

Term 5 - 2025
Collective Worship Updates – Community

Thursday 1st May

Thursday's Collective Worship, led by Mr Stanton, was all about teamwork which is an essential part of flourishing communities. We looked at how wolves, meerkats, dolphins and wasps work together in teams. Did you know that meerkats work in mobs with one on lookout, some foraging for food and others skilfully digging extensive underground burrows? We then had a look at the team of disciples that Jesus chose. This included the fisherman James and John, Simon a freedom fighter and Matthew the tax collector. They each left their lives to join Jesus' team bringing their own unique contribution. During our reflection time, we considered the different qualities we have and how they can contribute to a team. We then thanked God for our unique qualities and asked him to help us appreciate the qualities of others



Tuesday 6th May

Sarah from Trinity led Collective worship on Tuesday. She started with a demonstration highlighting what it feels like to be left out – something we can all relate to at some time. We then looked at the parable of the great banquet (Luke 14: 15-24) as told by Jesus. In this parable we learn how invitational the Kingdom of God is. It is likened to a man who prepared a great banquet and extended his invite to just about everyone, including the poor and the crippled, so that his hall would be full. Sarah then asked us to reflect on what we each can do in our school and homes to be like this man. We shall follow this up in classroom reflection time and turn our ideas into action!



Thursday 8th May - VE Day 80th Anniversary

On the 80th anniversary of VE Day, Fr Nick led us in a special Collective Worship to help us remember this important day. Three volunteers stood at the front to see if they could break some sticks! The first person attempted to break just one stick, the second tried to break two at once and the third three at once. It was so much harder to break the three helping us realise we are stronger when we are together. We learnt how Britain came together as a country and how we worked with other countries such as the USA and France in the war effort. We heard Winston Churchill's famous VE Day speech

read superbly by Jacob before Fr Nick lead us in a minute's silence to remember the brave people who fought and gave their lives so that we can enjoy freedom and peace.



Tuesday 20th May 25

Tuesday was the 1700th birthday of the Nicene Creed! For this not familiar with what this is, the Nicene Creed is the statement of faith widely used in Christian Worship and is helpful in unifying Christians and clarifying their beliefs. Sarah from Holy Trinity reminded us that as a school we have our own vision statement, motto and set of values which also unifies us as a learning community and clarifies our vision.

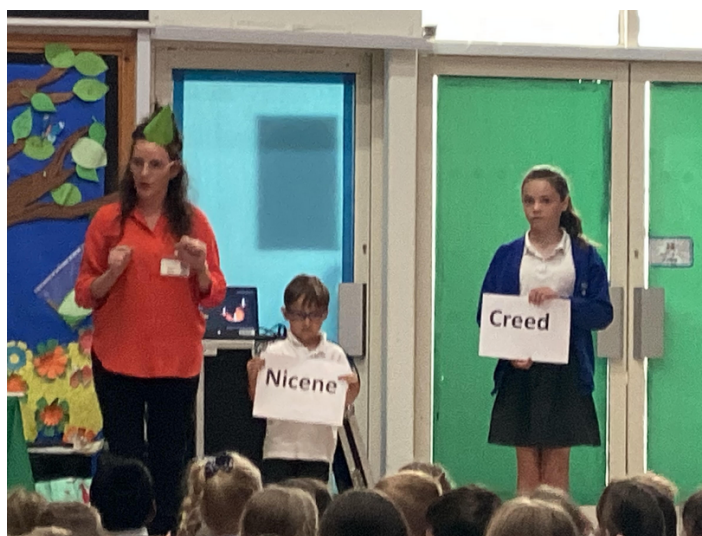
Here they are as a helpful reminder.

School Vision – To give every member of the school community the opportunity to SHINE.

School Verse – ‘We shine like stars in the sky.’ Philippians 2:15

School Motto – learn together shine forever

School Values: Love, hope, peace, respect, forgiveness, community, faith



Thursday 22nd May 2025

The newly-elected Mayor of Tewkesbury visited us on Thursday. After a tour of the school, he attended our Collective Worship led by Fr Nick. It was really interesting to hear from our special guest about what he does to improve town and how he came to be Mayor. Following this, we read about Nehemiah in the bible, who did so much for his city after it was left in ruins and how his actions not only rebuilt the city walls but also built a strong community. We reflected on how we can be inspired to improve our community in Tewkesbury and in our school. Next was a Q&A with the Mayor where we found out all sorts of things from if he gets paid (he's a volunteer) to what is favourite food is (beans on toast)!

Following all this, some children led us in their own prayers for Tewkesbury and the school.

