

## Autumn Term Year 5 Collective Worship

This collective worship at the beginning of the school year set a positive and



reflective tone for the months ahead, welcoming everyone into a fresh start filled with new opportunities. It encouraged pupils and staff to reflect on their hopes, goals, and responsibilities as part of the school community, reminding them that everyone has a role in shaping a supportive and respectful environment following Jesus' teachings.

The worship emphasised belonging, perseverance, and mutual care, inviting all to approach the new academic year with openness, gratitude, kindness and a commitment to grow together through both challenges and successes.

This Anti- Bullying Week collective worship focused on the importance of



standing together against bullying and creating a community rooted in kindness, respect, and compassion. Through reflection and shared values, it encouraged everyone to recognise the impact that words and actions can have on others, and to take responsibility for building a safe and inclusive environment. The worship highlighted the power of empathy, reminding us that each person

is unique and deserving of dignity, and it calls on individuals not to be bystanders but to show courage by speaking up, offering support, and choosing kindness in everyday situations.



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The **Jesse Tree** is a traditional Christian way of preparing for Christmas during Advent. It helps children and adults explore the Bible's big story by looking at key people and events that lead up to the birth of Jesus. Each day during collective worship, Year 5 added a simple symbol on an ornament they decorated, to the tree to represent a Bible story, beginning with creation and continuing through figures such as Abraham, King David (the son of Jesse), and the prophets. These

stories reminded us that Christmas is not just about one moment, but about God's long-promised plan, which Christians believe is fulfilled in Jesus.

This Advent collective worship invited the KS2 school community to pause and reflect during a season of waiting, hope, and preparation. It encouraged pupils and staff to look beyond the business of daily life and consider the deeper meaning of Advent as a time to prepare our hearts for Christmas. Through the theme of joy, the worship reminded



everyone of the importance of patience, generosity, and caring for others, inspiring the community to be a light to those around them as they journey together toward the celebration of Christmas. We lit the Forest school fire as a reminder that Jesus is the Light of the world and always with us in the darkest times.