

Roath Park Primary School Ysgol Gynradd Parc Y Rhath



Collective Worship Policy

November 2023-2026

All pupils attending Roath Park regardless of age, gender, colour, creed, ability shall take part in acts of collective worship which brings together the whole ethos of our school, its atmosphere, the quality of relationships, its values and attitudes and reinforces its richness.

The Policy for Collective Worship at Roath Park Primary follows the guidance of:

- ◆ Circular 1/94 Religious Education and Collective Worship
- ◆ School Standards and Framework Act 1998
- ◆ LEA Guidelines on Collective Worship in Maintained Schools.

'In the light of the Christian traditions of Great Britain, collective worship is to be wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character'. (ERA 1988, Education Act 1993). The school will also focus on key Islamic festivals to meet the diverse needs of our community.

ERA (1988) and the Education Act (1993) state that acts of worship may contain certain elements drawn from a number of different faiths but that, within each term, the majority of acts of worship...is broadly Christian but is distinct from corporate worship within one particular faith group. There are occasions when other faiths are the focus during collective worship (for example, festivals, holy days, etc.).

The School Standards and Framework Act 1998 states that each pupil in attendance at a Community, Foundation or Voluntary school shall, on each day, take part in an act of collective worship. If parents request that their child(ren) be wholly or partly excused from attendance at religious worship in the school, this shall be respected.

At Roath Park Primary, pupils take part in acts of collective worship and other arrangements are made for those pupils who are exempt.

The Purpose of Collective Worship

- ◆ To contribute to a sense of unity and community for the school as a whole.
- ◆ To promote spiritual, cultural and moral development.

Principles of Assembly/Collective Worship

Assemblies/collective worship should be pupil-centred, related to pupils' own experience and concerns. They should acknowledge diversity, and pupils should take an active part in assemblies. Assemblies should be educational. They should have a purpose and relate to other curriculum activities. Assemblies should be consistent with the aims of Roath Park and advance pupils' learning.

Assemblies/collective worship should be spiritual: a time for reflection and individual worship.

Aims of Collective Worship

- ◆ To provide the opportunity for an experience of worship.
- ◆ To reflect on the values and concerns of the school and the community it serves.
- ◆ To deepen and widen a child's emotional response.
- ◆ To enable children to gain insights into ways in which people express themselves according to the tenets of their faith.
- ◆ To promote respect and sensitivity for the beliefs and values of others.

Objectives of Collective Worship *To develop a sense of:*

- ◆ awe, wonder and mystery
- ◆ interdependence with the natural world
- ◆ pattern, sequence and order
- ◆ self-worth and the worth of others.

To develop an awareness:

- ◆ that life involves choices of belief/attitude/behaviour/relationships
- ◆ that there are issues of meaning, purpose and value in life.

The principles of all assemblies/collective worship are that they should be:

- ◆ inclusive
- ◆ educational
- ◆ spiritual and contribute to the moral, social and cultural development of children.

They include mainly Christian worship and are seen as special times when children can feel secure, relaxed and part of a community. The school will also focus on key Islamic festivals to meet the diverse needs of our community.

Assembly Schedule

DAY	TIME	FOCUS	LEADER
Monday	Progression Step 3 9.05 – 9.20am	Bible stories RRS focus & reflection PSD focus & reflection	Rota of PS3 teachers
Wednesday	Progression Step 3 / Progression Step 2 alternating weeks 9.15 – 9.45am	Welsh Singing <i>With reflection time on story morals</i>	Michael Parsons Rich Lewis
Friday	1450 – 1520	Celebration (Merit) Assembly <i>Plus, time for reflection</i>	Chloe Owen Lewis Fitzgerald Jane Marker

Rights Respecting School Focus

January	Article 42 (Everyone must know children's rights) - Language of the UNCRC; duty bearers, right holders, ABCDE of rights	July	Article 42 (Everyone must know children's rights) - CRC card games
February	Article 17, (Access to information from the media) - linked to Safer Internet Day	August	
March	Article 29 (goals of education) - linked to World book day	September	Article 38 (war and armed conflicts) - International day of Peace.
April	Article 6 (life survival and development) - linked to Earth day army if they are under 15.	October	Article 2, (non-discrimination) - Black History Month

May	Article 24 (Health, water and environment) - linked to world mental health week
June	Article 22 (refugee children) - linked to World refugee day

November	Article 14, (freedom of beliefs and religion) - Diwali
December	Article 4 (making rights real) - linked to Human Rights Day

Religious Festival Calendar

January	Christianity: EPIPHANY Christianity: Baptism of Jesus
February	Christianity: Candlemas
March	Christianity: Easter Christianity: St David Christianity: Strove Tuesday Christianity: Ash Wednesday Christianity: Lent Christianity: St Patrick Hindu: Holi Jewish: Purim Christianity: Mothering Sunday
April	Christianity: Easter Christianity: Good Friday Christianity: Palm Sunday Jewish: Passover Christianity: St George
May	Islam: RAMADAN Christianity: Christian Aid Christianity: Ascension Day

July	
August	
September	Hindu: Birthday of Krishna Jewish: Rosh Hashanah Islam: Islamic New Year Jewish: Yom Kippur
October	Christianity: Harvest
November	Christianity: All Saints Day Hindu: DIVALI Christianity: Remembrance

June	Islam: Eid

	Christianity: St Andrew
December	Christianity: Advent Christianity: Christmas Jewish: HANUKAH

Events Calendar

January	Holocaust remembrance KS2
February	Valentines Chinese New Year Safer Internet Day Charles Dickens Birthday Charles Darwin Birthday Random acts of kindness day World Thinking Day
March	Eisteddfod World Book Day World Maths Day International Woman's Day British Science Week Commonwealth Day Sign language week World Poetry Day World down syndrome day

July	Tour De France Wimbledon Mandela Day
August	
September	Great fire of London World First Aid Day Roald Dahl Day Jeans for Genes International Day of Peace Macmillan coffee morning World Heart Day Orange Sheet/Every child matters

April	<p>National Pet Month</p> <p>April Fools</p> <p>World Health Day</p>
May	<p>Space day</p> <p>VE Day</p> <p>Walk to school week</p>
June	<p>Scorer Aid</p> <p>D-Day</p> <p>Refugee Week</p> <p>Summer Solstice</p> <p>Armed Forces Day</p> <p>The King's Birthday</p>

October	<p>Fire safety week</p> <p>Black history month</p> <p>Walk to school month</p> <p>World animal day</p> <p>World teachers day</p> <p>World homeless day</p> <p>Battle of Hastings</p>
November	<p>Anti-Bullying</p> <p>Children in need</p> <p>Guy Fawkes / Bonfire</p> <p>World kindness day</p> <p>World Science day</p> <p>Road safety week</p> <p>Thanksgiving</p>
December	<p>UN Human Rights Day</p> <p>Christingle</p> <p>International day of disabilities</p> <p>St Nicholas Day</p> <p>Human Rights Day</p> <p>Jane Austin's Birthday</p>