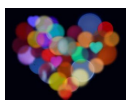


Collective Worship, Autumn Term 2026

'Count your blessings!'

We gather as a community for collective worship that is **inspiring, invitational and inclusive**, reflecting the fact that we are a part of a diverse school family and the wider church community. Weekly, we provide a script with reflective ideas for classroom use and PowerPoint; both have additional content that you may wish to spread across the week and use in classrooms to ensure that you are meeting the requirement for daily collective worship and to support the spiritual flourishing of your whole school community. We also align these resources with the Guildford Diocesan spirituality offer, referencing elements to help you make links as you lead collective worship throughout the term. We begin this academic year with a reminder that it's good to be grateful. Research reveals the importance of gratitude even in the midst of adversity: that being aware of each day's 'blessings' can counteract anxiety, and so this term, we want to encourage schools to continue to do this through their collective worship. As always, each week's materials link with Biblical content, whilst also ensuring that they are inclusive for pupils and adults of all faiths, or none.

Week	Theme: The blessing of...	Details / follow-up	Bible content* most references are ICB	Reflection ideas	Song** (new songs in italics)
1 (1/9)	A welcome	Start of the term – our community as a place of welcome for all	Matt 25: 35-36 Reflective reading / video (previously used in Autumn 2024)	'You are welcome here!' Show your welcome to newcomers in your school	Our school / Back in school again (BBC) or Together (NBD) or Everyone Matters (NBD)
2 (7/9)	Blessings!	What is a blessing – and why is it good to count them?!	Ps 103:2 'O my soul, praise God: don't forget a single blessing!'; Aaron's blessing, Numbers 6:24-26	Make a blessing jar	Every step (NBD) or Being a friend (BBC) or Everyone Matters (NBD)
3 (14/9)	Our world	Whose job is it to look after the blessing that is our natural world?	Genesis 2:15 Caring for and working the Garden	Earth Promises – or wild reflection time!	One world (NBD) or Creator God (NBD) or Chain of love (BBC)
4 (21/9)	Peace	International Peace Day Sept 21 st Being a peacemaker	Romans 12:18 Live at peace Mother Teresa: 'Peace begins with a smile'	Make a Peace Garden in your reflective area. 'Plant' flowers made on lolly sticks...	Peace be in our waking (BBC) or Respect (NBD) or Everyone Matters (NBD)
5 (28/9)	Sukkot (Sept 25 th -Oct 2 nd)	Sukkot is an opportunity to remember that God provides	Exodus 16 Story of God's provision for the people in the desert (all-together retelling)	Create a sukkah in your reflective area, or even better, create an outdoor reflection sukkah	Resilience in me (NBD)
6 (5/10)	Harvest	H-A-R-V-E-S-T creates lots of opportunities to bless others	1 Tim 6:18 'Be generous and willing to share'; Acts 2:44-45 'They shared everything.'	Create large picture-versions of the big words; doodle what comes to mind as they think about the words.	Let our love show (NBD) or any school Harvest favourite
7 (12/10)	Autumn	The joy of Autumn all around us	Psalm 92:4 'I sing for joy at the work of your hands'	Find an Autumn object that you think is amazing and reminds you of David's words. Gather them in your reflective area.	Seasons (NBD) or Creator God (NBD)
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8 (2/11)	Community	Community is a place of blessing where we can stand together	1 Cor 12:12-26 & Aesop's Oxen, 'United we stand, divided we fall'	Create a 'TEAM' jar or box for the next few weeks, where children and adults can write & post the name of someone who's demonstrated TEAM qualities.	Let our love show (NBD) or Respect (NBD) or Grow (NBD) or Everyone Matters (NBD)
9 (9/11)	Remembering	Remembrance as an act of gratitude	Matthew 5:9 'Blessed are the peacemakers'	Poppy Prayers idea from Prayer Spaces in Schools	Kum ba yah (BBC); To listen to: Remembrance Song (NBD)
10 (16/11)	Gratitude	Create a praise mountain using stones to represent all the things we are grateful for	Joshua 4:7 'These stones are a reminder..'	Create a Praise Mountain in your classroom	Grow (NBD)
11 (23/11)	Love	'Good works are links that form a chain of love'	Prov 3:3 : 'Let kindness and truth show in all you do.'	Create a chain of love around your class/school hall	Chain of love (BBC) or Love is something (BBC)
12 (30/11)	Advent 1	Advent Angel(s)	Luke 1:26-38 Annunciation	We will be creating our usual online Advent Calendar for use during Advent and will send out links to schools before Advent begins; links also archived here	Mary had a baby (BBC) The Virgin
13 (7/12)	Advent 2	Jesus' Big Family Tree (Jesse Tree)	Luke 1: 46&55 Magnificat		Mary had a baby boy (BBC), The Angels Knew (NBD) or Silent Night (BBC) or school choice
14 (14/12)	Advent 3	God with us	Isaiah 7:14 'Immanuel'		

**** Please check words to songs before you use them! Song references:** BBC – BBC resources, links to online version from their Assembly Songs site: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/articles/zmgwkmn>; NBD – Nick & Becky Drake songs / Songs for School: <https://songsforschool.com/>; you could also search POPUK – free access to a huge songbank: [FREE song bank / for primary schools](#)

*** OPTIONAL:** You may wish to use any Bible words we reference in the script earlier on in each collective worship, in addition to the place that they may be explored as part of the 'Words for worship' or 'Engage' sections. In this way, you might encourage children to think how these words might be relevant to this term's theme, or specifically to your school community, which may be especially relevant for any Church schools. You might like to use these questions:

- *I wonder what you think these words mean?*
- *I wonder how these words might connect with today's story or our school's vision & values?*
- *I wonder how these words might help us in the life of our school?*

NB You can find extra Harvest and Remembrance resources on our website, should you want to add in something during the relevant weeks in your school calendar.

- Link to Harvest collective worship resources: <https://www.cofeguildford.org.uk/harvest/>
- Link to Remembrance collective worship resources: <https://www.cofeguildford.org.uk/remembrance/>
- Link to Advent and Christmas resources: <https://www.cofeguildford.org.uk/collective-worship/advent-and-christmas/> The 2026 online advent calendar will also be linked from here.

