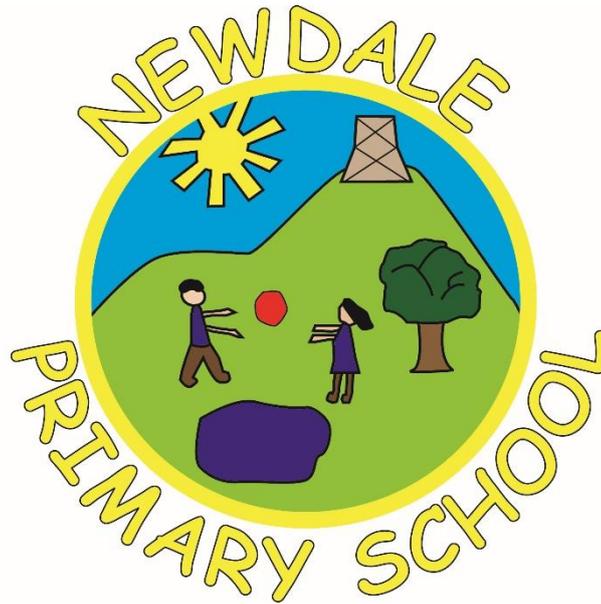


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Policy Statement

At Newdale Primary School, the daily act of collective worship is viewed as an integral and important part of school life.

It is a time where we come together to celebrate and reflect on school life. The worship of the school is based broadly on Christian values. As such, the contributions of staff, pupils, and other visitors are valued highly.

Legal Requirements

We acknowledge the legal requirement stated in the 1988 Education Reform Act 6 (1) and 9 (3), which states the need for each child to attend a daily act of worship either as a whole school, class or group. At Newdale we provide religious education and daily collective worship for all registered pupils and promote their spiritual, moral and cultural development. Parents have the legal right to withdraw their children from the act of worship either partially or wholly. Any parents wishing to do so should contact the Headteacher. Teachers also have the right to withdraw from leading and taking part in worship.

Our current schedule is as follows:

- Monday:** Key Stage/ Phased assembly. Usually a 'Picture News' assembly linked to current topics/ news.
Once every half term, this assembly is led by either School Parliament or Safeguarding Champions.
Subject leaders are also planned on a rota basis to deliver assemblies linked to a theme, for example the History Lead to deliver Remembrance in November.
- Tuesday:** Value of the Month/British Values Assembly (class assembly) Once a month, the new value of the month is launched by the SMSC lead.
- Wednesday:** Music themed assembly (currently led by a Music specialist). This provides opportunity to rehearse/ consolidate known Worship songs alongside opportunities to sing modern and current songs the children are familiar with. Musical groups within school are also given the opportunity to perform to an audience including the School Choir and Recorder Club.
- Thursday:** Value of the Month/Newsround/British Values Assembly (class assembly)
- Friday:** Whole school 'Star of the Week' assembly where we celebrate whole school and individual achievement both in and out of school. This is usually led by the Deputy Headteacher.

In addition to this, visiting groups and individuals are welcomed into the school regularly to lead worship.

The assembly/worship usually lasts approximately 15 minutes but this could be longer if for example we have a guest speaker.

COVID 19 response.

In line with ever changing guidance in the response to COVID 19, collective worship opportunities have been maintained through a variety of ways. Initially, phase assemblies took place with Years 1 and 2 sharing the hall socially distanced, Years 3 and 4 and then Years 5 and 6. As guidance changed, we began remote virtual collective worship sessions across phases using Microsoft Teams. Once in lockdown, class worships were then held within individual bubble classrooms for the Key Worker and Vulnerable children who still attended school and online remote learning tasks were set for those learning from home.

Examples of songs covered during Music collective worship assembly (every Wednesday)

- All Things Bright and Beautiful
- Colours of Day
- Living Lord
- Make me a channel of your peace
- Morning has broken
- When I needed a neighbour
- One more step
- My God is so big
- Shine Jesus shine
- The wise man built his house upon the rock
- Think of a world without any flowers
- Who put the colours in the rainbow?

Prayer and Reflection

Collective worship always includes a time of prayer and/or reflection.

Other Faiths

Although our worship reflects broadly Christian beliefs and values, we are committed to respecting all faiths and cultures, showing tolerance and understanding regardless of pupils' beliefs. This is one of our fundamental British Values.

Record Keeping, Evaluation and Monitoring

An assembly file is kept electronically, recording details of each act of worship, themes covered and staff rota. Emails to staff reminding them of festivals/celebrations, communication with religious leaders/connections and other documents are located in the SMSC and RE subject file.

Visits and Visitors

As part of the curriculum, Newdale School welcomes visitors to the school to enable them to share their experiences and knowledge on a variety of themes, beliefs and cultures.

The whole school attends and contributes towards annual Harvest and Christmas assemblies when parents / carers are invited to attend.

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