

Faith Council Meeting Minutes

Date: 26 January 2026

Present: Faith Councillors (Year 6)

Staff present: Mrs Sampson (Headteacher)

1. Welcome and Opening

Mrs Sampson welcomed the Faith Councillors and thanked them for their ongoing leadership within the school's Christian life.

2. New Bishop for Suffolk

The Faith Councillors were told about the new Bishop for Suffolk, Bishop Joanne. Mrs Sampson explained that the Diocese had sent a PowerPoint to introduce Bishop Joanne to schools and to help children understand her role within the Church.

The Faith Councillors were asked whether they would like to lead an assembly about Bishop Joanne on Thursday. The children were enthusiastic and agreed that they would like to do this.

Action:

- Mrs Sampson to print the PowerPoint so that Faith Councillors can practise and plan the assembly together.

3. Faith and Friendship Club

The Faith Councillors discussed the upcoming Faith and Friendship Club taking place on Friday lunchtime. They chose the Bible story Jonah and the Whale for the session. The children planned the activity carefully, thinking about both faith learning and friendship. They decided that the activity would be:

- Colouring a picture of a whale with Jonah inside
- Mounting the picture onto a lolly stick
- Adding ribbon at the top to represent water spouting from the whale
This would create a whale puppet, allowing children to retell the story to one another.

The Faith Councillors also suggested an extension activity. Children who finish early will be able to:

- Create an ocean scene
- Cut a slit in the paper so the whale puppet can "swim" through the sea

4. Impact on Faith and Relationships

The Faith Councillors explained that this activity would help younger children to:

- Learn and retell the Bible story of Jonah in a simple and engaging way
- Understand themes of forgiveness, second chances and God's care
- Build friendships by sharing resources, helping one another and retelling the story together

The children recognised that working together on the activity encourages kindness, cooperation and inclusion, which links to the school's Christian values.

5. Closing

Mrs Sampson thanked the Faith Councillors for their thoughtful ideas, leadership and care for younger pupils. The meeting ended with appreciation for how the children are helping to shape the school's Christian life.