



At St Mary's everyone looks forward to this part of the day as everyone gets to take part.

The whole school, including members of staff, meet together to develop their spiritual, moral and cultural development. Children are regularly asked to listen to stories, think about their own actions / beliefs and to reflect upon an aspect of their lives and the lives of others. Leaders will often introduce a thought provoking theme which challenges the children's thinking.

Various people assist the head in conducting whole school worship. Visitors play an important part in the life of our school and regularly contribute to collective worship. Clergy of the parish are frequently invited, as are members of charitable organisations, to offer their expertise to the school. On major festivals (e.g. Harvest, Christmas), collective worship is held in the local church.

We have developed a range of themes and topics through which collective worship takes place. An overarching theme is chosen for each term and weekly themes for each half term are developed from this and presented in a variety of ways. At St Mary's we are also mindful of the church calendar - we aim to give children an understanding of Saints' days, festivals and celebrations.

Families are invited to join with us every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday afternoon of the month.