



Children have the right to give their opinions freely on issues that affect them. Adults should listen and take children seriously.



Children have the right to share freely with others what they learn, think and feel, by talking, drawing, writing or in any other way unless it harms other people.

Welcome and gathering

Welcome all the children to One Voice.

Belonging

How can we help everyone feel included during playtime or group work?

What can we do if we see someone feeling left out?

Introduce theme:

"Today we are thinking about Joy"

Joy is a happy feeling that fills your heart when something makes you smile, laugh, or feel really good inside.

Thought/story/scripture

Share this Bible verse with the children

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!" — Philippians 4:4

The story of **Jesus blessing the children** — Jesus welcomed the children with open arms and made them feel special. His love and kindness brought **joy** to everyone around Him.

How can we share joy with our friends, family, or classmates?

Reflection

Ask children to sit quietly for a few seconds and think about the reflection question

What things make you feel really happy inside?

Allow them some time to add a response to the question, keep these for the reflection area and revisit them during reflection time on Friday.

Short prayer

Dear God,

Thank You for the happy moments and the smiles You give us.

Help us to see Your joy in every day and to share it with everyone around us.

Amen.

News

Parents Evening

This week your parents or carers will be coming into school to talk to your teachers. They want to hear about all the great things you've been learning and how you are doing at school. It's also a time for teachers and parents to work together to help you learn and grow even more!

Messaging online

We should never send rude or offensive messages to each other online, whether we're using gaming apps or WhatsApp. Hurtful words can make people feel sad or scared, and once something is sent online, it's hard to take it back. It's important to be kind and respectful, just like we are in person. Many apps, like WhatsApp, are only for people aged 13 or older, so younger children should only use them with a trusted adult. Staying kind and safe online helps everyone have fun and feel welcome.

Rough Play

We've noticed that some children have been playing a bit roughly and play fighting. This kind of play can easily lead to someone getting hurt, so it must stop. We want everyone to play safely and kindly. If you see someone get hurt or upset, please go and find an adult straight away so we can help them.

Halloween

As Halloween is coming up, we want everyone to have fun and stay safe. If you go trick-or-treating, make sure you only go out with an adult and stay with your group. Never go into someone's house, and only knock on doors of people you know or houses with lights on. Remember to stay on the pavement, watch out for cars, and enjoy your treats safely when you get home!

Ball games

We've noticed that some children have been playing ball games on the green area before school — this must not happen, as it can be unsafe. Please wait until playtime to play ball games.



Dates

Thursday 23rd is Dental Day – some of us will have a special workshop. Why is it important to look after our teeth?

Friday 24th – Harvest Service in Church – What is Harvest? Harvest is the time when farmers gather the fruits, vegetables, and crops they have grown to eat or share.

We have a harvest service to say thank you to God for all the food, plants, and gifts He gives us, and to remember to share with people who need help.

Monday 20th – Diwali

Diwali is a special festival celebrated by Hindus, it's known as the Festival of Lights and celebrates the victory of light over darkness and good over evil.

Thursday 23rd – United Nations Day

United Nations Day is celebrated every year on October 24th. It marks the anniversary of the United Nations, which is an organisation where countries work together to keep peace, help people, and protect the planet. On this day, we remember how important it is to be kind, fair, and work together with others around the world.

Happy Half Term

We hope you all have a fantastic half term! Enjoy your time off, have lots of fun, and make happy memories. Remember to stay safe, follow the rules, and listen to the adults around you. We look forward to seeing you back at school after the break.

Affirmation of the day

I am filled with joy. God's love makes my heart happy."