OVERVIEW
The law requires all schools to provide a daily, collective act of worship that is on most occasions wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian nature. It need not be held at the same time each day. In this school we will meet the requirements of the law in full. Where parents request it, their children will be withdrawn from the collective worship and alternative arrangements will be made for them.

OBJECTIVES
1. Each day all children will have the opportunity to participate in an occasion of worship and reflection which is in lines with our shared Catholic faith and Gospel values.
2. A variety of different opportunities will be used to meet our statutory duty.
3. Strong links will be made between spiritual, moral, social and cultural education and religious education.
4. Collective worship will contribute to pupils’ experience of awe and wonder.
5. A strong moral, reflective and social ethos will be created for worship enabling children to enjoy music, singing and celebration.
6. Opportunities will exist throughout the year whereby our worship will be used to help children understand and experience the meaning of great religious festivals and holy days.
7. Collective worship will contribute to our school’s community cohesion and will promote children’s spiritual, social, intellectual and moral development. They will allow our children to develop qualities like tolerance and understanding of other faiths and cultures.

STRATEGIES
1. On some occasions the school will meet collectively to worship and, on other occasions in different groupings. Monday will be a whole school assembly and Friday will be infant and junior assemblies.
2. On some occasions worship will be held in classrooms at appropriate times during the day and will be lead by staff and learners. These will be on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
3. The children will have an opportunity say grace before meals and prayers of thanks at the start and end of each day
4. Children will learn some well-known prayers and hymns and these will be used in worship.
5. Children will be given opportunities both to participate in worship and to lead worship.
6. On at east one occasion during the year, the parents from each class will be invited to participate in collective worship with the school known as the family assembly.
7. Occasionally, visitors and guests will be brought in to address the children and, where appropriate, lead acts of worship.
8. On special occasions, worship will be linked to religious and other festivals such as. Christmas and Easter in lines with our Catholic/Christian faith.
9. St Monica’s staff and governors will liaise with the Liverpool Archdiocese to keep updated with training needs and/or developing Ecumenical matters which may affect our work in this area.

OUTCOMES
That the children of St Monica’s will be offered excellent opportunities to experience enjoy and participate in a variety of different kinds of acts of worship. They will have the opportunity to experience an ethos conducive to spiritual development through prayer and reflection. They will learn develop positive attitudes to worship and worshipping communities. Through collective worship learners will grow in spirituality and experience awe and wonder.

Each day the spiritual aim of our mission statement will be delivered through collective worship so that the children experience first hand “successful learning within a Christ centred community”