Collective Worship

Week Commencing: Monday 19th October 2026

Core Value: Respect

Theme: One Body, Many Parts: The Gift of Difference

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Courage in every step, Faith in every journey.

Opening Prayer

Heavenly Father,

thank You for making each of us unique, with different gifts, strengths and backgrounds. Help us to respect our differences, celebrate one another and work together as one community. May everyone feel valued, included and know that they belong.

Amen.



The Gift of Difference

Theme for the Week: Celebrating the diversity of gifts and backgrounds in our school community. Our different strengths, shared purpose and united identity.

Day 1: Respect – Valuing Our Differences

Reflection:

What does respect mean?

Respect means recognizing that every person has value, regardless of their background, abilities, beliefs or circumstances. It means listening to others, being kind and treating people as we would want to be treated.

Imagine a football team where everyone wanted to be the goalkeeper. Who would defend? Who would score? A team needs different skills to succeed.

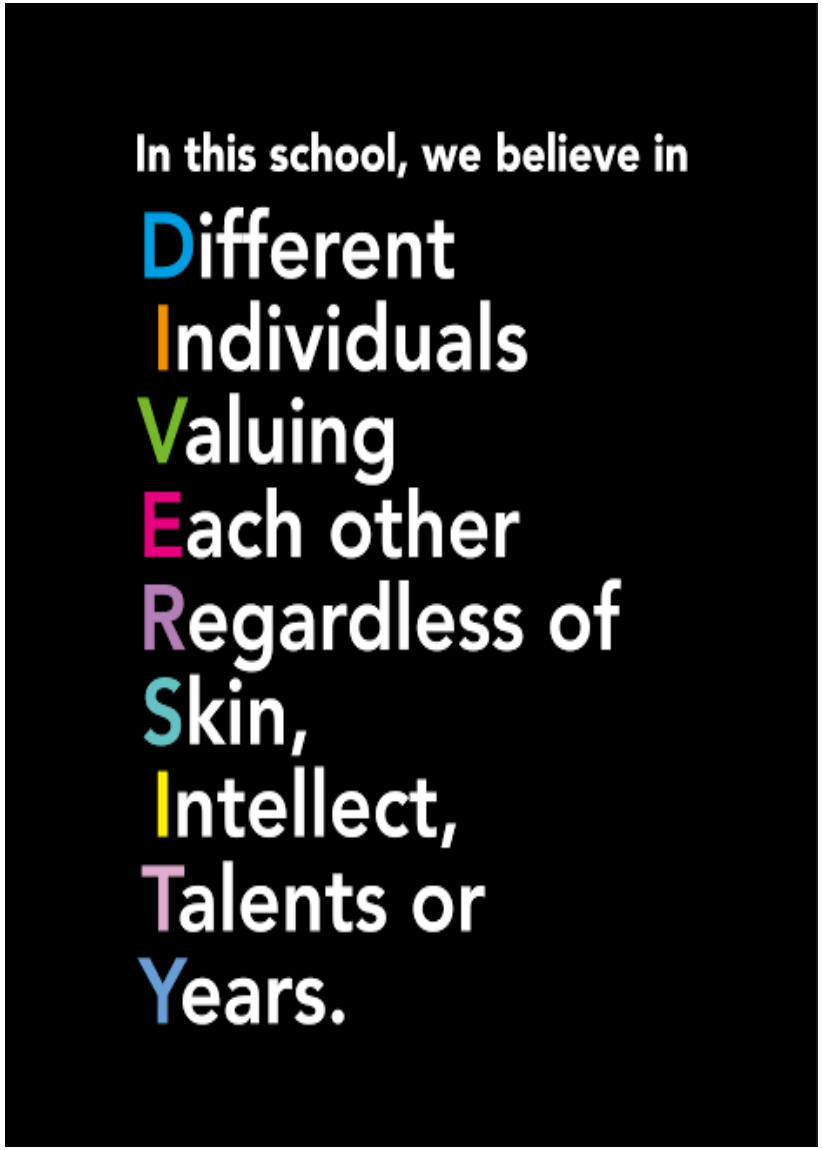
Our school is similar. Some people are brilliant at sport, others at music, problem-solving, encouraging friends or helping people who are struggling. We all have different gifts, and every gift matters. We don't have to be the same to belong. In fact, our differences make our community stronger. Our differences make our community complete.

Think about it: Do we always respect people who are different from us? How could we make someone feel more included today?

Thought to Take Away:

Respect means recognizing the value in everyone, even when they are different from us.

A Quote from the Bible: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” — Mark 12:31



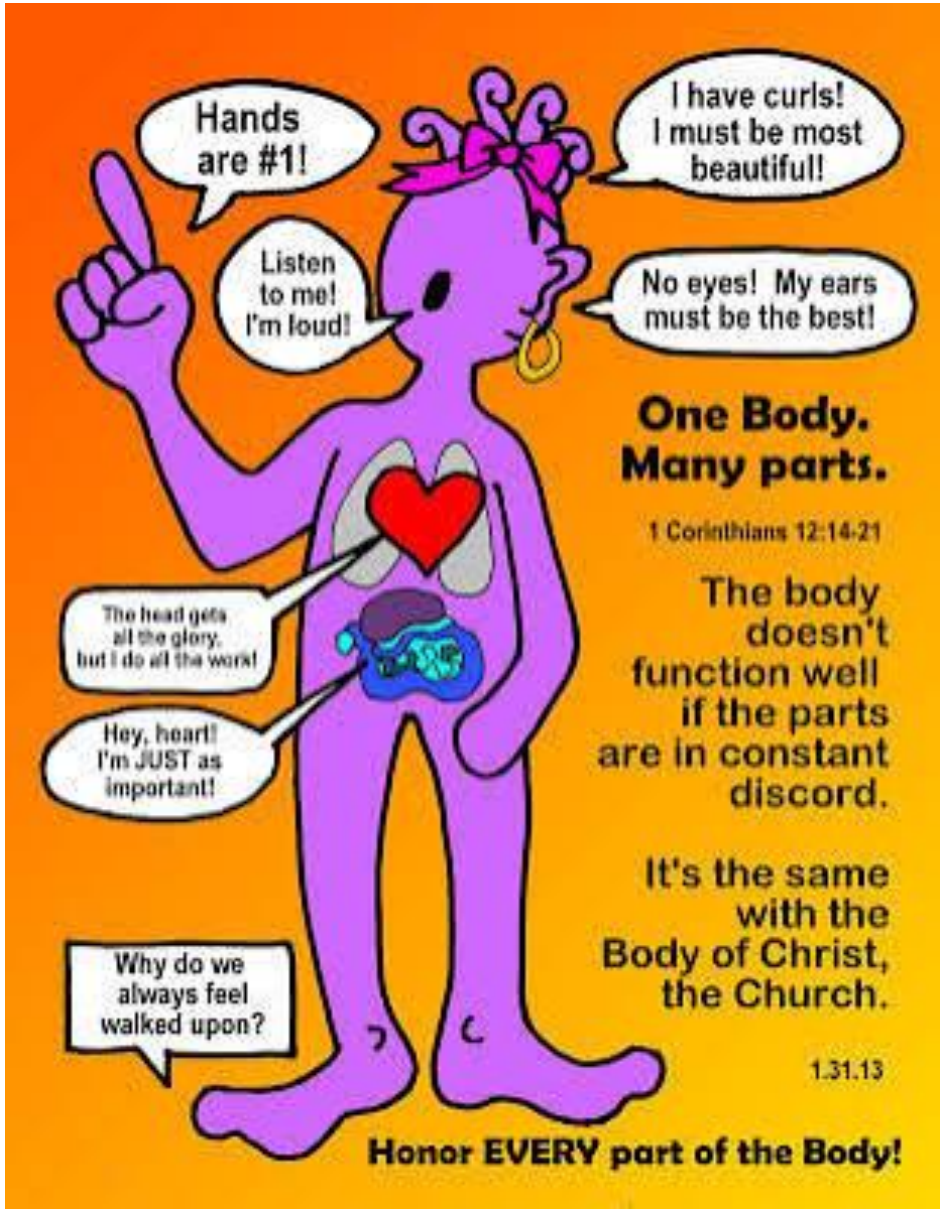
Day 2: Bible Story – The Body of Christ

Bible Passage: 1 Corinthians 12:12–20

An Apostle(a messenger) called Paul wanted the early Christians to understand that everyone mattered in God's family. He used the example of a human body.
He explained that a body has many different parts. The foot cannot say, “Because I am not a hand, I don't belong.” The ear cannot say, “Because I am not an eye, I am not important.” Every part has a purpose. Eyes help us see, ears help us hear and hands help us do things. Each part is different, but they all work together to make one body.
Paul explained that the Church is like this body. Everyone has different gifts, but everyone belongs and has something valuable to contribute.
What does this mean for us?
In school, we might have different abilities, personalities, cultures and interests. Some people lead from the front, while others quietly support those around them. Some achieve academically, while others shine through creativity, kindness or determination.

We should never assume that someone is less important because their gifts are different from ours.

Reflect on This:
What gift do you bring to our school community? Whose contribution could you appreciate more?
Thought to Take Away: We are different by design, but united by purpose. Everyone has a part to play. **What does the picture on the right say to you?**



Day 3: The Story of Bethany Hamilton- Soul Surfer

Bethany Hamilton is a professional surfer who lost her left arm in a shark attack when she was just 13 years old.

Despite this life-changing experience, she returned to surfing and became an inspiration to people around the world.

Bethany's story reminds us that our differences and challenges do not define our potential. We all have unique strengths, and we can encourage one another to overcome difficulties and achieve great things.

Find out more here:

https://bethanyhamilton.com/

Think About it:

- How can you get help to recognize your potential?
- How can we help others recognize their strengths?

Reflect: Never judge someone's value by their difficulties. Everyone has something to offer.

Thought to Take Away: Being different does not make us weaker. We all have something valuable to contribute.

Prayer:

Dear Lord,

help us look beyond differences, encourage one another and celebrate the gifts in everyone.

Amen.



Scripture Sound Bite



COURAGE IN EVERY STEP, FAITH IN EVERY JOURNEY

Day 4: Everyone Matters

Scripture sound bite: 1 Corinthians 12:20–22

“There are many parts, but one body.”

Reflection:

Paul reminds us that every part of the body matters, even those that seem weaker or less important.

In school, we celebrate achievements such as exam results, sports and performances. But kindness, listening, including others and standing up for someone matter just as much.

We don't all need the same talents or backgrounds to belong. Our differences make our community stronger.

Think About This: Who could you encourage or include today?

Reflect: Everyone matters, everyone belongs, and everyone has something to contribute.

Our Message for the Week:

Different gifts. Different backgrounds. One community. Everyone matters.



Closing Prayer

Heavenly Father,

thank You that we are all different, yet each of us is valuable. Help us use our gifts to support others, celebrate our differences and build a school where everyone belongs. May we remember that together, we are stronger.

Amen.