



take children seriously.

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



harms other people.

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

One Voice

25.11.25

Welcome and gathering

Welcome all the children to One Voice.

What did they enjoy doing on World Children's Day?

Introduce theme:

"Today we are thinking about Thankfulness"

ARTICLE 29 (goals of education)

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Thought/story/scripture

Share the Bible quote

1 Thessalonians 5:16–18 (NIV)

"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

What is thankfulness?

Thankfulness means noticing the good things in your life and being happy about them. It's saying "thank you" not just with your words, but also with your heart. When we're thankful, we remember that the things we have—like family, food, friends, toys, and even a sunny day—are gifts, and we don't take them for granted.

Thankfulness also means looking for the good even when things don't go our way. Maybe you didn't get the toy you wanted, but you still had fun playing with the toys you have. Or maybe you had a hard day at school, but someone helped you or made you smile. Being thankful helps us think about what went *right* instead of only what went wrong.

Read the story of Paul is shipwrecked

How do you think Paul felt during the storm? How would you feel?

What did Paul do to help others stay calm?

Can you think of a time when you were scared but God helped you?

How can we encourage others when they are worried or afraid?

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

Reflection questions

What is one thing today that I can thank God for, and how can I show my thankfulness?

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 all the good things You give me every day. Help me remember to say “thank you,” even when things are hard or not what I want. Please help me have a happy heart and be thankful in everything I do.

Amen.

News

Learning Pit –

Can you think of a time when you have struggled with something?
Show them the picture of The Learning Pit and talk through it

The **Learning Pit** is a way to talk about what learning feels like. When we learn something new, we don't always understand it right away. Sometimes it feels confusing, hard, or even frustrating. That hard part is called *being in the pit*.

Being in the Learning Pit doesn't mean you're failing—it means you're *learning*! It's where your brain grows and gets stronger.

What Happens in the Learning Pit?

❶ You start on the top

You feel confident and ready to learn something new.

❷ You go down into the pit

You get stuck, confused, or don't understand. It feels tough.

❸ You keep trying

You ask for help, try new ideas, make mistakes, and learn from them.

❹ You climb back out

You understand the new idea and feel proud because you worked hard.

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Science Fair

Well done to all of the children in Year 5 and 6 for the fantastic work they produced for the science fair. Your teachers and grownups are very proud of you

Christmas Fair

Thankyou for bringing in donations for the Christmas Fair. This week we will be collecting an item for the bottle tombola.

Dates

Bike right

This week some children will have Bike right so the pitch may be out of use. Remember to continue to play safely.

Wednesday 26th – individual photographs

Thursday 27th – Thanksgiving in America –

Thanksgiving is a holiday that people celebrate in the United States every year in November. It started a long time ago when the first settlers, called Pilgrims, gave thanks for having enough food to eat after a very hard year. Today, families and friends get together to share a special meal, often including turkey, and they take time to say thank you for the good things in their lives. Even though we don't celebrate Thanksgiving in the UK, it's a nice example of a time when people focus on being grateful and kind to each other.

Affirmation of the day

"I notice the good things around me and feel happy for them."