



## Felton C of E Primary School

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# Felton C of E Primary School Collective Worship Policy

Date to be reviewed: Autumn 2026

Signed by:

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Headteacher

Autumn 2025

Date:

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Autumn 2025

Date:

This policy was last reviewed Autumn 2025. This policy will be reviewed in Autumn term 2026 to reflect the impact of this initiative.



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'Loving, learning, living as we journey together to enable everyone to flourish,' shapes our priorities in all areas of school life:

Journeying together, we discover our unique gifts and use them for the benefit of others. We learn to overcome the challenges we face and support one another to be the best that we can be. As in the parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:29–37) 'who loved his neighbour as he would himself,' we seek to help everyone in our school community to flourish through loving, learning and living well together.

We love God, ourselves and one another. We love and care for our world and our neighbours, locally and globally.

We learn from one another and grow in wisdom from our experiences so that we can be the people we were created to be.

We live together in peace, trust, and with respect. We are giving and forgiving and always willing to go the extra mile to bring hope to our world.

## Curriculum:

A Christian ethos lies at the heart of Felton C of E Primary School and woven throughout our curriculum are opportunities for the children to develop self-esteem and positive social and moral values to enable them to become their best selves.

## Rationale:

Collective Worship is central to the life and purposes of our school and as a Christian community, we promote an appreciation of the Christian way of life and of religious belief. Children are helped to develop personal and moral values, to show respect for other people and their way of life and an awareness and appreciation of the wonderful world we have been given to live in and care for. It is an opportunity to celebrate and support all aspects of school life and to provide time for stillness and reflection.

We recognise that in our school we have children from a variety of faith traditions, including those who have no faith background at all. Great care and sensitivity will be taken to ensure that all our children feel valued and special.

## Aims:

Worship is central to our school day. It is a special time where we can listen, think, participate and enjoy being one of God's children. It aims to give pupils and school staff alike the opportunity to:

- Express praise and thanksgiving to God
- Foster respect and deepen spiritual awareness
- Develop an understanding of spirituality, exploring mirror, door, window and candle moments.
- Reflect on the character of God and on the teachings of Christ
- Consider spiritual and moral issues
- Affirm Christian values and attitudes
- Share each other's joys and challenges
- Celebrate special times in the Christian calendar
- Foster an appreciation of the created world and an awareness of our responsibility for it



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The 1988 Education Reform Act states that collective worship must be on a daily basis for all registered pupils. The religious foundation of Felton C of E Primary School is Church of England and the daily Act of Collective Worship is delivered in accordance with the principles and practice of the Church of England. Parents have the right to withdraw their children from the Daily Act of Worship. A parent wishing to do so will need to make a written request to the Head teacher. The Head teacher will keep a record of all children who have been withdrawn from Collective Worship.

## Organisation of collective worship

Collective Worship is a special time which is shared by the whole school. An appropriate ambience is created by using music, and sometimes candles or other objects, to focus the attention of the children.

Collective Worship themes are planned each week based around events in the Christian year and themed weeks around the Christian Values and Open the Book bible stories. There is flexibility in the planning, so that national or international incidents, or local circumstances affecting members of our community, can be considered in a sensitive manner where appropriate. Picture News Worship slides are used weekly to explore world events through a Christian lens.

At Felton C of E Primary School, we encourage the children to actively participate in worship. Collective Worship provides an opportunity for children to celebrate their achievements both in and out of school. They also play an important part in promoting the ethos of the school, which is that all children are valued and achievements are recognised.

Special celebrations are held during the school year, linked to Church festivals and school events to which parents and visitors are invited. These celebrations are held in St Michael's All Angels Church and include Harvest, Christmas and Easter.

All Collective worship in school will follow the structure of:

**Gathering** - opening the worship, greeting one another, setting the mood, lighting candle

**Engaging** - sharing the main message

**Responding** - response to the story e.g. singing, praying, reflecting

**Sending** - purposeful ending as we are sent to love and 'blow out' candle

**Monday:** Vision and Values worship. The scene is set for the week by introducing the theme or value from the school's vision (Loving, Learning, Living), theological root (Parable of the Good Samaritan) or Christian value e.g. kindness and forgiveness

**Tuesday:** Open the Book. Reverend Rich or members from the church use the resources to read or perform a bible story to the whole school.

**Wednesday:** Window Worship Picture News. This is held in classrooms in key stages using the Collective worship resource and reinforces British values and protected characteristics. Worship includes a song and reference is made to a relevant passage from the Bible.

**Thursday's** worship is class based and is a chance to reflect and discuss ideas and thoughts from the previous day's window worship with children of a similar age. Our aim is that the children will take an increasing responsibility to lead worship in their groups as the year progresses. Key Stage 2 pupils may choose to find, highlight and annotate the bible verse from the previous day in their individual bibles.

**Friday's** Celebrating 'Stars' Worship We celebrate individual successes from the week, discuss aims and ambitions for a new week of 'Loving Learning and Living' together. Stars worship includes a song and reference is made to the passage from the Bible and is read by one of the children and then displayed in the worship area of the hall.