

Religious Education and Collective Worship

As a church school RE (Religious Education) and Collective Worship are key aspects of the life at Newington CEP School. Collective worship takes place every day and RE is taught each week in every class.

Collective Worship

During Collective Worship, pupils are taught Biblical values as well as aspects of the Christian faith. Each week there is a new focus or theme which is often based on Bible verse or Christian values. Collective worship normally consists of a reading, some teaching / activity, a song and a prayer.

Members of the school community attend Collective Worship daily. Collective worship is led by a variety of people including school staff, the local vicar / clergy and visitors. We encourage pupils to lead at times. Once a week we have a Singing Worship where we sing songs and make reference to Proverbs.

Worship is led by the Head of School on Monday. We have a singing worship on Tuesday each week. On Wednesdays we have a celebration worship which is led by the clergy, either Rev. Julian, Rev. Amanda or Rev. Mark. Parents are also invited in to attend Celebration Worship and some children are awarded certificates during this worship. There are Key Stage Workshops, led by teachers on Thursday. On Friday the children have worship led by teachers, the Head of School or Family Trust. All workshops are at 10.45, with the exception of Wednesday, which takes place at 9am.

Religious Education

RE lessons are engaging and creative. We ensure that pupils participate in drama, dance, art and music to support their learning. Classes visit places of worship to support the unit of work that they are studying or visitors are invited in to school to talk to the children. Visits have included going to the local church, a Methodist Church, a Gurdwara and a Synagogue.

SIAMS

As a church school, we are inspected under a SIAMS inspection as well as Ofsted. SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) focus on four main areas. These are distinctive Christian character, Collective Worship, Religious Education and Leadership and Management.

Prayer

Pupils pray in Collective Worship each day, they also pray throughout the day, including before lunch. We also pray at the beginning of some meetings including Full Governing Body Meetings.