



Collective Worship

16th May



Let's be beacons of hope - where does my strength come from?

This week in collective worship we have been thinking about where we get our strength from.

Thought for the week

To be able to be a beacon of hope for others, we need inner strength; we need grit and determination when times are tough. We need the ability to bounce back from adversity. Where does this strength come from? This is a deeply personal question - you might get strength from your interactions with other people; you might draw strength from the inner monologue that you have with yourself. You might lean on Jesus and draw strength from Him. Wherever you draw strength from, remember that it is this strength that can help us shine out into the world as our best selves which can enable us to truly flourish.



'But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.'

Isaiah 40:31

This week in collective worship

With SATs week for our Year 6 students and many of our Year 7 students away at Holne Park, this week has been an appropriate week to consider where we draw our strength from.

In class collective worship we have reflected on our fears and anxieties and 'passed them on' by leaving them at the base of our classroom cross. We have considered the strength that we draw from setbacks and in building resilience. We have thought carefully about the things that give us strength and how for Christians, this is through faith in God.

Vicar Suzanne led whole school collective worship on Wednesday when we thought about the strength we can draw from the words in the Lord's Prayer; we were led in a stilling exercise where we breathed in positivity and breathed out anxiety.

On Thursday, Mr Ayling took us on a rollercoaster ride to remind us that life is full of ups and downs but we need to focus on enjoying the ride. He talked us through the things that give him strength, including time with family, pets and hobbies. We heard about the story of Joseph and the rollercoaster ride that his life was, underpinned by a message of hope.

Pupil voice

'I draw strength from my family, pets and my friends when I'm having a tough time.' Collective worship has reminded me that life isn't perfect and not to give up when I feel stuck.'

Prayer for the week

Heavenly Father,
Help us to develop values of grit, determination and resilience so that we are able to push through difficult times. Help us to draw strength from others and to remember that You are there for us, carrying us through.
Amen.



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