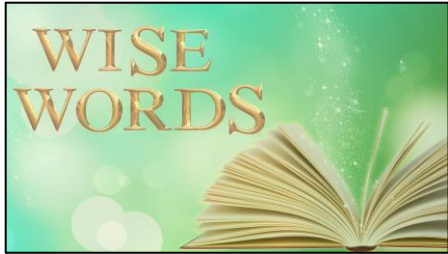


## Collective Worship, Spring Term 2024: **Wise Words**

We gather as a community for collective worship that is **inspiring, invitational and inclusive**, reflecting the fact that we are a part of a diverse school family and the wider church community. This term, we begin a series of themes based on wise words – all of them from the Bible, all of them ancient advice about how to live, but in our modern world, they often sound surprisingly up to date! We link this ancient wisdom to stories from across the world and across cultures in the first half of the term, and then after half term, connect into the life and stories of Jesus in the weeks leading up to Easter. Most Proverbs are linked to BibleGateway quotes (or our own translations!)



Week	Theme	Details / follow-up	Bible content	Reflection ideas	Song**
1 (2/1)	<b>Wise or Foolish? [Resolutions]</b>	Words to live by this year – introduction to Proverbs. Which words will shape your behaviour this year?	<a href="#">Proverbs 16:16</a>	Write your own words of wisdom as your New Year Resolution	<a href="#">Back in school again</a> (AAOS); <a href="#">Our School</a> (AAOS)
2 (8/1)	<b>The power of words</b>	A modern-day parable: toothpaste in a tube...	<a href="#">Proverbs 12:18</a>	Make sticking plaster shapes & write healing words on them	<a href="#">Build up</a> (AAOS) <a href="#">Be kind</a> (POP UK)
3 (15/1)	<b>Aesop's Ants</b>	An ancient, non-religious fable. Watch the ants – the value of hard work	<a href="#">Proverbs 6:6</a>	Watch the ants <a href="#">here</a> or <a href="#">here</a> , or go out and watch your own! What can we learn from them?	<a href="#">Got a bit better</a> (AAOS)
4 (22/1)	<b>The Cosy Kittens</b>	Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) shows compassion for Allah's creatures	<a href="#">Proverbs 12:10a</a>	Show care for all living things this week e.g. feed the birds	<a href="#">One World</a> (NBD)
5 (29/1)	<b>There's always room for more...</b>	'.....holiness': like light in the darkness Sikhi story of the Milk & the Jasmine Flower	Proverbs 13:9 'The lives of good people are like lights in the darkness'	Float flowers in the water: 'There's always room for more....'	<a href="#">City on a hill</a> (NBD) <a href="#">Walking in the light</a> (POP UK)
6 (5/2)	<b>The Generous Dragons</b> [link to Lunar New Year]	Generosity to anyone in need – a value shared across cultures and beliefs	<a href="#">Proverbs 22:9</a>	Red envelope reflections – some generous deeds to take into half term?	<a href="#">The Golden Rule</a> (NBD) <a href="#">Chain of love</a> (AAOS)
<b>HALF TERM</b>					
7 (19/2)	<b>Lent - living wisely</b>	Start of Lent: Jesus follows God in the desert	<a href="#">Proverbs 13:1</a> Words about following advice	Look at your school value words: how do they help you to make good choices?	<a href="#">God is watching</a> (AAOS) <a href="#">The Golden Rule</a> (NBD)
8 (26/2)	<b>Workout!</b>	Compassion is a workout for your heart [Good Samaritan]	<a href="#">Proverbs 3:27-28</a>	Heart-shaped paper: write about or draw people who need our help	<a href="#">The Golden Rule</a> (NBD) <a href="#">Chain of love</a> (AAOS)
9 (4/3)	<b>Say the right thing</b>	Jesus, the leaders and the woman	<a href="#">Proverbs 15:23</a>	Write in a tray of sand what you think Jesus wrote	<a href="#">Be kind</a> (POP UK) <a href="#">Build up</a> (AAOS)

10 (11/3)	<b>The Argument</b>	Arguing disciples - who's the greatest?	<a href="#">Proverbs 17:14</a>	Use a zip to help you to pray for places where peace is needed	<a href="#">Together</a> (AAOS)
11 (18/3)	<b>'Wash one another's feet!'</b>	'We show what we are like by what we do.' Jesus washes the disciples' feet	Proverbs 20:11	Soap-shaped service	<a href="#">God is watching</a> (AAOS) <a href="#">Our School</a> (AAOS)
12 (25/3)	<b>'Love one another...'</b>	Famous last words....include the Easter events Easter Day 31/3/24	<a href="#">John 13:34-35</a>	Share the love this week, in as many different ways as you can!	A song from your school's Easter collection

**\*\*Song references:** AAOS - All About Our School, BBC resources, links to online version; NBD - Nick & Becky Drake songs; POP UK are a new resource, free if you register

Aesop's Fables link to BBC resources: [English KS1/KS2: Aesop's Fables - 13. The Ant and the Grasshopper - BBC Teach](#)