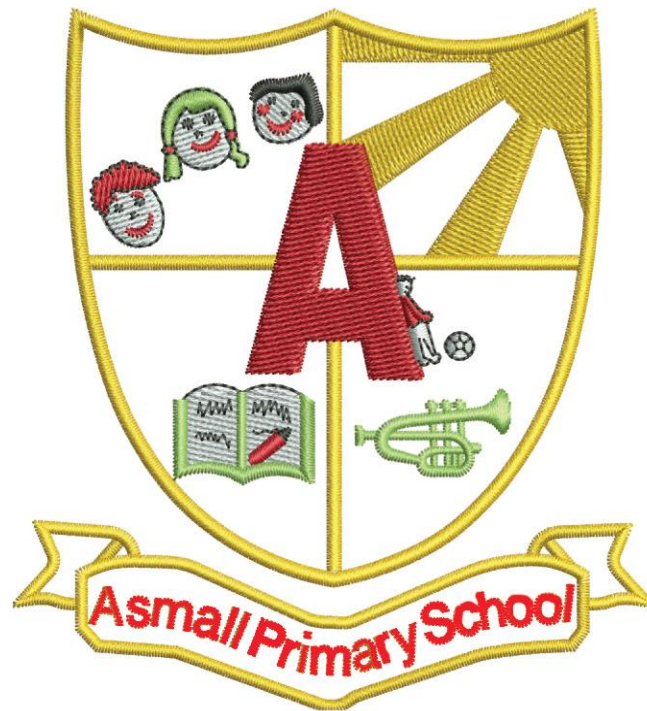


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COLLECTIVE WORSHIP POLICY September 2025

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All pupils attending Asmall Primary School will participate in a daily act of Collective Worship, unless withdrawn from doing so by parental request as laid down in the School Standards and Framework Act 1998.

In so doing the following aims of the school will be fulfilled.

AIMS OF THE SCHOOL

We seek to enable children to:

- Achieve their full potential academically, creatively, spiritually and socially.
- Develop lively, enquiring minds with the ability to solve problems independently.
- Experience a joy in learning and take pleasure from academic excellence.
- Feel secure, happy and valued in a caring, trusting environment.
- Develop meaningful relationships and be sensitive to the needs of others.
- Develop an awareness of different beliefs and cultures whilst demonstrating respect and tolerance.
- Be prepared for life as adults and citizens.
- Become active members of the community.
- Behave appropriately and take responsibility for their own actions.
- Accept responsibility for the quality of their environment.

AIMS OF COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

- To provide a focus within the school day when the community can gather together for the purpose of worship.
- To promote the spiritual well being of the school community.
- To provide occasions for worship, which shall be wholly, or mainly of a 'broadly Christian character'.
- To provide for openness and inclusivity at times of worship.
- To promote the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of the pupils.
- To provide opportunities for reflection and analytical thinking about a wide range of topics.
- To respond to the worship offered.

Asmall School propose to fulfil these aims through the following objectives:

- To provide an occasion for the whole school to gather together for the purpose of worship, celebration and reflection.
- To provide the opportunity to admire, praise, revere and respect the world around us within the context of Christian teachings.
- To provide the opportunity to reinforce expected standards of conduct.
- To provide the opportunity for spiritual reflection.
- To provide activities which promote the ethos and values of the school.
- To provide activities which promote the spiritual development of the community.
- To make the pupils aware of Christian beliefs and those of other cultures.

- To promote citizenship and expected standards of social behaviour within school and the wider community.
- To enrich the personal development of pupils.
- To share meaningful experiences.
- To experience the values of a caring community and encourage empathy for others.
- To celebrate special occasions and achievements.

As stated in the School Standards and Framework Act 1998, parents have the right to withdraw their children from acts of Collective Worship. At Asmall Primary School these rights are respected and any pupils who are withdrawn remain under the supervision of a member of staff.

Collective Worship at Asmall Primary School is determined with regard to the guidance laid down by Lancashire County Council and the recommendations of the Lancashire Agreed Syllabus of Religious Education.

For the purpose of Collective Worship, pupils are brought together as a whole school, as a key stage or as an individual class.

Whole school or key stage assemblies take place in the school hall and are led by the Headteacher or staff member. Assemblies for classes take place in classrooms, led by teachers.

Each class will present a Class Assembly towards the end of each year. On these occasions pupils present their learning to parents, staff and the Nursery who are invited to attend, thus allowing the community the opportunity to worship and celebrate together.

Visiting speakers are invited to lead assemblies from local churches and denominations. All acts of worship are non-denominational.

Speakers from community organisations such as the NSPCC, the Community Police and overseas visitors are invited to attend.

Reference will be made to the diversity and richness of our multicultural society, which will be recognised and celebrated through the use of multicultural resources from a variety of faiths.

Assemblies will provide an opportunity to combat racism and discrimination against any sectors of society, and is an opportunity to promote British Values.

Acts of Collective worship may include the following components:

Hymn/Song
Theme/Discussion/Story
Prayer/Reflection
Notices

Assemblies can take a variety of forms including, storytelling, poetry, dance, drama and music. Books, pictures and audiovisual materials may be used to capture the interest of the audience.

Classes are expected to enter and leave the hall sensibly, usually to the accompaniment of music. In this way pupils are offered the occasion to think and reflect on the assembly's theme.