



St Bernadette's Roman Catholic Primary School

Live the Gospel and when necessary use words

Our mission as a Roman Catholic primary school is to provide a catholic education that puts the word of God at the centre of our school. Our purpose is the happiness of all of our community through the pursuit of school-wide excellence; with success measured on our ability to sustain and enhance our position as a thriving example of Christ-centred education.

Collective Worship Questionnaire January 2019

Pupil responses

1. Prayer is central to the life of the school. **99% agree**

- *Prayer is important to our life at St. Bernadette's because it brings us together*
- *When we sing, we pray two times*
- *Prayer is important because it helps us to talk to God*
- *Meditation and prayer help us to relax and clear our minds*
- *Prayer is important at St. Bernadette's because it really suits our school*
- *We have a mission statement, Collective Worship, prayer time, Liturgy, 'Open the Book,' prayer stations, meditation, singing and spontaneous prayer*
- *Prayer is important to us because we need time to talk to God and we collectively worship and tell God our worries and what has happened that day*
- *Prayer is important because it is how we communicate with God*
- *Prayer is central to our school because we pray everyday*

2. School provides opportunities for me to lead prayer. **99% agree**

- *We get to dress the focal point*
- *We get to help our special friends to pray*
- *We all have a chance to lead spontaneous prayer*
- *We have different liturgy groups to plan Liturgy*
- *We have prayer leaders in class*
- *We plan Collective Worship in class and read*
- *We can lead prayer inside, outside or anywhere!*

3. Collective worship is a creative experience. **99% agree**

- *We have different themes, music, prayer stations and creative prayer*
- *Open the book read different Bible stories every week*
- *Open the book let us dress up, use animals and let us do drama*
- *When we pray through dance, everyone can participate*
- *Mandala's were a different way to pray*
- *We participate in meditation*
- *The teachers make it fun but calming so we have fun with friends in prayer*
- *We do it in all different ways, even outside popping balloons*
- *It makes it an experience for everyone because of the reflection*
- *You actually need to experience how we do it to really see it!*

4. Scripture is important in our school. **100% agree**

- *We take scripture out of whole school Liturgy every Monday*
- *We try to live the scripture out every week*
- *We use scripture to live our vision statement*
- *We pray daily and listen to the word of God*
- *The scripture we receive every Monday guides us*
- *We try to make links to scripture in RE*
- *We raise the Gospel in the air when we bring it forward*
- *We give the scripture in liturgies a lot of care*
- *We place scripture all around school*

5. What examples of Mission have you taken out of collective worship?

- *Our mission is to live the Gospel*
- *Be still, know that I am God and build each other up*
- *To forgive even when it is hard*
- *To love one another*
- *I have taken a smile to someone who needs it*
- *I am calmer because of meditation*
- *To be a good steward of creation*

6. What has been the impact of meditation in your prayers?

- *It makes me feel calm*
- *You feel relaxed and peaceful*
- *To be mindful and still*
- *I like meditation because it is quiet and peaceful*
- *It helps me to pray*
- *I am a lot calmer through the day and less angry*
- *It helps me to concentrate more in class*
- *I like having a few precious moments to myself*
- *I talk to God, think about my actions and think about something good I can do*
- *Meditation helps me feel alive for the day ahead*
- *Even though I'm with people, I feel like I am by myself*
- *Nobody can distract you when you're talking to God*
- *Mediation helps me to forget the negative and concentrate on the positive*

7. What do you like about Collective Worship at St. Bernadette's school...

- *I like the range of prayers we have in school*
- *It is a time to step outside of busy school life*
- *I like the variety*
- *Collective worship makes me feel comfortable*
- *It is so peaceful and calm*
- *I like Collective Worship through song*
- *There is lots of choice: meditation, spontaneous prayer, creative prayer*

- *That students get to take part and plan it*
- *Collective Worship helps me to forget my worries and problems*
- *I like that we have a time where we all come together as a school*

8. Is there anything you would like to see improved in Collective Worship?

- *I don't want you to change anything*
- *I would like more songs*
- *I would like to improve the amount of time we spend meditating*
- *Even more Collective Worship in classrooms*
- *We should keep it exactly the same*
- *We could write a class prayer each week and read it out*
- *More silent time to say our own prayers*
- *I think, at the moment, Collective Worship is spectacular and I don't want to change it!*