



**THE GODOLPHIN SCHOOL**

**COLLECTIVE WORSHIP POLICY  
(including EYFS)**

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## GODOLPHIN PREP

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#### School Worship

As a school with close affiliation to the Church of England, Godolphin Prep aims to give clear and appropriate time for collective worship. The School Hall is used for whole School assemblies. When the School divides into smaller groups the Hall and Pre-Prep are used. An appropriate atmosphere is created by using music and sometimes candles for a focal point. The altar in the Hall with its Prep altar frontal provides a gentle reminder of the school's Christian values and echoes the altar in the Senior School Hall.

#### School Assemblies

School assemblies are intended to provide time for focus, stillness and collective reflection, prayer and celebration. They can provide an opportunity for spiritual exploration within the Anglican tradition that does not exclude a respect and regard for people of all the major world religions, and for people of no faith. While rooted in the Anglican tradition, they provide an opportunity for spiritual exploration but are deliberately warm, inclusive and welcoming. The School takes seriously the need for all people to learn to live inclusively and show tolerance and understanding for people of different cultures and traditions and we encourage inquisitive and positive interaction in Assemblies.

At the beginning of the school year we hold a 'Pinny Service' in the Senior School Hall to welcome new girls and their families to the Prep. Girls joining during the school year are also welcomed by the Chaplain in one of her Tuesday assemblies.

Whole-School Assemblies taken by the School Chaplain broadly follow the pattern of the Church Liturgical Year, but with the flexibility to pick up on issues arising in school, the world and to engage with spiritual life in general.

The Prep hymn book with its prayers and frameworks supports both SMSC and the whole school ethos which is so important to us.

Parents are invited to attend Assembly on Friday and these are sometimes preceded by coffee for parents. Friday's assembly is a celebration of school life, success, effort and achievement. The assembly may involve some of the following:

- Music performed by the girls
- Examples of class work/activities
- Celebrations of Birthdays
- Presentation of certificates, badges and awards - achieved both in school and outside of school
- Presentation of work by groups and individuals
- Presentation of monies to charities
- Community Spirit Awards
- House Points





During the year other people will be invited to lead prayers such as parents, pupils and appropriate outside speakers.

### **Other Services**

Mrs Hattersley, members of the SMT and Senior School Prefects are regular contributors to Prep Assemblies throughout the year.

The Harvest Festival and the Nativity may be held in the Blackledge Theatre/PAC and parents are invited to join in these services. The Prep are also invited to take part in the Ascension Day Service in the Senior School.

### **Cathedral Services**

The Prep joins the Senior School at the Carol Service in Salisbury Cathedral. Years 5 and 6 and Prep boarders join the Senior School for the service at the beginning of the school year. The Prep also join the Senior School for Confirmation and Baptism. Prep girls take an active part in these Cathedral services, for example, they may act as the Bishop's Chaplain at Confirmation or as acolytes.

All Prep girls and parents are warmly welcomed to attend all of the Cathedral Services.

