



Collective Worship



w/c 1th March

Let's be inspired... and be the best version of ourselves

This week in collective worship we have focused on the ways that we can be the best that we can be.

Thought for the week

Whether we have a faith or not, it's good to reflect and Lent is the perfect opportunity for reflection. Reflection enables us to consider our actions: the way we treat others and the world around us. It is a time when we can ask ourselves: Am I being the best version of myself? Getting fully involved with the incredible opportunities around us is a great way to develop our character. Getting involved with World Book Day for example. Our 40 Acts challenge provides moments for us to think beyond ourselves and do something to help the people around us or make our world a slightly better place. Let's be inspired to be the best that we can be...

This week in collective worship

This week marked the start of Lent and we reflected on why we celebrate Lent and what it's all about. We officially launched our 40 Acts of Kindness and spent time thinking about the acts we will endeavour to complete as well as starting some of them! We have certainly noticed our school community putting the 40 Acts into action.

Mr Ayling led a special Shrove Tuesday collective worship where we heard about the traditions of Shrove Tuesday and daffodils were given out to several people as an act of 'shroving'. We also had some representatives from each year group enter the pancake race at Wimborne Minster; team St Michael's Middle won!

We had a very special Ash Wednesday Service at St Michael's Church which pupils were invited to attend; 144 students well and truly filled the church. It was a very spiritual experience and many were keen to receive ashing at the end of the service.

World Book Day was an incredible display of how we have been inspired by the books that we read. The efforts put into the costumes were very impressive and we celebrated this as a whole school during collective worship. We heard about how books teach us how to be empathic and how one day reading a book could save the world!

We heard some inspirational stories from the Bible, including the Parable of the Talents where we are encouraged to use what we've been given, and Jonah's journey towards being the best version of himself through listening to God.

We looked ahead to International Women's Day to encourage our whole school community to be aspirational and not let anyone or anything get in the way of us achieving the goals we set for ourselves that enable us to truly flourish.

Pupil voice

'When I went to church for the Ash Wednesday Service, I found it relaxing, holy and spiritual. I felt like a weight had been lifted.'



**The Parable of
the Talents -
Matthew 25:14-30**



Heavenly Father,

Prayer for the week

Thank you for the inspirational people in the world who are not afraid to use their talents to be their best selves. Help us to keep thinking beyond ourselves to make kind acts a habit so that everyone around us can live their best lives.

Amen

Each person uniquely made in God's image merits the best that we can give.

