Collective Worship

Week Commencing: Monday 9th November 2026



Core Value: Respect

Theme: The Price Of Peace



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Courage in every step, Faith in every journey.

Remembrance

Opening Prayer

Heavenly Father,

As we remember those who gave their lives for our freedom and peace, help us never to forget their courage and sacrifice. Teach us to show respect, value others and appreciate the freedoms we enjoy today.

May we honor their memory through our words and actions, choosing kindness, understanding and peace.

Amen.



Remembrance

Day 1 – Respect: Remembering Those Who Served





What Can We Learn: Respect means recognising the sacrifices others have made.

Every year on 11th November, we pause to remember those who gave their lives in conflicts past and present.
Behind every soldier was a person with a family, friends, hopes and dreams. Many never returned home, making the ultimate sacrifice so that future generations could enjoy freedom.
One of our Academy's core values is respect. Respect is more than being polite; it is recognising the worth of others and appreciating what they have done.
When we wear a poppy or observe the two-minute silence, we show respect to those who sacrificed so much.

Reflection: We cannot change the past, but we can choose how we live today. We honour their sacrifice by valuing others, showing kindness and never taking our freedom for granted.

Challenge: How can you show greater respect to someone today?

Question: What do you think this quote means?



Remembrance

Day 2 – The Price of Peace: Remembering the Sacrifice



Remembering: Peace comes at a price.

When we think about war, we often think about battles, soldiers and destruction. But behind every uniform is a person, someone's son or daughter, brother or sister, father or mother.
Imagine a young soldier writing home to their family. They talk about missing home, their friends and the simple things in life. They hope to return one day, but sadly, for many, that letter was their last.
Behind every name on a war memorial is a life, a family and a story.



We sometimes take our everyday freedoms for granted: going to school, meeting friends and living without the fear of war.
Remembrance reminds us that these freedoms have come at a tremendous cost.

Reflection: Those who came before us paid a price for the peace and freedom we enjoy. Our responsibility is to remember their sacrifice and appreciate what we have.

Challenge: Think of one freedom you enjoy today. Don't take it for granted.

Remembrance



Day 3 – Becoming Peacemakers

Think About This: Remembering the past means taking responsibility for the future.

Remembrance is not just about looking backwards. It is also about thinking about the future and the kind of world we want to create. Peace doesn't just mean countries not fighting wars. It starts much closer to home, in our classrooms, friendships and communities.

A story: The two wolves
An old story tells of a grandfather explaining to his grandson that two wolves live inside every person. One represents anger, hatred, jealousy and bitterness. The other represents kindness, compassion, forgiveness and love. The grandson asks, "Which wolf wins? "The grandfather replies, "The one you feed."

Reflection: Every day, we make choices. We can spread rumours or show kindness. We can create arguments or bring people together. We can hold grudges or choose forgiveness.
If we want to honour those who sacrificed their lives for peace, we must become people who pursue peace ourselves.

Challenge: Be a peacemaker today. Is there someone you need to forgive, encourage or make things right with?

They shall not grow old as we that are left grow old
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn



At the going down of the sun and in the morning.
We will remember them.

Remembrance

Day 4 – The Greatest Sacrifice: Love in Action

Important Message: Honour sacrifice by showing love through our actions.
Scripture soundbite – John 15:13

"Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends."
John 15:13 (NIV)



These words from Jesus remind us that true love is about putting others before ourselves.
Throughout history, men and women have demonstrated extraordinary courage and sacrifice, giving their lives so others could enjoy freedom and peace.
Jesus also showed us the greatest example of sacrificial love through giving his life for us.

What does this mean for us?

We may never be asked to make the ultimate sacrifice, but we can demonstrate love every day by:

- Standing up for someone being bullied.
- Showing kindness to someone who feels alone.
- Forgiving someone who has hurt us.
- Choosing peace rather than anger.

Reflection:

As we remember those who gave their lives for peace, we have a responsibility to honour their memory.
Not just through wearing a poppy or observing a two-minute silence, but through the way we live.
Let us choose love over hatred, forgiveness over bitterness and reconciliation over division.

Challenge: What can you do today to make someone else's life a little better?

Remembrance

Closing Prayer

Heavenly Father,

Thank you for those who sacrificed so much for our freedom. Help us to remember their courage, respect their sacrifice and never take peace for granted. May we show respect to everyone we meet and do our part to make the world a kinder and more peaceful place.

Amen.

