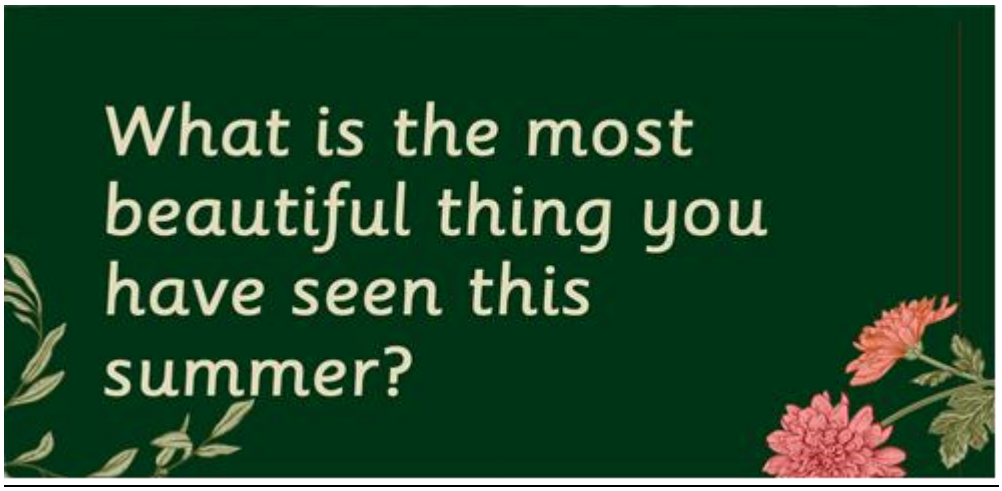
Worship Round Up

Monday 7 September 2026

Today, Miss Taylor led whole school collective worship. She introduced the new school year and welcomed everybody back.



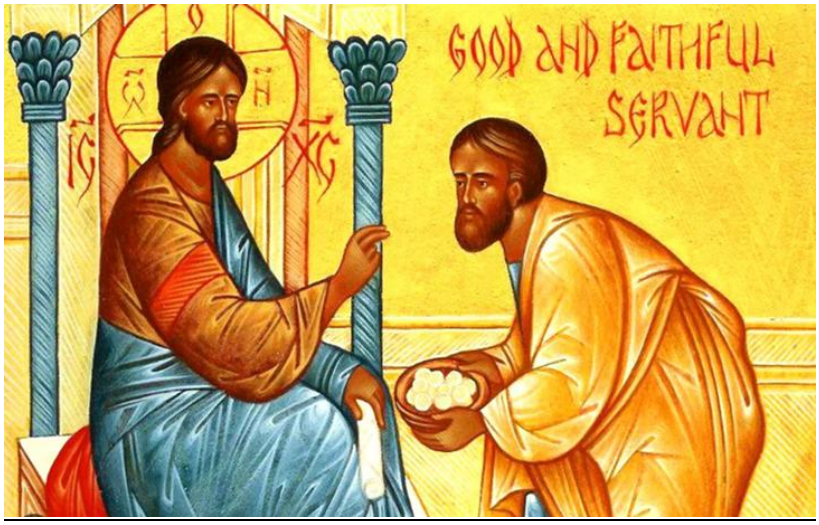
She spoke about how everyone has talents and that we should try and develop our talents.

She linked this to Article 29 which states that education should develop your personality, abilities and talents.



and asked us to think of a time where we have found something difficult but have kept trying until it became easier.

She told us the Parable of the Talents from the Bible and explained its meaning.



What does this story tell us…

God gives everyone different kinds of talents.

Our talents grow when we use them wisely.

Jesus wants us to use of our talents, not bury them.

To those who use well what they are given, even more will be given, and they will have an abundance.

Matthew 25:29

And ended with a wonderful prayer about harnessing our talents.

Tuesday's Worship- 8 September

Today, Miss Dryden led whole school collective worship. She introduced a piece of music as we were entering the hall and asked us to find the link between the music and the picture on the screen:



She asked us who the people were singing to…. it's a beautiful day when I'm with you…it doesn't matter if it's sunny or rainy…because I can spend this time with you…

And the answer is of course….GOD!

She talked about the glorious rain and that the gardens and the plants and flowers need it…it supports all plant, animal and human life on Earth.

She also reminded us that Miss Taylor had shared a parable with us yesterday…..one of Jesus' special stories in the Bible (we call them parables- they are short, simple stories that teach us a moral or spiritual lesson…the word comes from the Greek word parabole/a which means to throw alongside, or make a comparison…Jesus took an ordinary situation next to a deep or complex truth to help people understand)) where three brothers were given differing amounts of money- and what they did with it. If you remember, the son that was given five bags of gold, invested it and doubled his money, the second son also went to work and doubled it and then the third son…what did he do? Can anyone remember?

Today Miss Dryden reminded us of the parable of the good samaritan. We looked at the comic strip and thought about how it could have been that a priest- and a temple worker- could have crossed by on the other side of the road when the man was attacked and left by the roadside.

We were asked to consider why we were being reminded of the story and she explained that something had happened in school which had prompted her to link it to our situation in school.

She reminded us that we all belong and are members of the St Matthew's family and that we must look out for and help each other. We thought about this as we said a prayer:

This is our school,
Let peace live here.
Let the rooms be full of happiness.
Let love be all around,
Love of one another,
Love of all people,
And love of life and living.
Let us remember
That as many hands build a house,
So many hearts make a school. Amen

Wednesday's Worship- 9 September

Today, our vicar, Caroline, led whole school collective worship about the season of creation.

We had to count how many different things are asked to praise God in Psalm 148. Three children had to help her !

Then we were asked what can go wrong with water :



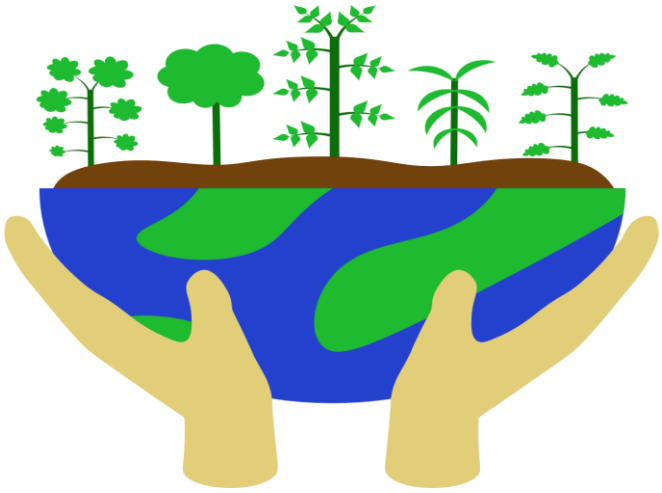
What can go wrong with water?

Drought
People being greedy
Pollution
Climate Change

Caroline reminded us that God wants us to live well and that this means we have to help look after the world. She asked what we could do ….?

We suggested turning off taps, mending leaky taps and not wasting water.

When we think this way we are joining in God's work in the world. God often asks us to think about what makes the world better, not just what we want.



<u>Thursday's Worship-10 September</u>



We practised some warm ups (Mummy made me mash my m and m's). Then we worked on Psalm 23 which was a beautiful sound!

Then we practised ‘Love the Lord your God’ and finally ‘You have called me by my name.’

Friday’s 26 June Worship

– OPAL assembly

Mrs Lowe today celebrated our first week of OPAL this year and we’ve already had a rainy day! We were reminded of the structure of our collective worships and that we would continue to have one every month!



Mrs Lowe talked about our rights of the child and how that we often thought of Article 31 – that all children have a right to play.

We discussed the need for appropriate clothing at all times!



We ended with a prayer…



Prayer

A prayer for play

Dear God,
As we start this new school year, we thank you for the opportunity to work and to play.
We ask you to bless our playtime, making it a time of joy, laughter, and friendship.

Please keep us safe in our games and activities, and help us to be kind and considerate to one another.
May we learn to share, to be patient, and to strengthen and build new friendships.

Guide our steps Lord, and guard our friendships, keeping us safe under your care. Help us to embrace the excitement of a new beginning and find delight in the simple joys of playing with each other.

Amen.

