

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP NEWSLETTER



February 2026

Our Theme

This half-term, our Collective Worship sessions have focused on the theme of Creativity, which is one of our Downham 5Cs. While we often think of creativity as painting a picture or writing a song, we've been exploring it as a way of looking at the world with fresh eyes and using what we have to make a difference. We have been learning that creativity means **turning the ordinary into the extraordinary.**

The children have been reflecting on how they can be creative in their kindness. We've asked them to think about how they can use their unique talents to fix problems they see in the playground or at home—whether that's creating a new game to include someone who is lonely or finding a creative way to help a friend.

Let Us Pray...

Dear God, Thank you for the amazing, colourful, and diverse world you created. Thank you that you have given each of us a creative spark. Help us to use our imaginations to bring joy to others, to solve problems when things are difficult, and to look after the beautiful world you made.

Amen.

Chelmsford Diocese

This half-term, we have had a Collective Worship monitoring visit from Chelmsford Diocese. All acts of worship have to meet the 3I's: **Inclusive, Invitational and Inspiring.**

The Diocesan Advisor wrote the following in her report:

"During collective worship today the following was witnessed:

Inclusive: 1:1 support where needed, teddy bear support, fidget toys. Some pupils were seated next to teachers at the edge of the hall. A child with SEND led the greeting. Another child with SEND joined the group of children at the front and was welcomed. Another pupil held her hand for support.

Invitational: Language witnessed included, "If you would like to join in with the prayer you can." We discussed adding, 'or take a moment of stillness'.

Inspiring: The use of props for roleplay by the guest speaker was inspiring."

It was wonderful to receive such a glowing report!

Our Favourite Creation Songs!

- Think of a world without any colours
- Colours of day
- Everywhere around me (ask your child to sing it to you!) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2Od_qFJ2g50

Visiting Clergy

Rev Jacqui led worship about the story of creation that is revealed in Genesis: Chapter 1:

"In the beginning, when God created the universe." Katie Gowland continued the theme in her worship, using drama and props to explore the Creation Story further.



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Spring 1 2026

Worship Group

Tuesday 24th February - Learn Easter songs

Tuesday 3rd March - Learn Easter songs

Tuesday 10th March - Make Easter cards

Tuesday 17th March - Visit to The Belfry to sing Easter songs and take flowers (half of group)

Tuesday 24th March - Visit to The Belfry to sing Easter songs and take the chicks to show the residents (second half of group)



The Impact of Worship

We regularly measure the impact of our worship on the pupils through Pupil Voice. This week, we have had worship focusing on our mental health and how we all a flame burning inside us. Sometimes, when we feel anxious, scared or wobbly, the flame might flicker and dim. But with God's love, and the support of those around us, the flame will continue to burn brightly. Grace was so inspired by this message that she went home and wrote a nine-page story which she came to read to me.



This half-term we were pleased to welcome Dr Wilder (a parent and a governor) and James Green (an elder at Chelmsford Presbyterian Church) to lead two of our Collective Worship sessions. Both spoke about Creativity. Dr Wilder recapped the Creation story from Genesis 1 and then shared some amazing facts about our bodies. Did you know that children have more bones than adults? Did you know that a body's blood vessels – if laid out in a long line – would be more than twice as long as the Earth's circumference? WOW!

James used lots of different props to help us consider the importance of different people – asking the children to order from most important to least important a policeman, a doctor, a teacher and a cleaner. Then he talked about the different roles and their importance in churches.

James helped us to understand that all Christians are of equal importance in God's eyes; the Christian family is made up of lots of different people doing different but equally important jobs!

Miss Boyd