

EDITH NEVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Edith Neville Primary School Assemblies and Collective Worship Policy

The Aim of Assemblies

The aim of Assemblies at Edith Neville is to provide the opportunity for pupils to:

- Reflect on their own values and beliefs as well as those of others
- Develop a community spirit, a common ethos and shared values
- Consider spiritual and moral issues

Assemblies offer opportunities for our children and staff to come together to reflect on the meaning of beliefs and values held in the wider community, concerning matters of ethical and philosophical importance or significance to people. They reflect the breadth of values and beliefs within our school and wider community.

In 2018, the Governing Body of Edith Neville, after consultation with parents, acquired a 'determination' giving the school the right to hold assemblies that are not 'wholly or mainly of a Christian nature'. This decision was based on statistics showing that our community is of no one main religious group and in fact over 90% say they are not Christian.

The Statutory Duty of School

All schools must provide a daily assembly for registered pupils (apart from those who have been withdrawn by their parents). The Headteacher is responsible (under the School Standards and Framework Act 1998) for arranging the daily assembly after consulting with the Governing Body.

Withdrawal

Parents have the right to withdraw their child from assembly and should inform the Headteacher if they wish to do so.

Implementation

As a school we hold an assembly every day in the hall. Assemblies are led by the Headteacher, Senior Leaders and classteachers on a rota system.

Day of the week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Theme	Collective worship theme and or/ relevant school issues linked to school and british values	Class meetings (where children get the chance to reflect on ideas from Monday in mixed age groups)	Teacher Led assembly based on the theme of wellbeing	Singing Assembly	Achievement Assembly (where children are celebrated for achievement in learning and/or behaviour)
Adult	Headteacher	Classteachers	Classteacher rota	Music Teacher	Deputy Headteacher

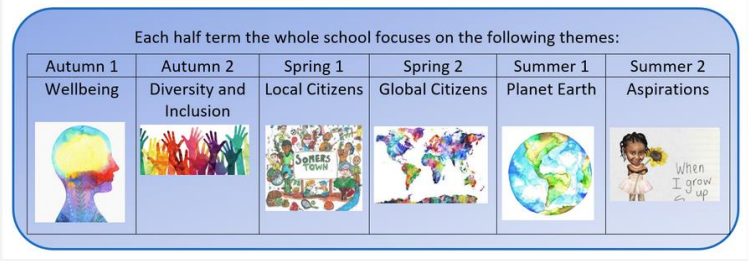
The Headteacher, in consultation with staff, chooses a range of topics based on current events, religious festivals and needs of the school. These themes are found in Appendix 1.

During Assembly we give opportunities for children to reflect on what was presented through discussion and in silence. We involve the children by asking lots of questions and eliciting their views and ideas.

Monitoring, Evaluation and Review

The school will review this policy and the determination in 2023 and assess its implementation and effectiveness.

Appendix 1: Collective Worship and SMSC Annual Assembly Plan 2022-2023



Edith Neville Primary School Values

Empathy
 We respect everyone's bodies and feelings
 We are kind, polite and have good manners
 We are tolerant of each other and respect differences

Perseverance
 We try our best
 We challenge ourselves

Collaboration
 We listen to adults and each other
 We join in discussions and solve problems together
 We work as teams and support each other

Creativity
 We are curious about the world and ask questions
 We are brave and try out new ideas

Independence
 We look after our things and our school environment
 We make sure we are ready to learn
 We are brave and try things on our own first
 We use our initiative

	Assembly Topic	School Theme	School Value	British Value	Religion
Autumn 1 Wellbeing	Wellbeing	Wellbeing			
	Queen Elizabeth II			Rule of Law	
	Playground rules		Collaboration		
	Mid Autumn Festival				Secular Chinese festival
	Rosh Hashana				Judaism
	Diwali				Hinduism
Autumn 2	Diversity and Inclusion	Diversity and Inclusion	Empathy	Tolerance/ Mutual respect	
	Respect			Mutual respect	
	Kindness		Empathy		
	E-Safety	Wellbeing			
	Family Centre	Local citizens			
	Hannukah				Judaism
	Christmas				Christianity
Spring 1	Being a good local citizen	Local citizens			
	New year's resolutions	Aspirations			
	Chinese New Year				Secular Chinese festival
	School Council Elections	Local citizens		Democracy Individual Liberty	
	Buddhist New Year				Buddhism
	Giving back projects	Local citizens			
Spring 2	Being a global citizen	Global citizens		Tolerance	
	St Patricks Day				Christianity
	Holi				Hinduism
	Norooz				Persian Festival
	Ramadan				Islam
	Easter				Christianity
Summer 1	STEAM	Planet Earth			
	Vaisakhi				Sikhism
	Eid ul Fitr				Islam
	Sustainability challenges	Planet Earth	Perseverance		
	SATs celebrations	Wellbeing			
	School Journey		Independence		
Summer 2	Aspirations – what qualities would you like to show?	Aspirations	Creativity	Individual liberty	
	Aspirations – what would you like to be?	Aspirations		Individual liberty	
	Eid ul Adha				Islam
	Money Week	Aspirations	Creativity		
	Broadstairs/ whole school trip		Collaboration		
	Transitions	Aspirations			

Many topics cover more than one of the themes/ values listed