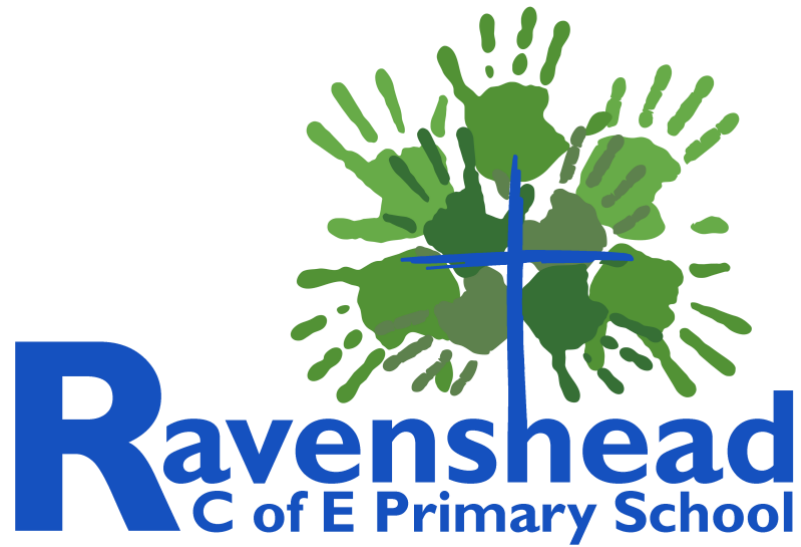




**COLLECTIVE WORSHIP
POLICY
2025**

Our School Vision

Our school vision is based on the theme of 'Taking Care'. We strive to encourage our children, staff and wider community to 'take care' of one another through the core Christian Values of:

Kindness, Hope, Courage and Respect.

Our vision is inspired by the words in Corinthians:

"Let love and kindness be the motivation behind all that you do."

(1 Corinthians 16.14)

Ravenshead C of E Primary School is committed to valuing diversity and to equality of opportunity. In biblical tradition, children in particular are seen to hold a special place in the priorities of God. Furthermore, we hold to the foundational belief that all people are created in God's image and are intrinsically valuable. Everyone should be treated as fundamentally precious, irrespective of behaviour, achievements or potential.

Therefore, we aim to create and promote an environment in which pupils, parents/carers and staff are treated fairly and with respect and feel able to contribute to the best of their abilities. The school's biblical foundation provides a model of Christian community described as the 'body of Christ', in which everyone has a part to play, and everyone without exception has God-given gifts which are to be used for the benefit of others.

POLICY STATEMENT

All Church of England schools must provide a daily act of collective worship for all pupils which must be 'wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character'.

Collective worship fulfils part of the school's duty to develop pupils spiritually, morally, socially and culturally. Pupils are given the opportunity to learn about interesting cultural traditions and their meaning, listen to stories with a moral message and reflect on the Christian values we hope to develop and promote both within our school community and in each individual; Respect, Hope, Kindness and Courage.

Collective worship gives pupils and school staff the opportunity to:

- Engage in an act of community.
- Express praise and thanks to God.
- Be still and reflect.
- Express the big questions of life and respond to national events.
- Foster respect and deepen spiritual awareness.
- Reflect on the character of God and on the teachings of Christ.
- Affirm Christian values and attitudes.
- Share each other's joys and challenges.
- Celebrate special times in the Christian calendar.

Worship takes place every day and may be whole school, key stage or class worship.

On a **Monday**, the Worship is always whole school and led by the Head Teacher. Each half term, a different Christian value is celebrated, and the weekly Monday worships look at that value in depth, relating key learning to biblical scripture.

On a **Tuesday**, the Worship is always whole school and led by the Head Teacher. The focus is on 'Worship through Song' and provides the children with an opportunity to sing a range of different traditional and contemporary worship songs.

On a **Wednesday**, the Deputy Head Teacher reinforces our key values of Kindness, Courage, Respect and Hope when talking about 'Opal play'. The whole school collective worship on Opal play reinforces our Christian values by promoting kindness through cooperative play, fostering hope by encouraging creativity and exploration, demonstrating courage in trying new activities, and cultivating respect for others' ideas and feelings. This aligns with the school's vision of love and kindness in action.

For worship on a **Thursday**, the whole school session is either led by Revd. Kate or is class based. When Revd. Kate is leading the worship, it is based on the same theme as the Monday worship, reinforcing the main message for the week. When the worship is class based, the children explore online safety and how they can show their Christian values online.

On a **Friday**, we celebrate the children's successes in our 'Celebration Assembly'. We celebrate those children who have been showing our Christian values (hope, kindness, respect and courage) in school and at home and any achievements they have had outside of school.

In addition to our daily Collective Worships, each year group will experience a 'Worship in the woods' session once a term (therefore 3 times a year). 'Worship in the Woods' is a time for spending intentional time and space with God and each other outside the confines of a building. It provides children and adults with a time to enjoy creation, nature and be together. It allows us time to deepen our relationships with God and each other through connection and a greater understanding of the natural world.

The Foundation unit conduct their own assemblies throughout the week, using stories, poems and songs to reinforce the week's theme in an age-related format.

Collective Worship themes

The Collective Worship themes follow a three year overview. In the Academic Year 2025 – 2026, we are working on Cycle B.

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Legal status of Collective Worship

Parents/carers have the right to request that their child be withdrawn from Collective Worship. To make such a request, they need to formally write to the Headteacher (See 'RE and The Law' in section D of 'Additional sections of support, guidance and advice' for the Agreed Syllabus). All staff also have the right to withdraw from the act of Collective Worship.

Equal opportunities

We are committed to providing an environment conducive to learning and reflecting. Each child is valued, respected and challenged regardless of race, gender,

religion, social background, culture or disability. Consequently, Collective Worship contributes considerably towards both the Equality Policy and SEN Policy (see each policy for further information).

