

## Structure of COTW

Opening hymn

Greeting

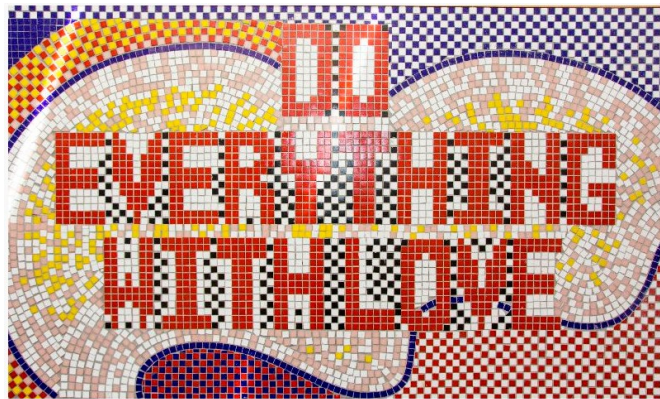
Gospel

Gospel reflection with meaningful participation from children and parents

Bidding prayers with responses

Final Prayer

Closing hymn



# A guide to Celebration of the word (COTW)

St Paul's



"Do Everything With Love" (Corinthians 16:14)

## What is COTW?

Collective worship in a Catholic school is all about being in God's presence as a community.

It is a time for quiet and reflectiveness and for you to experience God's love with your child.

It is also a time for praise, thanksgiving and to strengthen our faith.

## Why COTW?

Collective worship creates a moral and spiritual atmosphere where the feelings and thoughts of the school community are respected in an activity which enhances community ethos.

## We aim for children to:

- Have the opportunity to experience a personal relationship with God.
- Be involved in making God's word meaningful to them.
- Reflect and respond to the message of God's word
- Encourage children to live out their faith everyday and the words of our mission statements.

## We aim for parents to:

- Participate fully. Respecting the time and place through silence and reflection.
- Develop and strengthen your own relationship with God.
- Show respect to the Word of God and join your child in responding and reflecting on the message of His word.
- Join in with experiencing God's presence by singing, praising and thanking God.

We ask parents not to talk with each other or to engage with the children unless invited to as part of the Liturgy.

