



## FRIENDS FOREVER!

Throughout the 2022/23 academic year, our theme for collective worship will be '**Friends Forever!**'. Each week, collective worship will offer opportunities for pupils to grow and deepen their friendship with God. They will learn to recognise their 'closeness to God' and this will enable them to draw on their faith in times of struggle and to praise God in times of joy.

We will explore the message that we are all children of God! Pupils will learn that God is always close to his children and we (his children) are always close to Him. In short, we are **friends forever!**

Building on last year's theme (Kingdom Builders), pupils will recognise the importance of our friendship with God as we seek to be His hands and feet on Earth, shaping a society that reflects His vision for humanity. This will allow pupils to learn more about our school vision and the role they can play in transforming society as a generation of 'Kingdom Builders' who shape society with the peace, love and forgiveness of God.

Throughout the series, pupils will continue to deepen their understanding of our school motto: **let your light shine** (Matthew 5:16). They will see their own closeness to God as evidence of the light of God within them.

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<b>Autumn 1</b> Yes, Lord	<b>Yes, Lord [School value link: Love]</b> "You did not choose me; I chose you..." John 15: 16. Every child will learn that God has chosen them and <b>loves</b> them! They will invited to respond to God's invitation with a resounding, 'Yes!' Each week, we will look to scripture to explore examples of people saying 'Yes!' to God (in both the Old and New Testament) and the transformative impact this has on their lives.  Music (for reflection/sending out): <a href="#">I'm Trading My Sorrows (Yes, Lord)</a> by Darrell Evans
<b>Autumn 2</b> Making Time for God	<b>Making Time for God [School value link: Community]</b> This half-term, we will support pupils to recognise the steps they can take to make time for God and the transformative power that this can have. They will look at stories and passages from scripture that demonstrate this commitment to making time for God in daily life. Through the reading of scripture, prayer and worship, we will share in setting time aside for God as a <b>community</b> – this is what collective worship is all about!  Music (for reflection/sending out): <a href="#">Come. Now is the Time to Worship</a> by Brian Doerksen
<b>Spring 1</b> What a friend we have in Jesus!	<b>What a friend we have in Jesus! [School value link: Friendship]</b> "And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28: 20. Pupils will learn that God is always <b>here</b> with them and explore how they can grow in <b>friendship</b> with God. Pupils will look to scripture to consider how God's people and followers deepened their friendship with Him.  Music (for reflection/sending out): <a href="#">What a Friend We Have in Jesus</a> [Also use these versions by <a href="#">Aretha Franklin</a> and <a href="#">Msanii Music Group</a> ]
<b>Spring 2</b> Lean on the Lord	<b>Lean on the Lord [School value link: Hope]</b> Pupils will explore how their closeness to God is invaluable in times of struggle or hardship (whether these challenges are emotional or physical). They will learn that they can 'lean on' God and He will give them the strength they need. This will connect to the work we are doing as a school around mental health and emotional wellbeing. Pupils will be given a real sense of <b>hope</b> for the future, knowing they can always rely on God.

	Music (for reflection/sending out): <a href="#">Lean on the Lord</a> by Ryan Ellis
<b>Summer 1</b> Thank you, God!	<p><b>Thank you, God! [School value link: Thankfulness]</b></p> <p>Pupils will explore how their closeness to God is just as special and important in times of great joy. By saying <b>thank you</b> to God, we learn to recognise the immense joys of everyday life and the blessings that surround us. By celebrating these blessings with God, we draw even closer to Him.</p> <p>Music (for reflection/sending out): <a href="#">Thank you, Lord</a> by Don Moen</p>
<b>Summer 2</b> Children of God	<p><b>Children of God [School value link: Compassion and Forgiveness]</b></p> <p>Drawing together this year's theme, we will explore the message that <u>we are all children of God!</u> Pupils will learn that God is always close to his children and we (his children) are always close to Him. In short, we are <b>friends forever!</b> The focus will then switch to looking out on the world with <b>compassion</b> and <b>forgiveness</b>, exploring how people throughout history have drawn on their closeness to God to transform society.</p> <p>Music (for reflection/sending out): <a href="#">Who You Say I Am (I'm a Child of God)</a> by Hillsong</p>