



Witchampton and Pamphill C of E First Schools

Collective Worship Plan (2026–2027) Overview

This worship plan follows three core themes across the school year:

- **Autumn Term – LOVE**
- **Spring Term – COURAGE**
- **Summer Term – INSPIRATION**

National and Christian calendar dates have been woven into the plan where appropriate for the academic year from **September 2026 to July 2027**.

Autumn Term Worship Outcomes

By the end of the term, children will:

- Understand that God's love is unconditional.
- Recognise that everyone belongs in God's family.
- Develop empathy, kindness and forgiveness.
- Begin to use prayer confidently.
- Celebrate Advent and Christmas as Christians.
- Make links between Bible stories and their own lives.

YEAR 1 Autumn Term 2026 – LOVE

W ee k	Bible Story	Value	Reflection / Big Question	Whole School Activity	Hymn / Song	Prayer for the Week	Prayer Focus
1	Creation (Genesis 1)	Love for Creation	How can we care for God's wonderful world?	Create a giant "Tree of Thanks". Each child adds a leaf showing something they love about God's creation.	<i>Our God is a great big God</i>	Dear God, thank you for creating our beautiful world. Help us to care for it every day. Amen.	Caring for God's world and our school environment.

2	Adam and Eve	God's Love Never Ends	What should we do when we make mistakes?	Children write mistakes on dissolving paper or crumpled paper hearts before discussing forgiveness and new beginnings.	<i>Our God is a Great Big God</i>	Loving God, thank you for always loving us. Help us to say sorry and forgive others. Amen.	Forgiveness and making good choices.
3	Noah and the Ark	God's Promises	Who keeps promises to you?	Build a whole-school rainbow from coloured handprints, each representing a promise to care for others.	<i>My Lighthouse</i>	Faithful God, thank you for always keeping your promises. Help us keep ours too. Amen.	Peace in our homes, school and world.

4	Abraham	Trust	Who do you trust and why?	Trust walk in pairs, followed by discussion about trusting God and trusted adults.	<i>Father, I Place into Your Hands</i>	Lord, help us trust you even when we cannot see what lies ahead. Amen.	Families, harvest and those in need.
5	Joseph and His Brothers	Forgiveness	Why can forgiving be difficult?	Build a "Bridge of Forgiveness" using decorated cardboard bricks labelled with kind words.	<i>Make Me a Channel of Your Peace</i>	Dear God, help us forgive others just as Joseph forgave his brothers. Fill our hearts with peace. Amen.	Teachers, friendships and reconciliation.
6	Moses as a Baby	Family Love	Who helps you feel safe?	Create a giant paper basket filled with drawings of people who care for us.	<i>Thank You, Lord</i>	Thank you, God, for our families and everyone who loves and protects us. Amen.	Families, carers and children everywhere.

7	The Ten Commandments	Loving God and Others	How can we make loving choices?	Create a class "Book of Promises" with one loving action from each child.	<i>Love the Lord Your God</i>	God of love, help us choose kindness, honesty and respect every day. Amen.	Respect, fairness and our school community.
8	Ruth and Naomi	Loyalty & Friendship	What makes someone a good friend?	Build a giant friendship chain with every child adding a promise of kindness.	<i>Bind Us Together</i>	Lord, thank you for our friends. Help us to be loyal, welcoming and kind. Amen.	Friendship and belonging.
9	Hannah	Prayer	Why is prayer important?	Children create a "Prayer Garden" by adding flowers containing simple prayers.	<i>Thank You for Loving Me</i>	Dear God, thank you that you always hear our prayers. Help us trust you every day. Amen.	Those who are worried, lonely or sad.

10	David and Jonathan	Friendship	How can we stand up for our friends?	Make friendship shields showing qualities of a good friend.	<i>He's Got the Whole World in His Hands</i>	Loving God, help us protect, encourage and include everyone. Amen.	Anti-bullying and kindness.
11	Mary Says Yes	Trusting God	How can we say yes to doing the right thing?	Children write one way they will help someone this week on paper hearts displayed around the worship area.	<i>Shine, Jesus, Shine</i>	Dear God, help us listen carefully and follow you with joyful hearts. Amen.	Preparing our hearts during Advent.
12	The Birth of Jesus	God's Greatest Gift	Why is Jesus the greatest gift?	Decorate a large Bethlehem star with words such as love, hope, joy and peace.	<i>Away in a Manger, Silent Night or Little Donkey</i>	Loving God, thank you for sending Jesus. Help us share your love with everyone this Christmas. Amen.	Peace, hope and joy for our community and the wider world.

Spring Term 2027 – COURAGE

Focus: bravery, perseverance, standing up for what is right

Spring Term Worship Outcomes

By the end of the term, children will:

- Develop confidence to face new challenges with faith.
- Understand that courage often means making kind and wise choices.
- Recognise that asking for help is a sign of strength.
- Learn how Bible characters trusted God in difficult situations.
- Explore how Christians show courage through justice, compassion and service.
- Reflect on the journey through Lent and the hope of Easter.
- Grow in confidence to support and encourage others within the school community.

This mirrors the format of the Autumn programme so that the handbook has a consistent, professional structure across the academic year.

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1	David and Goliath	Facing Fears	What helps you to be brave when something feels difficult?	Children write or draw a fear on a paper "stone" and place it into a giant slingshot display labelled <i>With God's help, I can be brave.</i>	<i>Be Bold, Be Strong</i>	Dear God, thank you for always being with us. Help us to be brave when we feel afraid and trust that you never leave us. Amen.	Children facing challenges and new beginnings.
2	Esther	Speaking Up for Others	When should we speak up for someone else?	Create a "Courage Crown" display. Each child decorates a crown with one way they can help someone who feels left out.	<i>This Little Light of Mine</i>	Lord, help us to speak kindly, stand up for others and always choose what is right. Amen.	Fairness, justice and kindness in our school.

3	Daniel in the Lions' Den	Trust in Difficult Times	Who do you trust when life feels hard?	Create a class "Prayer Den" where children add prayers for people who need courage.	<i>My Lighthouse</i>	Faithful God, thank you for staying with us in every situation. Help us trust you each day. Amen.	Peace for people who are worried or frightened.
4	Jonah	Facing Difficult Tasks	Is it ever hard to do the right thing?	Children follow a giant footprint trail around the hall showing choices that lead towards kindness and courage.	<i>If I Were a Butterfly</i>	Dear God, help us to listen to you and make good choices, even when they are difficult. Amen.	Listening carefully and making wise choices.

5	Moses and Pharaoh	Standing Up for Justice	How can we help make our school fair for everyone?	Build a "Wall of Justice" with bricks showing ways children can include, encourage and support one another.	<i>When I Needed a Neighbour</i>	God of justice, help us to stand up for what is right and care for everyone equally. Amen.	Children's Mental Health Week and caring for one another.
6	Joshua and Jericho	Trusting God	What does it mean to trust someone completely?	Children work together to build and gently knock down a cardboard "Jericho Wall", discussing teamwork and trust.	<i>Our God is a Great Big God</i>	Lord, help us trust you and work together with kindness and confidence. Amen.	Safe choices online and in everyday life.

7	Peter Walks on Water	Taking Risks	When have you tried something new?	Create a "Stepping Stones of Courage" path. Each child writes one new challenge they will try during Lent.	<i>My Lighthouse</i>	Dear Jesus, help us step out with courage, knowing you are always beside us. Amen.	Growing in faith and confidence during Lent.
8	The Paralysed Man's Friends	Helping Others Boldly	How can we help someone who needs us?	In teams, children carry a small blanket with a soft toy across the hall, demonstrating teamwork and care.	<i>He's Got the Whole World in His Hands</i>	Loving God, help us notice when people need help and give us kind hearts to serve others. Amen.	Friendship, teamwork and supporting our community.

9	Bartimaeus	Having the Courage to Ask for Help	Who can you ask for help when you need it?	Make a "Helping Hands" display. Each hand names a trusted adult or friend children can turn to.	<i>Shine, Jesus, Shine</i>	Thank you, God, for people who care for us. Help us to ask for help whenever we need it. Amen.	Trusted adults, families and wellbeing.
10	The Woman Who Touched Jesus' Cloak	Courage and Faith	What gives you hope when life feels difficult?	Children create a fabric banner by tying colourful ribbons representing hope, courage and faith.	<i>Give Me Oil in My Lamp</i>	Dear Jesus, help us to trust you with all our hearts and remember that nothing is impossible with you. Amen.	Hope for those who are unwell or struggling.

11	Paul on the Damascus Road	Courage to Change	Can people change? How?	Children decorate butterflies showing one positive change they would like to make.	<i>He's Changing Me</i>	Lord, thank you that every new day is a chance to make better choices. Help us grow to become more like Jesus. Amen.	Forgiveness, growth and new beginnings.
12	Pentecost	Boldness	How can we share God's love with others?	Children make flame-shaped decorations displaying acts of kindness they will carry out during the week.	<i>Lord, the Light of Your Love (Shine, Jesus, Shine)</i>	Holy Spirit, fill our hearts with courage, kindness and joy so we can share your love wherever we go. Amen.	Our school, church and local community.

Summer Term 2027 – INSPIRATION

Focus: purpose, using gifts, making a difference

Summer Term Worship Outcomes

By the end of the term, children will:

- Recognise that everyone has unique gifts and talents to use in serving others.
- Understand that even small acts of kindness can have a lasting impact.
- Develop confidence to lead, encourage and inspire others.
- Reflect on how Christians are called to share God's love through everyday actions.
- Build resilience and wisdom through making thoughtful choices.
- Prepare positively for transition into the next academic year with hope and confidence.
- Understand that they can make a difference in their school, local community and the wider world.

Week	Bible Story	Thematic Focus	Reflection / Big Question	Whole School Activity (Physical / Visual)	Hymn / Song	Prayer for the Week	Prayer Focus
1	Samuel Hears God	Listening and Purpose	How can we listen carefully to God and to one another?	Create a giant pair of paper ears. Children write or draw ways they can be good listeners at school and at home.	<i>Speak, O Lord</i> (chorus) or <i>Be Still, for the Presence of the Lord</i>	Dear God, help us to listen carefully, make wise choices and discover the special purpose you have for each of us. Amen.	Listening to God, teachers, families and friends.

2	Elijah and the Still Small Voice	Listening Carefully	Where can you find peace when life feels busy?	Create a quiet reflection corner with pebbles. Each child holds a pebble during a minute of silence before placing it around a cross display.	<i>Be Still and Know</i>	Loving God, help us to slow down, listen carefully and notice your love in the quiet moments. Amen.	Peace in our hearts, school and community.
3	The Mustard Seed	Small Beginnings	Can small acts of kindness make a big difference?	Plant mustard or wildflower seeds in small pots. Children watch them grow throughout the term.	<i>If I Were a Butterfly</i>	Dear Lord, thank you that even small acts of kindness can grow into something wonderful. Help us make a difference every day. Amen.	Growth, hope and caring for creation.

4	The Talents	Using Our Gifts	What gifts has God given you?	Create a "Gifts Gallery". Children draw or write one talent they can use to help others.	<i>This Little Light of Mine</i>	Thank you, God, for giving each of us unique gifts. Help us use them to serve others with joy. Amen.	Celebrating everyone's unique strengths and abilities.
5	The Wise and Foolish Builders	Making Wise Choices	What helps us build a strong life?	Build two towers—one on sand and one on solid blocks—to demonstrate strong foundations.	<i>The Wise Man Built His House Upon the Rock</i>	Lord, help us make wise choices that build lives filled with love, honesty and kindness. Amen.	Wisdom, resilience and making good decisions.

6	Feeding the Five Thousand	Sharing What We Have	What can you share with others this week?	Hold a whole-school food collection or kindness challenge during Volunteers' Week.	<i>When I Needed a Neighbour</i>	Generous God, help us to share our time, kindness and gifts with everyone we meet. Amen.	Volunteers, food banks and families in need.
7	The Good Samaritan	Inspiring Kindness	Who is our neighbour ?	Children complete a "Random Acts of Kindness" challenge and add hearts to a kindness display throughout the week.	<i>Brother, Sister, Let Me Serve You</i>	Dear Jesus, help us notice when people need our help and give us hearts full of compassion. Amen.	Refugees, newcomers and those needing friendship.

8	Zacchaeus	Positive Change	Can people change for the better?	Create a "Growing Tree". Children write one positive change they want to make on paper leaves.	<i>He's Got the Whole World in His Hands</i>	Loving God, thank you that you help us become kinder and more loving each day. Amen.	Making positive choices and growing in character.
9	The Road to Emmaus	New Understanding	How do we learn from others?	Children work in pairs on a "Walk and Talk" reflection around the playground, discussing what they have learned this year.	<i>Walk with Me, O My Lord</i>	Lord Jesus, walk beside us as you walked with your friends on the road to Emmaus. Help us recognise your presence every day. Amen.	Learning, friendships and growing in faith.

10	Lydia	Hospitality	How can we make everyone feel welcome?	Create a class "Welcome Mat" with handprints and words that make visitors feel included.	<i>Bind Us Together</i>	Dear God, help us welcome everyone with kindness, generosity and love. Amen.	Welcoming new families and visitors to school.
11	Timothy	Young Leadership	How can children make a difference?	Children nominate classmates for "Young Leader Awards" recognising kindness, responsibility and service.	<i>This Little Light of Mine</i>	Thank you, God, that children can lead by showing kindness, courage and love. Help us be positive role models. Amen.	Transition, confidence and leadership.

12	The Great Commission	Making a Difference	How can we share God's love wherever we go?	Children create a giant world map. Each class adds ways they can make a difference in school, at home and around the world.	<i>Go Tell It on the Mountain</i> or <i>Shine, Jesus, Shine</i>	Dear God, thank you for helping us grow this year. Send us out to shine your love wherever we go. Amen.	Transition to the next school year, our local community and the wider world.
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Primary School Assembly Events Calendar (March 2026 – July 2027)

March 2026

- World Book Day (UK)
- International Women's Day – 8 March
- British Science Week (mid-March)
- St Patrick's Day – 17 March
- Comic Relief / Red Nose Day (mid-March)
- World Down Syndrome Day – 21 March

April 2026

- Autism Acceptance Month
- World Autism Awareness Day – 2 April
- Easter (date varies)
- Earth Day – 22 April
- St George's Day – 23 April

May 2026

- Deaf Awareness Week (UK)
- VE Day – 8 May
- Mental Health Awareness Week (UK)
- International Day of Families – 15 May
- World Cultural Diversity Day – 21 May

June 2026

- Pride Month (UK)
- World Environment Day – 5 June
- World Oceans Day – 8 June
- Refugee Week (UK)
- Father's Day (UK)
- Windrush Day – 22 June

July 2026

- Plastic Free July
- World Chocolate Day – 7 July
- Nelson Mandela International Day – 18 July

September 2026

- International Literacy Day – 8 Sept
- Roald Dahl Day – 13 Sept
- International Day of Peace – 21 Sept
- European Day of Languages – 26 Sept

October 2026

- Black History Month (UK)
- World Mental Health Day – 10 Oct
- Harvest Festival
- United Nations Day – 24 Oct
- Diwali (date varies)
- Halloween – 31 Oct

November 2026

- Bonfire Night – 5 Nov
- Remembrance Day – 11 Nov
- Anti-Bullying Week (UK)
- Children in Need
- World Kindness Day – 13 Nov

December 2026

- International Day of People with Disabilities – 3 Dec
- Hanukkah (date varies)
- Christmas – 25 Dec
- Kwanzaa – 26 Dec to 1 Jan
- New Year's Eve – 31 Dec

January 2027

- New Year's Day – 1 Jan
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Burns Night – 25 Jan
- Holocaust Memorial Day – 27 Jan

February 2027

- LGBT+ History Month (UK)
- Children's Mental Health Week (UK)
- Safer Internet Day (UK)
- Lunar New Year (date varies)
- Valentine's Day – 14 Feb
- International Mother Language Day – 21 Feb

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- International Women's Day – 8 Mar
- British Science Week
- St Patrick's Day – 17 Mar
- World Down Syndrome Day – 21 Mar

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Suggested Whole-School Key Dates for Worship

Date	Event
September 2026	Harvest preparations
October 2026	Black History Month

Date	Event
November 2026	Remembrance Day / Anti-Bullying Week
December 2026	Advent and Christmas
January 2027	New Year reflections
February 2027	Children's Mental Health Week / Safer Internet Day
March 2027	Lent / Easter preparation / International Women's Day
April 2027	Easter celebrations
May 2027	Mental Health Awareness Week
June 2027	Refugee Week / Volunteers' Week
July 2027	Transition and end-of-year celebrations

NEEDS CHANGING

YEAR 2 Autumn Term 2026 – LOVE

Focus: grace, belonging, generosity, service

Week		Bible Story	Worship Focus	National / Christian Dates	Open the book - Notes for teacher to make links at the end of the service
1		The Prodigal Son	Unconditional love	Beginning of school year	To be updated on reflection after year one.
2		The Lost Sheep	Every person matters		
3		Jesus welcomes children	Belonging	International Day of Peace	
4		Joseph forgives his brothers	Forgiveness	Harvest Festival season	
5		Jacob and Esau	Making peace	World Teachers' Day	
6		Boaz and Ruth	Kindness		
7		Mary and Elizabeth	Supporting others	Black History Month	
Half Term					
8		Greatest Commandment	Love your neighbour	All Saints' Day	
9		Vine and Branches	Belonging	Remembrance Day	
10		Washing the disciples' feet	Serving others	Anti-Bullying Week	
11		Widow's offering	Generosity	Advent begins	
12		The Shepherds	Joy	Christmas celebrations	

Spring Term 2027 – COURAGE

Focus: resilience, leadership, faith

Week		Bible Story	Worship Focus	National / Christian Dates	Open the book - Notes for teacher to make links at the end of the service
1		Deborah	Leadership	New Year reflections	
2		Gideon	Confidence		
3		Nehemiah	Perseverance	Martin Luther King Jr. Day	
4		Isaiah	Saying “yes”		
5		Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego	Standing firm	Children’s Mental Health Week	
6		Paul and Silas in prison	Joy in difficulty	Safer Internet Day	
Half Term					
7		Miriam	Family courage	Lent season	
8		Joshua becomes leader	Responsibility	St David’s Day	
9		Jesus in the wilderness	Inner strength	International Women’s Day	
10		The centurion’s servant	Faith	Red Nose Day season	
11		Philip and the Ethiopian	Welcoming others		
12		Resurrection of Jesus	Hope	Easter celebrations	

Summer Term 2027 – INSPIRATION

Focus: wisdom, encouragement, hope, purpose

Week		Bible Story	Worship Focus	National / Christian Dates	Open the book - Notes for teacher to make links at the end of the service
1		Solomon asks for wisdom	Wise choices	Start of summer term	
2		John's vision of heaven	Hope		
3		Dorcas	Practical kindness	Early May Bank Holiday	
4		Barnabas	Encouragement	Mental Health Awareness Week	
5		Martha and Mary of Bethany	Different gifts		
Half Term					
6		The little boy's lunch	Sharing	Volunteers' Week	
7		Healing the blind man	Compassion in action	Refugee Week	
8		Jairus' daughter	Hope	World Music Day	
9		Creation care	Responsibility	Environment focus	
10		Jesus calms the storm	Peace		
11		Rich young ruler	What matters most	Transition activities	
12		The Great Commission	Living with purpose	End of school year	