

Term 2 – Peace

Collective Worship updates

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This week, Stephen from Holy Trinity led our Collective Worship and helped us reflect on the importance of *Remembrance*. He began by talking about **symbols** and how they can tell powerful stories. This led us to think about the **poppy**, a symbol we see everywhere at this time of year. Stephen brought in a large poppy he had made himself to help us explore its meaning.

We talked about **Remembrance Sunday** and how it helps us remember those who lost their lives in the World Wars and other conflicts. Stephen showed us an image of the land after the war — empty, muddy, and lifeless — and then another showing how **poppies began to grow**, bringing colour and hope to the devastation.

On his large poppy, Stephen added three words:

- **Praise** – reminding us that each poppy is like a declaration of life and hope.
- **Peace** – helping us remember the sacrifice of those who fought for peace.
- **You** – reminding us that each of us can “shine like stars in the sky,” just as a bright red poppy stands out in a muddy field, linking beautifully with our school vision.

It was a thoughtful and inspiring time together, helping us prepare our hearts and minds for Remembrance Sunday.



Wednesday 26th November 25

This Wednesday, we welcomed *Open the Book* into school to lead our Collective Worship. They shared the Bible story known as “**The Great Escape**,” which tells how God’s people were kept in slavery in Egypt for many years under the rule of Pharaoh.

The children learned how God chose Moses and his brother **Aaron** to ask Pharaoh to let the people go. When he refused, several **plagues** struck Egypt, including rivers turning to blood, frogs covering the land, and days of darkness. Each time Pharaoh changed his mind, keeping the people in slavery.

Finally, after the last plague, Pharaoh allowed them to leave—but then chased after them. The children were excited to hear how God **parted the Red Sea**, creating a dry path for the people to escape safely.

The story reminded us that **God protects and saves His people**, even in the most difficult moments.



Tuesday 9th December 25

On Tuesday, our worship was led by Sarah from Holy Trinity, who helped us reflect on the message of peace in the Christmas story. She reminded us of the words spoken by the angels: “*Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace and goodwill to all people.*” We thought together about how Jesus, the Prince of Peace, brings peace to the world and to each one of us.

Sarah used a bottle of water filled with sparkling pieces to illustrate how busy and unsettled this season can sometimes feel. A few children shook the bottle, and we watched the glitter swirl in every direction—beautiful to look at, like a snow globe, but also a picture of how our minds can feel when there is so much going on.

We then took a quiet moment to watch the pieces slowly settle to the bottom. As stillness returned to the bottle, we were reminded of the calm and peace we all long for—and how Jesus offers that peace to us.

It was a thoughtful and timely reminder, especially in the midst of a busy Christmas season.

