

Why do we gather in prayer? From St Walburga's Chaplaincy Team.

- "Prayer is a time when we build a relationship with God in a calm and relaxed environment."
- "During prayer, we get close to God and ask for forgiveness."
- "Prayer is a time when we ask God to help us in our learning and in our development as a person."
- "Prayer allows us to connect with God and become better equipped to follow in Jesus' footsteps."
- "When we join together in prayer, we are showing respect to God for all he has created."
- "When we pray together our prayers are stronger and we can ask God to help those in need."



**Liturgical prayer at St. Walburga's RC School,
Agreement**

At St Walburga's School, we walk in the foot-
steps of Jesus by ...

- Welcoming all
- Serving God and one another
- Learning to be the best we can
- Joining together in prayer



**“For where two or three come together in my name,
I am there with them.” (Matthew 18:19 – 20)**

Aims of Liturgical Prayer in our school:

To nurture an environment and provide opportunities for all members of our school community to join together in prayer.

Weekly Liturgical Prayer at SWS:

- Prayer Buddy Assembly on Monday mornings, using the Gospel from Sunday as the focus.
- On Fridays we have a whole school assembly. The liturgy and celebration Assembly is led by the Head Teacher, Deputy Head (or SLT member). Each week a new ‘Mission Statement Hero’ is chosen to show children how we can all live out our Mission Statement.
- On Tuesday and Wednesday we have Key Stage Assemblies using reading from scripture or the Liturgical Calendar.
- Twice a week we enjoy Class Liturgical Prayer. One being Teacher-led and the other being child-led liturgy. We follow the ‘Gather, Word, Respond and Mission’ format. Moments of quiet reflection are encouraged and a spiritual atmosphere is created.
- Informal prayer is part of the daily life of the school for both children and adults. Morning and end of day prayer plus grace before meals are part of everyday life. All meetings begin with a prayer/reflection.

Special opportunities for Liturgical Prayer at SWS:

- During the year, every class in Key Stage 2 celebrates their own Class Mass and Class liturgy, where parents and parishioners are invited.
- Key Stage 1 gather for Class Liturgies two times in each school year. Parents and parishioners are invited.
- Key Stage 2 gather to celebrate Mass at the beginning of every term, on special holy days and feast days. We have an open air Mass to celebrate the feast day of our school saint, Saint Walburga, where the whole school and school community come together to celebrate Mass.
- Key Stage 1 join together in prayerful liturgies for special days throughout the year, for example, Harvest Liturgy.
- ‘Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament’ is a regular part of the school’s prayer life - this takes place in the school hall, on the last Friday of every month. The parents and parishioners are invited to this time of reflection.
- Children have a ‘prayer buddy’ R—Year 3—Year 6, Year 1—Year 4, Year 2—Year 5. The children spend time in prayer, with their prayer buddy at different times of the year.
- Year 4 lead an Advent Service in our Annunciation Church when children, staff, parents and parishioners are invited to celebrate the time leading to Christmas.
- Year 5 lead a Lent Service in our Annunciation Church when children, staff, parents and parishioners are invited to celebrate the time leading to Easter.
- During Holy Week the children spend time with their prayer buddy during our annual day of prayer and reflection.
- Throughout the year, Key Stage 2 children take part in a Reconciliation service where they have a chance to reflect and repent.