



## Collective Worship

### Support for planning themes 2025-2026



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## Introduction

This document has been written to support schools in planning collective worship for the school year 2025-26. The Diocese of York Education Team has produced a calendar of events that schools can select from to weave into the collective worship plan for the year. We have included the journey through the church year within this and signposted to additional resources that might be helpful. Schools should consider their school vision and context when selecting and adapting the resources shared.

## Collective Worship – Seasons of the Church Year

	Ordinary Time	26 May 2024 – 23 Nov 2024	Green
	Christ the King	24 Nov 2024 – 30 Nov 2024	White
	Advent	1 Dec 2024 – 24 Dec 2024	Purple
	Christmas & Epiphany	25 Dec 2024 – 8 Feb 2025	White or Gold
	After Epiphany	9 Feb 2025 – 4 March 2025	Green
	Lent	5 March 2025 – 18 April 2025	Purple
	Easter tide	19 April 2025 – 7 June 2025	White or Gold
	Pentecost	8 June 2025	Red
	Ordinary time	15 June 2025 – 22 Nov 2025	Green
	Christ the King	23 Nov 2025 – 29 Nov 2025	White
	Saints Days	St David - March 1, St Patrick - March 17, St George - April 23, St Andrew - Nov 30	Red

[Seasons of the Church Year - Imaginor](#) provide a helpful resource showing the dates and colours of the church year. November 2025 to November 2026 will be published on their website in the Autumn term. Schools may find it helpful to use this pattern of the church year to structure collective worship, ensuring a focus to the theologically rooted Christian vision of the school and its Anglican foundation.

# Collective Worship – calendar of events 2025-26

Month	Events	dates	Links and notes (some will need to be adapted for church school collective worship)
September	International Day of Charity Education Sunday Fairtrade Fortnight International Day of Peace	5 <sup>th</sup> September 2025 14 <sup>th</sup> September 2025 22 <sup>nd</sup> September – 5 <sup>th</sup> October 2025 21 <sup>st</sup> September 2025	Education Sunday <a href="https://www.cte.org.uk/">Education Sunday – Churches Together in England (cte.org.uk)</a> Fairtrade Schools <a href="#">Assembly plans - Fairtrade Schools</a> Christian Aid Fairtrade <a href="#">Fair trade assemblies   Christian Aid</a> International Day of Peace <a href="#">What Can You Do   International Day of Peace</a>
October	<b>Harvest</b> Black History Month St Francis Day World Homeless Day Anti-Slavery Day United Nations Day	No fixed date, link with local church 1 <sup>st</sup> –31 <sup>st</sup> October 2025 4 <sup>th</sup> October 2025 10 <sup>th</sup> October 2025 18 <sup>th</sup> October 2025 24 <sup>th</sup> October 2025	Christian Aid Harvest <a href="#">Harvest school resources   Christian Aid</a> CEEEO resources for Harvest <a href="#">I am a School Leader   The Church of England</a> Racial Justice resources <a href="#">Racial Justice Collective Worship Plans - The Diocese of St Albans (stalbandsdiocese.org)</a> CEEEO resources Black History Month <a href="#">Collective Worship - Foundation For Educational Leadership</a> Anti-Slavery: Schools could explore local links such as William Wilberforce, CEEEO Secondary resources <a href="#">I am a School Leader   The Church of England</a>
November	<b>All Saints Day</b> <b>All Souls Day</b> <b>Remembrance Sunday</b> Remembrance day St Martins Day UN Climate Change Conference Anti-bullying week <b>Christ the King</b> St Andrews Day <b>Advent</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> November 2025 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2025 9 <sup>th</sup> November 2025 11 <sup>th</sup> November 2025 11 <sup>th</sup> November 2025 10 <sup>th</sup> –21 <sup>st</sup> November 2025 10 <sup>th</sup> –14 <sup>th</sup> November 2025 23 <sup>rd</sup> November 2025 30 <sup>th</sup> November 2025 Begins 30 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Diocese of Guildford remembrance <a href="https://www.cofeguildford.org.uk/">Remembrance - Diocese of Guildford (cofeguildford.org.uk)</a> Christian Aid conflict and peace resources <a href="#">Conflict and peace assemblies   Christian Aid</a> Remembrance prayer stations <a href="#">Schools Archives - Prayer Spaces In Schools</a> Christian Aid Climate resources <a href="#">School Assemblies   Christian Aid</a> Environment prayer stations <a href="#">Schools Archives - Prayer Spaces In Schools</a> CEEEO Anti-Bullying resources <a href="#">I am a School Leader   The Church of England</a> Diocese of York Advent and Jesse Tree resources <a href="#">Collective Worship Resources - Diocese of York</a>
December	Christingle <b>Advent and Christmas</b> St Stephen's Day	No fixed date, link with local church 25 <sup>th</sup> December 2025 26 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	CEEEO resources for Advent and Christmas <a href="#">I am a School Leader   The Church of England</a> Advent and Christmas Prayer Stations <a href="#">Schools Archives - Prayer Spaces In Schools</a>
January	<b>Epiphany</b> Martin Luther King Day Holocaust Memorial Day	6 <sup>th</sup> January 2026 19 <sup>th</sup> January 2026 27 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	Christian Aid Christmas and Epiphany <a href="#">Christmas &amp; Epiphany Collective Worship - Christian Aid</a> Christian Aid Martin Luther King <a href="#">Inspiring people   Christian Aid</a> CEEEO resources Holocaust Memorial Day <a href="#">Collective Worship - Foundation For Educational Leadership</a>

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February	St Brigid's Day <b>Candlemas</b> Rosa Parks Day Childrens Mental Health Week St Valentines Day Shrove Tuesday <b>Ash Wednesday</b> <b>Lent</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> February 2026 2 <sup>nd</sup> February 2026 4 <sup>th</sup> February 2026 9 <sup>th</sup> -15 <sup>th</sup> February 2025 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2026 17 <sup>th</sup> February 2026 18 <sup>th</sup> February 2026 Begins 18 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Children's Mental Health Week <a href="#">Schools - Children's Mental Health Week (childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk)</a> Mental Health prayer stations <a href="#">Schools Archives - Prayer Spaces In Schools</a> CEEO resources for Lent <a href="#">I am a School Leader   The Church of England</a> Christian Aid Lent and Easter resources <a href="#">Lent and Easter schools resources   Christian Aid</a>
March	St Davids Day World Book Day International Women's' Day <b>Mothering Sunday</b> St Patricks Day <b>Palm Sunday</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> March 2026 5 <sup>th</sup> March 2026 8 <sup>th</sup> March 2026 15 <sup>th</sup> March 2026 17 <sup>th</sup> March 2026 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Diocese of York Holy week and Easter resources <a href="#">Collective Worship Resources - Diocese of York</a>
April	<b>Maundy Thursday</b> <b>Good Friday</b> <b>Easter Day</b> Earth Day St George's Day	2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2026 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2026 5 <sup>th</sup> April 2026 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2026 23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2026	Diocese of York Holy week and Easter resources <a href="#">Collective Worship Resources - Diocese of York</a> CEEO resources for Easter <a href="#">I am a School Leader   The Church of England</a> Christian Aid Lent and Easter resources <a href="#">Lent and Easter schools resources   Christian Aid</a> Christian Aid climate resources <a href="#">School Assemblies   Christian Aid</a> Environment prayer stations <a href="#">Schools Archives - Prayer Spaces In Schools</a>
May	Christian Aid Week <b>Rogation Sunday</b> <b>Ascension Day</b> <b>Pentecost</b> <b>Trinity Sunday</b> Exams season begins	10 <sup>th</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup> May 2025 10 <sup>th</sup> May 2026 14 <sup>th</sup> May 2026 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2026 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2026	Christian Aid Week <a href="#">Christian Aid Week School Resources   Christian Aid</a> Prayer Spaces resources for Christian Aid week <a href="#">Prayer Spaces in Schools resources   Christian Aid</a> Mental Health prayer stations <a href="#">Schools Archives - Prayer Spaces In Schools</a> CEEO Pentecost resources <a href="#">I am a School Leader   The Church of England</a>
June	Gypsy, Roma & Traveller History Month World Environment Day Big Help Out Day Father's Day Refugee week Windrush Day	Begins 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2026 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2026 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2026 21 <sup>st</sup> June 2026 15 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> June 2026 22 <sup>nd</sup> June 2026	CEEO resources GRT Month <a href="#">Collective Worship - Foundation For Educational Leadership</a> Christian Aid Refugees resources <a href="#">Refugees assemblies   Christian Aid</a> Christian Aid climate resources <a href="#">School Assemblies   Christian Aid</a> CEEO climate resources <a href="#">I am a School Leader   The Church of England</a> Environment prayer stations <a href="#">Schools Archives - Prayer Spaces In Schools</a> CEEO refugees resources <a href="https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2021-02/faithathome-refugees-final.pdf">https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2021-02/faithathome-refugees-final.pdf</a>

July	Transition and Leavers Services		Scripture Union Its Your Move <a href="#">It's Your Move   Scripture Union</a> Transition prayer stations <a href="#">Schools Archives - Prayer Spaces In Schools</a> Diocesan leavers service resources <a href="#">Collective Worship Resources - Diocese of York</a>
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