**Pupil Voice: September 2024**

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| **What can you tell me about the schools’ motto?**  ‘Learning to make a difference through God’s love.’  ‘It’s love one another as I have loved you which means to love someone and be nice and they do it back.’  ‘It means how we should treat people and things and then how we would want it back.’ |
| **How do the Christian values help you?**  ‘They teach us how to act and how to treat each other.’  ‘They make us respectful and thankful people.’  ‘They help us to be kind, safe and treat people well.’ |
| **Can you think about one of our school values - have you experienced this in action either by one of your friends, your classmates or yourself?**  ‘Courage when I went paddleboarding because I tried hard to do something new.’  ‘I earnt my Compassion badge when my mum sprained her ankle and I really looked after her.’  ‘I had a friend who hurt herself and I showed compassion by getting her help.’  ‘I climbed a mountain which took courage as I don’t like heights.’  ‘My friend was too scared to buy a wristband so I showed compassion and went to get it for her.’  ‘I was scared but used courage to go paragliding.’ |
| **Why do we have worship? Do you enjoy worship?**  ‘We have worship because we are a Christian school but it doesn’t matter what faith you are we accept everyone here, everyone is welcome.’  ‘If you need a breather our reflection tables really help: we can be alone and still and really help ourselves.’  ‘I really like the words of our school prayer.’ |
| **In what ways do you worship at NJS? What type of worship do you enjoy most?**  ‘Singing! I love singing together as a school family.’  ‘I really like praying, all of us together as a school family.’  ‘I have a journal that helps me to reflect and this is really important to me.’  ‘In class we have a reflection area and we can write prayers and add to it which really helps me.’  ‘We say a prayer together each day in class: you don’t have to join in if you don’t agree just use it as quiet time to think.’  ‘We pray quietly and aloud, I like to hold a prayer cross.’  ‘We have a prayer box in the hall and I can use this to feel connected to God: I pray to help other people.’  ‘Worship Leaders go to meetings with Mrs Moody we do crafts and prayers so we can help.’  ‘We write prayers in prayer books.’  ‘We read stories from the Bible and they help us to learn.’  ‘Worship assemblies bring us together as a family.’ |
| **Do you think everyone feels comfortable during times of worship? Is worship inclusive?**  ‘People of different religion or even no religion are welcome and they can sit with their own thoughts: that’s good for everyone.’  ‘Even though we are a church school we accept all; they can come here if they are different religion or don’t have one.’  ‘You don’t have to say Amen if you don’t agree, that’s okay.’ |
| **In what ways does worship have an impact on you?**  ‘It’s a really special way to communicate with God.’  ‘I like to use my values to make posters and copy them and give to people to help them.’  ‘I like the value of courage because overcoming fears makes me feel proud.’ |
| **If you could change something about worship what would it be?**  ‘When we worship I would like to sing even more.’  ‘I think the world and our school should be just one big religion and everyone together.’ |
| **What is spirituality?**  ‘It’s inside you; faith and love.’  ‘Having a spirit to guide you.’  ‘Follow the values of your spirit.’  ‘Stewardship; when you show real respect for everyone and everything.’  ‘In the Kintsugi story we read about a special bowl and we are like that.’  ‘Our wows, ows and nows.’ |
| **What is special about attending a Church school?**  ‘We focus on Christianity and some schools don’t do that.’  ‘The teachers are really nice and really care.’  ‘Everyone can come here, everyone is welcome.’  ‘It’s not like any other school; it’s special.’  ‘NJS is a church school but we accept everyone, that’s good.’  ‘On our logo we have the fish for our town, the cross for our Christianity and then we are wrapped by the world because we are special.’ |