Autumn 2 – 2026-27

Assemblies

We wanted to share with you the focus of our whole-school assemblies and explain the intent behind them. Assemblies are a vital part of our personal development curriculum. They give us the opportunity to gather together as a community, to celebrate achievements, to learn about different faiths and cultures, and to reflect on values that help our children grow into kind, thoughtful, and responsible young people.

Week 1	Anti-Bullying Week
Week 2	White Ribbon
Week 3	Guru Nanak's Birthday & Cash Academy
Week 4	Open the Book with St Mary's Church
Week 5	Sports Personality of the year
Week 6	Hanukkah
Week 7	Christmas story

Alongside these themed assemblies, we also hold weekly singing assemblies, which bring us together through music, and celebration assemblies, where we recognise children's achievements.

Our intent is to give children meaningful opportunities to learn, reflect and celebrate together, while also widening their understanding of the world and the diverse communities around them. The impact we hope for is that children leave assemblies inspired – to show kindness, to respect other cultures, to look after their wellbeing and to play an active role in making our community a caring and inclusive place.

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Week 1 – Anti-Bullying Week
We will mark Anti-Bullying Week by exploring what bullying is, the different forms it can take and the impact it can have on others. Children will be encouraged to show kindness, respect and empathy, while considering how they can stand up for themselves and others. The assembly will reinforce the importance of speaking out, seeking help from trusted adults and ensuring that everyone feels safe, valued and included in our school community.

Week 2 – White Ribbon Assembly
We will explore the importance of respect, equality and healthy relationships as part of our White Ribbon assembly. Children will consider how our words, actions and choices can affect others and how we can challenge behaviour that is unkind, disrespectful or harmful. The assembly will promote kindness, fairness and the importance of treating everyone with dignity.

Week 3 – Cash Academy Workshops / Guru Nanak's Birthday
Guru Nanak's Birthday will be explored through an in-class assembly, introducing children to the founder of Sikhism and the significance of this special occasion. Children will learn about the Sikh values of equality, sharing, kindness and helping others, considering how these values can be reflected in our everyday lives.

Week 4 – Open the Book – Father Keith and St Mary's Church

Visitors from St Mary's Church will return to deliver an Open the Book assembly, bringing a Bible story to life through interactive storytelling and drama. The session will provide children with opportunities to reflect on the messages and values within the story, considering how these can influence the way we treat others. Key themes will include kindness, compassion, forgiveness and making positive choices.

Week 5 – Sports Personality of the Year
We will celebrate sporting achievements and recognise the qualities that make an inspirational sportsperson. Children will explore the importance of determination, resilience, teamwork, sportsmanship and overcoming challenges. The assembly will celebrate success both on and off the sports field, reinforcing the message that effort, commitment and respect for others are just as important as winning.

Week 6 – Hanukkah
Hanukkah, the Jewish festival of lights, will be discussed. Children will learn about the significance of the festival, including the story of the miracle of the oil and traditions such as lighting the menorah. The assembly will promote an understanding of Jewish beliefs and celebrations while encouraging respect for different faiths and cultures.

Week 7 – Christmas Celebrations
Christmas will be explored focusing on the Christian story of the birth of Jesus and the significance of the festival for Christians around the world. Children will also reflect on the wider themes of giving, generosity, peace, hope and spending time with loved ones. The assembly will encourage children to consider how they can spread kindness and bring happiness to others during the festive season.

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