevere and strive to be the very best they can be. At its root, endurance is recognition that life is sometimes difficult, however it is important not to give up in the face of adversity.