



St Bernadette's Roman Catholic Primary School

Live the Gospel and when necessary use words

Our mission as a Roman Catholic primary school is to provide a catholic education that puts the word of God at the centre of our school. Our purpose is the happiness of all of our community through the pursuit of school-wide excellence; with success measured on our ability to sustain and enhance our position as a thriving example of Christ-centred education.

Collective Worship Questionnaire November 2018

Staff responses

1. Prayer is central to the life of the school. **100% agree**

- *The day is punctuated with prayer and the children are exposed to different ways of praying in Liturgy and in creative prayer experiences. Prayer is a focus of staff meetings and there are prayer stations dotted around school.*
- *It punctuates the day as well as being referred to throughout the day. Children are enjoying praying it forward with their prayer pods.*
- *Children pray regularly and with great confidence in a variety of forms.*
- *Prayer is an integral part of the daily routine at St. Bernadette's as well as whole school and key stage assemblies and liturgies. There are also opportunities for children to be prayerful in the school environment in the form of prayer stations.*
- *Our school day is centred around prayer which is creative, well balanced and meaningful.*
- *To enable the children to understand our vision and mission statement we promote the jelly bean prayer. Prayer stations are always visible around school with creative prayer enjoyed in class.*

2. Collective worship is inclusive of all. **100% agree**

- *Children are given the opportunity to plan and lead Collective Worship in our school. The opportunity to partake in spontaneous prayer makes our collective worship inclusive.*
- *Children are asked to lead the liturgies.*
- *All contribute and all contributions are valued equally*
- *All children are invited to take part in Collective Worship both in classes and as part of the whole school. Collective Worship at St Bernadette's, I believe, is modelled well and takes many forms making it accessible to and appropriate for the wide range of ages and stages of development throughout school.*
- *Approaches to involving children in prayer and Collective Worship are creative and engaging which encourages the children to take part, and also give children the confidence to plan and lead Collective Worship in school.*

3. Collective worship is well led. **100% agree**

- *Both SLT and the children lead Collective Worship confidently.*
- *All staff model an excellent example and this is reflected in the way the children lead Collective Worship.*
- *Both children and staff are well led in Collective Worship. Liturgies and opportunities for prayer are well planned and carefully thought out. Staff are encouraged to be creative and use different approaches to Collective Worship- we recently enjoyed a twilight training session ran by Sister Shiela who worked with the staff to inspire new ideas for Collective Worship and build on the staff team's confidence in leading Collective Worship.*
- *Collective Worship takes place in staff gatherings and is led well.*
- *High expectations are standard in Collective Worship*

4. Collective Worship has a positive impact on the moral and spiritual development of the children in this school. **100% agree**

- *The children live the Gospel values daily and they notice and can articulate when someone does something that follows Jesus' example. Their behaviour demonstrates that the Gospel values are deep-rooted within them and their connection with God is evident with how freely they are able to pray.*
- *Children refer to what has been heard during these times and apply it to their own lives in school and the wider community. They will still talk about the scripture weeks after it has been discussed.*
- *Children of all ages show pride in 'living the Gospel'. Children are confident in joining in with Collective Worship and using religious language that has been modelled well to them. Children are conscientious and respectful towards others, I believe, as a result of the values curriculum and Collective Worship.*
- *Children all learn about and show reverence when attending Collective Worship. There is always a message to take back and to reflect on.*
- *Simply hearing a child say they are trying to Live the Gospel is evidence enough...*

5. Leaders provides opportunities for staff and pupils to develop spiritually through acts of collective worship. **100% agree**

- *There are frequent liturgies, celebration assemblies and projects that promote praying collectively. The most recent is our #prayitforward project which involves everyone*
- *Children and staff are encouraged to link the messages from the Gospels and scripture to their own life and how they can live out these principles in a way that is relevant to them. Both children and staff are encouraged to be reflective and are given time to be prayerful*
- *All are led through example- staff and children are encouraged to participate. Support and advice is always available*
- *Children understand what they need to do to follow the Gospel reading as its relevance is explained very clearly to them. Staff are provided with opportunities on Inset days to embrace and develop spirituality*

6. What I like about collective worship in St. Bernadette's school....

- *It provides a time to come together, reflect and be peaceful. The children's knowledge and understanding of their faith is evident from their enthusiastic contributions but never fails to make me smile.*
- *I love that our children are confident enough to stand up and take part. They truly understand the importance of being asked to do this.*
- *The calmness, stillness and respect that is shown during these times and the way you can see the children respond and engage.*
- *I feel it brings the school community together. It is accessible to all and it is lovely to see how much the children engage with it.*
- *It's what St. Bernadette's is all about.*
- *The opportunities for the children and the opportunities for creative/ spontaneous prayer.*
- *Child led, child friendly and relevant.*

6. Is there anything you would like to see improved in Collective Worship?

- *I'm sure there is always room for improvement but I'm not sure where.*
- *As part of my own development I'd like even more examples of creative prayer to inspire the children in my class*