

# Assemblies

## **The importance of assemblies**

Assemblies offer opportunities for our students and staff to come together to reflect on the meaning of beliefs and values held in the wider community, concerning matters of ethical and philosophical importance of significance to people. It reflects the breadth of values and beliefs within our school and wider community in a sensory and meaningful way that all students can access.

## **What they look like at Hollywater School?**

Class assemblies at Hollywater School take place on Monday mornings and they are inclusive and engaging. They may involve singing, sensory activities where a main theme is highlighted from society, culture, celebrations or the curriculum.

Our Celebration assemblies take place on Friday mornings. This is an opportunity to come together as a whole school and celebrate the small steps that have been achieved by specific pupils through Headteacher certificates and Star of the Week certificates.

During assemblies we:

- Present imaginative, well prepared and resourced sessions
- Relate them to the interests and needs of the school
- Aim to be inclusive – all students should gain something from the experience
- Give opportunities for students to reflect on what was presented through discussion and in silence
- Involve the students by asking lots of questions and eliciting their views and ideas.