



**Simply
Collective
Worship**

Cycle 3
(Part of a
4-year cycle)

Saints, Sayings and Seasons of Celebration

Assemblies and thoughts for the day
For 7-11 year olds

Cycle 3 Overview 2026 – 27

Aims:

- To provide a four-year scheme that will support primary schools to develop important individual and community values whilst meeting the statutory requirements to provide daily acts of collective worship.

The Resource:

- Each week has an overall theme.
- Each week has one larger 'assembly', designed for a gathering of the whole school.
- Each week has four smaller 'thought for the day' or reflections, these are suitable for Key Stage 2 but can be adapted for Key Stage 1 / Foundation Phase.

The Overview:

Week <small>*Suggested dates 2022-23</small>	.1 Main assembly/theme	Supporting Statutory Requirements	Other Content	Links to SEAL	Values	SMSC development			
	.2-5 Thought for the day					Spiritual	Moral	Social	Cultural
1 5 th – 9 th Sept '26	.1 Greetings .2 Kind words .3 Gossip .4 Flattery friends .5 Feedback or flattery	1.1-5 Various proverbs about words 1.1 Prov 12:13; 16:24; 18:4 1.2: 12:13;15:1; 11:12; 15:4; 11:17 1.3: 10:18; 11:13; 26:20 1.4: 27:6; 29:5. 1.5: 26:33	1.1 Non-verbal welcomes from around the world 1.3 When words can help or hurt	Being a really good friend	Kindness Friendship	✓	✓	✓	✓

Title of the weekly theme and the main assembly.

Information not obvious in the theme/title and other notable stories and events are included here.

SMSC development

Suggested week and date, these can be changed to suit your school.
*The dates suggested may not correspond with the LA term dates 2022-23.

Four 'thoughts for the day', to be used in the classroom or smaller group settings. Can be used as a short reflection in a larger celebration assembly.

Meeting statutory requirements – written within the context of pupils' experience, to support and develop individual and community values.

Links to the half-termly SEAL theme.

Values included in the weekly theme (not exhaustive).

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	.2-5 Thought for the day								
1 1 st – 4 th Sept '26	.1 Greetings .2 Kind words .3 Gossip .4 Flattery friends .5 Feedback or flattery	1.1-5 Various proverbs about words 1.1 Prov 12:13; 16:24; 18:4 1.2: 12:13;15:1; 11:12; 15:4; 11:17 1.3: 10:18; 11:13; 26:20 1.4: 27:6; 29:5. 1.5: 26:33	1.1 Non-verbal welcomes from around the world 1.3 When words can help or hurt	Being a really good friend	Kindness Friendship	✓	✓	✓	✓
2 7 th – 11 th Sept '26	.1 Hello and welcome .2 Welcoming Thomas .3 Unwelcome first impressions .4 Familiar welcome .5 Welcome and unwelcome		2.1 Hello in different languages 2.1-4 'Thomas' – a story about starting a new school 2.5 Rules for discussing sensitive issues	Making someone feel welcome	Kindness		✓	✓	✓
3 14 th – 18 th Sept '26	.1 Democracy Day .2 Local King .3 Parliament .4 Vote for all .5 A good debate		3.1 Definition of words associated with democracy in the UK 3.2-4 History of democracy in the UK		Fairness Respect			✓	✓
4 21 st – 25 th Sept '26	.1 Gideon .2 What might the neighbours say? .3 Laying a fleece .4 Gideon's 300 .5 The trumpet call	4.1-5 The story of Gideon		Doing something brave	Courage Friendship	✓		✓	
7* 28 th Sept – 2 nd Oct '26	.1 Sukkot .2 Sukkah .3 Lulav and etrog .4 Celebrate wisdom .5 Wise sayings	7.1 Leviticus 23:39-43 – Rules for Sukkot 7.5 Various quotes from Ecclesiastes	7.1 Sukkot – Jewish festival of shelters 7.5 "A time for everything under the sun"		Respect	✓		✓	✓
5 5 th – 9 th Oct '26	.1 Francis of Assisi .2 Saint Francis and the birds .3 Saint Francis and the wolf .4 Saint Francis and actions .5 Two crabs	5.4 Remove the wood from your own eye – Matthew 7:3-5	5.5 Aesop's 'Two Crabs'		Courage Joy	✓	✓		✓
6 12 th – 16 th Oct '26	.1 Hannah the harvest mouse .2 Plough, sow and harvest .3 Plough, sow and harvest (by hand) .4 Threshing and winnowing .5 You reap what you sow		6.1 Hannah the Harvest Mouse and Farmer Goody 6.3 Jane 'growing her own wheat by hand' 6.5 the general principle of sowing and reaping	Setting Goals	Kindness Friendship	✓			✓
8 19 th – 23 rd Oct '26	.1 Mr Everest .2 Radhanath Sickdhar .3 Edmund Hilary and Tenzig Norgay .4 Altitude .5 Team Work		8.1 Highest mountains in the home nations & a short biography of Sir George Everest	Setting Goals	Determination Teamwork			✓	✓

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9 2 nd – 6 th Nov '26	.1 Off with a bang! .2 Firework facts .3 Firework world records .4 A sparkling fact .5 The fireworks code		9.1 History and development of Fireworks 9.3 Facts about sparklers and safety tips when using them		Joy				✓
10 9 th – 13 th Nov '26	.1 Truce (Remembrance) .2 Giving peace .3 Peaceful actions .4 Peace belongs to all of us .5 Blessed are the peacemakers	10.2 May the Lord of peace give you peace – 2 Thessalonians 3:16 10.3 If you want to enjoy life... 1 Peter 3:10-11 10.3 Blessed are the peacemakers – Matthew 5:9	10.1 Brief background to WW1	Getting on and falling out	Respect Peace Liberty	✓	✓	✓	✓
11 16 th – 20 th Nov '26	.1 Pack up your troubles .2 SS Laurentic .3 Troubles .4 Lamentations .5 Packing up the right troubles	11.4 Opening verses from the book of Lamentations	11.1,2,3,4,5 Story of the 1915 song 'Pack up your Troubles' Search of SS Laurentic's Gold		Courage Determination Liberty		✓	✓	✓
12 23 rd – 27 th Nov '26	.1 The power of a few letters .2 Teamwork doesn't just happen .3 Helping a teamwork .4 Listening .5 Two's company, three's a crowd	12.3 Two people are better off than one – Ecclesiastes 4:9-10	12.1 History of 'our alphabets'	Working collaboratively	Friendship Respect Democracy			✓	✓
13 30 th Nov – 4 th Dec '26	.1 The ladybird and Our Lady .2 Ladybird's spots of joy .3 What's in a name? .4 Kind words bring life .5 Prince of peace	13.1 Mary and Elizabeth – Luke 1:26-38 & Isaiah 9:6-7 13.2 Mary – Luke 1:39-45 & 48 13.4 Kind words bring life – Proverbs 15:4	13.2 Seven Joys and Seven Sorrows of Mary	Getting on and falling out	Kindness Peace Forgiveness	✓		✓	✓
14 7 th – 11 th Dec '26	.1 Peace on earth and goodwill to men .2 Goodwill to all .3 Inner peace on Earth .4 Peace on Earth and peace in here! .5 Peace out	14.1 The Shepherds account of the Nativity	14.3 Devices can mess with our body's natural rhythm 14.4 'Benefits of' and 'how to take a time out' also in 14.5	Getting on and falling out	Friendship Peace	✓		✓	
15 14 th – 18 th Dec '26	.1 Nativity art .2 Mary .3 Joseph .4 Shepherds .5 Wise Men	Various pieces of fine art are suggested to explore the themes of the Nativity			Joy	✓			✓

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16 4 th – 8 th Jan '27	.1 Traditional New Year .2 England .3 Ireland .4 Scotland .5 Wales		New year's traditions from: 16.1 around the world 16.2 England 16.3 Ireland 16.4 Scotland 16.5 Wales	Setting and achieving goals	Joy	✓		✓	✓
17 11 th – 15 th Jan '27	.1 Resolution Resolve .2 The path .3 The rocky soil .4 The thorns .5 The good soil	17.1-5 Parable of the sower – Matthew 13:1-23		Setting and achieving goals	Determination	✓	✓	✓	
19* 18 th – 22 nd Jan '27	.1 Martin Luther King .2 Sticks and stones .3 The tongue .4 Stephen and Georgia .5 Gossip	19.2 Thoughtless words – Proverbs 12:13 19.3 Power of the tongue –James 3:3-6 19.5 Ensure your servant's well- being – Psalms 119:121-122	19.1 The account of Rosa Parks and a short biography of MLK 19.4 Story of Stephen and Georgia	Resilience – bouncing back or maintaining effort	Resilience Fairness	✓		✓	✓
18 25 th – 29 th Jan '27	.1 Resolution Foundation .2 The wise builder .3 The foolish builder .4 Parable of the wise piano player .5 Practise makes perfect	18.1 Parable of the wise and foolish builders – Matthew 7:27- 27	18.1 & 4 Parable of the wise and foolish piano players	Resilience – bouncing back or maintaining effort	Determination	✓	✓	✓	
21* 1 st – 5 th Feb '27	.1 Lenten tradition .2 Omelette Day .3 King cake .4 Dia de la Samaritana .5 Celebration through action		21.1 History of the pretzel		Forgiveness			✓	✓

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20* 15 th – 19 th Feb '27	.1 Wellbeing Resolution .2 Well-being checklist .3 Well-being checklist .4 In thought, word and deed .2 Community of well-being	20.1 Ensure your servant's well-being – Psalms 119:121-122 20.5 Encourage and build up – Thessalonians 5:11	20.2-3 Well-being checklist	Waiting for what they want, persistence	Happiness Peace	✓		✓	
24* 22 nd – 26 th Feb '27	.1 Easier isn't always easy .2 Others find it easier .3 Practise .4 Resilient mistake .5 Comfort zone		24.1 Even the English coordinator needs to practice her/his reading 24.5 Poem 'My Comfort Zone'	Good to be me	Determination Courage		✓	✓	
22* 1 st – 5 th Mar '27	.1 Dewi Sant (St David) (1st March) .2 "Do the little things" .3 Can you be trusted with very little? .4 Can you be trusted with the small things? .5 Celebration	22.2 Do not despise the day of small beginnings – Zechariah 4:10 Whoever can be trusted... – Luke 16:10	22.1 Definitions of Britain, UK and British Isles	Doing something to be proud of	Joy Friendship	✓	✓	✓	✓
25* 8 th – 12 th Mar '27	.1 St Patrick – bouncing back (17th March) .2 The king and the fire festival .3 St Patrick drives the snakes from Ireland .4 The Shamrock .5 Practise setbacks	25.5 Facing trials – James 1:1-2		Responding in an assertive way	Determination Friendship	✓	✓	✓	✓
27* 15 th – 19 th Mar '27	.1 Easter art .2 Triumphal entry .3 The Last Supper .4 Jesus is arrested/crucifixion .5 Resurrection	Various pieces of fine art are suggested to explore the events that took place during Holy-week – the week before (and including) Jesus' resurrection			Forgiveness	✓			✓

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26 5 th – 9 th Apr '27	.1 Water day (22nd March) .2 Walking for water .3 Drinking dirty water .4 Kofi .5 Safe Water		26.2 Short biography of Thomas Hawksley		Respect Fairness		✓	✓	✓
23* 12 th – 16 th Apr '27	.1 Balaam's anger issues .2 Calm people aren't easily angered .3 Calm people say nice things .4 Patience brings peace .5 A wise person can cool it	23.1 Account of Balaam's and his donkey Proverbs about anger: 23.2 Proverbs 19:11 23.3 Proverbs 15:1 23.4 Proverbs 15:18 23.5 Proverbs 29:11		Stopping and thinking when we're angry	Peace	✓	✓	✓	
28 19 th – 23 rd Apr '27	.1 Horology .2 The church bell .3 The minaret and the muezzin .4 Time around the world .5 Thinking time		28.1 Development of clocks		Determination			✓	✓
29 26 th – 30 th Apr '27	.1 John Harrison .2 Time for a change .3 Horology hero .4 An unsolvable problem .5 Be inspired!		30.4 29.1-4 Biography of John Harrison	Being a good friend	Determination			✓	✓
30 3 rd – 7 th May '27	.1 The Golden Rule .2 The priest .3 The good Samaritan .4 Love thy neighbour – tolerance .5 How can we love our neighbour?	30.1 Love your neighbour – Leviticus 19:17 30.1-3 Parable of the Good Samaritan	30.1 Golden Rule in a variety of belief systems 30.5 Reference to the 2017 Manchester terror attack Song Lyrics - When I needed a neighbour	Helping someone who is feeling sad or lonely	Respect Rule of Law	✓	✓	✓	✓
38* 10 th – 14 th May '27	.1 Myths and legends .2 The ballad of Thomas Rhymer .3 The ballad of Thomas Rhymer .4 Cormoran the giant .1 Jack the giant killer		38.1 The legend of March mab Meirchion		Courage				✓
31 17 th – 21 st May '27	.1 Buddha Day (20th May) .2 Heaven and hell .3 Buddhist proverbs – words .4 Buddhist proverbs – happiness and anger .5 Buddhist proverbs – learning		31.1 Biography of Siddhartha Gautama (The Buddha)	Changing an unfair situation	Respect Fairness	✓	✓	✓	✓
32 24 th – 28 th May '27	.1 Cost the Earth – World Environment Day .2 Give a man a fish .3 Sustainable liberty .4 Sustainable rules .5 Assisi declarations		32.1 'The Carob Tree'	Changing an unfair situation	Respect Fairness		✓	✓	✓

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33 7 th – 11 th June '27	.1 Shavuot (10th June) .2 Lighting of the candles .3 Reading the Torah .4 The Ten Commandments .5 Respect Tradition	33.1-5 Moses, the Passover, the Exodus and the Ten commandments 33.5 Obeying the law – Proverbs 28:7	33.1 Jewish festival of Shavuot	Coping with unexpected change	Respect	✓	✓	✓	✓
34 14 th – 18 th June '27	.1 Ruth .2 Gleaning .3 Kind Boaz .4 Family .5 A done deal, a wedding and a king	34.1 The account of Ruth 34.2 References to gleaning from Leviticus and Deuteronomy 34.5 Helping the poor – Proverbs 14:21		Coping with unexpected change	Friendship Courage	✓	✓	✓	✓
35 21 st – 25 th June '27	.1 Time to flee – refugee (20th June) .2 Time to flee from war and persecution .3 Climate refugees .4 Environmental refugees .5 Time to flee through history		35.1 Account of Udia from Syria 35.2 YouTube 'Most Shocking Second aDay'		Kindness Respect Liberty		✓	✓	✓
36 28 th June – 2 nd July '27	.1 Positive change – Father Abraham .2 Lot .3 Father Abraham .4 Three visitors .5 Abraham and Isaac	36.1 Account of Abraham, Lot and Sarah		Getting better at their learning	Courage	✓		✓	✓
37 5 th – 9 th July '27	.1 Watering the camels – Abraham 2 .2 How Camel got his hump .3 The Djinn of the desert .4 Camel's hump .5 Hardworking and kind camel	37.1 Account of Eliezer finding a wife for Isaac	37.2-5 Rudyard Kipling's 'How the Camel got his hump'	Changing their behaviour for the better	Kindness	✓	✓	✓	✓
39* 12 th – 16 th July '27	.1 Memories (Leavers Assembly) .2 A lasting journey .3 A funny story .4 The school motto .5 Advising the future me		39.1 Make good memories					✓	

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