# Nacton C of E Primary School
# ENDURANCE – Summer term 2024

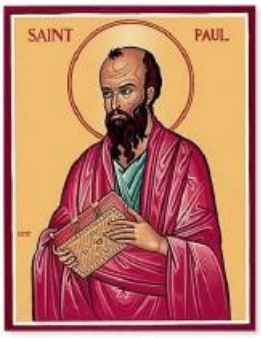
**Agreed definition:**
Jesus frequently encouraged his disciples to 'endure patiently' the difficulties and obstacles they would face by following him. Endurance is the ability to continue with an unpleasant or difficult situation, experience, or activity over a long period of time. Christians often describe their spiritual life as a journey. There are many possible diversions and temptations along the journey, which Christians are warned to resist. For Christians there is the promise that Jesus goes before them as the pioneer and perfecter of faith: 'We must keep our eyes on Jesus, who leads us and makes our faith complete' (Hebrews 12:2).

**Questions:**
How do we restore a broken friendship? Am I a good friend? What does it mean to be a good friend? Is our school a friendly school? How do we support each other?

**Key Bible Verse**:
Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. Hebrews 12: 1-2

**Key Bible Character:**

Paul who spoke out for the gospel in difficult and different situations. These included imprisonment, persecution and even being shipwrecked. Despite all this, he endured his hardships knowing they were temporary and served a purpose in making him more like Jesus.




**Christian Festivals this half term**

**High Quality Collective Worship**
***INSPIRING INVITATIONAL INCLUSIVE***

**Worship leaders need to:**

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| ***Gather*** | • As children enter the hall, they sing or listen to music.<br>• The start of worship is signified through the reading of the gathering by pupils.<br>• The school candles are lit. |
| ***Engage*** | • Each worship session has a clear message.<br>• We talk about Jesus, his example and other Bible stories.<br>• We ensure children are involved in delivering Collective Worship |
| ***Respond*** | • At the beginning of this time, we say 'time to think OR time to pray'<br>• We ask children to all be quiet and still.<br>• We have a prayer in every assembly. We begin by inviting everyone to join in with amen if they want to. We offer the choice of saying their own prayer. Or just time to think or reflect.<br>• We sing inclusive songs together. Children are invited to sing strongly confessional songs during Easter and Christmas. |
| ***Send*** | • The Collective Worship team close worship<br>• Candles are extinguished. If real candles being used, we watch the smoke and think about God's love spreading out across the world.<br>• After the sending, the last thing children hear as they leave the space is something to think about linked to the content of the worship. |

**Expectations of Staff**
All staff are invited to attend daily collective worship as an important part of their own wellbeing and spiritual growth, allowing time to learn and celebrate, or just to be still and reflect. Teachers are expected to attend every act of Collective Worship. Teaching Assistants attend on Monday and Friday at a minimum.

**Autumn Term Weekly Collective Worship and Worship Leaders**

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| Values gathering GT | Class gathering | Singing | Key stage | Celebration |
| Values linked to the teachings of Jesus and the Bible | Using picture news | Inclusive songs, reflections and prayers | Themes relevant to school life and the seasons of the church | Celebrating together our successes and achievements |

**Ideas for prayers:** Prayers for church schools (padlet.org)

**Summer term rota**

**Heart for the earth found here - https://www.stalbansdiocese.org/schools/heart-for-the-earth/**

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| **03.06** | Welcome back GT | Class Picture News | Singing | Heart for the Earth Day 1 electricity collective worship 1 here GT | Celebration |
| **10.06** | Bible based GT **Walking on water** | Class Picture News | Singing | Heart for the Earth Day 1 electricity collective worship 2 here JB | Celebration |
| **17.06** | Bible based GT **The persistent widow** | Class Picture News | Singing | Heart for the Earth Day 2 water collective worship 1 here AB | Celebration |
| **24.06** | Bible based GT **The Lost Sheep** | Class Picture News | Singing | Heart for the Earth Day 2 water collective worship 2 here LB | Celebration |
| **01.07** | Bible based GT **Noah** | Class Picture News | Singing | British values - democracy JB | Celebration |
| **08.07** | Bible based GT **Life of Paul** | Class Picture News | Singing | Heart for the Earth Day 3 ecology collective worship 1 here | Celebration |

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| **15.07** | Bible based GT **Jeremiah** | Class Picture News | Singing | Heart for the Earth Day 3 ecology collective worship 2 here LB | Celebration |
| **Half Term** | | | | | |

**Bible stories for Mondays -**

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| Matthew 14: 22-33 click here | **Walking on water**<br>Only when Peter took his eyes off Jesus, did he begin to sink and struggle. Jesus pulled him out and helped him. We need to keep our eyes on what we are trying to achieve. |
| Luke 18-1-8 click here | **The persistent widow**<br>Why do you think Jesus told this story? I wonder how the widow in the story felt about having to go back again and again? How would you feel? Have you ever had a time when you asked someone and they wouldn't listen to you? Jesus told this story to encourage his followers to keep trying – not to give up. In fact, he said this is how they should pray to God – over and over again, without giving up. |
| Luke 15:1-7 watch this | **The Lost Sheep**<br>It was important for the shepherd to keep looking. God is like the shepherd who searches relentlessly. |
| Genesis 6-9 click here! | **Noah**<br>How long do you think it took **Noah** to build the ark? (some think 100 years!) What would have happened if Noah had given up and left the ark half built? God gave Noah a pretty big job; God asked him to build a huge boat. What difficulties do you think he experienced? He didn't even live near the sea! But Noah persevered. God might give one of us a hard job to do. He might ask you to be friends with someone everyone else is choosing to ignore. He might ask you to forgive a brother or sister who teases you. God was pleased with Noah, and God will also be pleased with you when you persevere in doing what is right. |
| The Life of Paul Lion Storyteller Bible – The Earth Shakes p. 154 Lion Storyteller Bible – Paul is | **life of Paul**<br>Watch the video about the life of Paul. As children watch, ask them to identify all the moments Paul showed endurance. How many can you find? During all of the events that befell him, Paul never panicked or despaired because he trusted in God. Christians believe that God can be trusted and that he will never leave them, no matter how difficult the situations in which they find themselves become. |

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| shipwrecked p. 156 | |
| click here | **Jeremiah**<br>Jeremiah was blessed by God and tasked with preaching God's word to his people. He is an example of perseverance by continually preaching and teaching God's word, despite all that was done to him. |