**Year 6 Leavers Service Order of service**

The words spoken by the service leader are in **bold**.

*Service Leader,* **Welcome** Say who you are and welcome to the place

**This is a great event! As we gather in our church, we mark your move from primary school to secondary. We will look back, give thanks to God but also look ahead in anticipation.**

**So now let us be quiet together at the start of this service for a prayer**.

**Father God, Thank you for bringing us together today in this church. Thank you that you have promised to be with us through your Spirit when we gather in your name. So Lord Jesus we welcome you and ask you to bless us each one.**

**Amen**

Song or hymn chosen by the children.

*Leader* - **When you arrived today you joined in with some activities to help you think about your time at primary school. We are going to gather some of those ideas now.**

Leader –**You have thought about your best times while you have been at primary school, your “Wow” moments. You wrote those on a flag. We can’t hear about everyone’s wow moment but let’s get a flavour of them. You may need to wave your flag several times.**

**Wave your flag if your wow moment is to do with a trip.**

**Wave your flag if your wow moment is to do with a sports team or event.**

**Wave your flag now if your wow moment is to do with being in a production or play**

**Wave your flag if your wow moment is something you have learned.**

**Wave your flag if your wow moment is to do with something, I haven’t mentioned**

*You could ask a few pupils about their wow moments if you have time.*

*Leader* – **You have thought about the people whom you want to say thank you for because they have helped you while you have been at primary school. You each wrote about that person on a speech bubble and put your speech bubble on a special plate.**

Pupils bring forward the plates of thanks then the leader lays then at the front

**We have placed these plates of thanks here at the front as a sign that we thank God for those people.**

**As we look forward to the future, we want to put some things into God’s hands. You drew round your hand and wrote that please thought or prayer onto the outline of your hand and put your please hand into a special box.**

Pupils bring forward the boxes of please hands then the leader lays then at the front

**We have placed these special boxes of pleases here at the front as a way of bringing these requests to God.**

Leader - *Name of Child* **has prepared a ‘please’ prayer. If you wish to make it your own join in by saying Amen at the end.**

*Child reads prepared please prayer.*

*To be read / said by a youth worker, chaplain, or member of staff from the secondary school*

**This part requires the pupils to have filled in a train ticket. The template is on the Diocese of Guildford website.**

**My name is xxx. I am the chaplain at xxxx School. Some of you might be coming to The xxx in September, so I hope that I might meet you then. Do come up and say hello.**

**When you sat down you were given your Leavers’ Pencil and a train ticket. When you travel on a train, your ticket shows where you have come from and where you are going to. On the part of the ticket marked “From” we asked you to write the name of your primary school. On the part marked “To” we asked you to write the name of your new school.**

**Take your ticket now, and look at it: notice that your ticket is also water-marked with some words that Jesus spoke to his friends: “I will be with you always”.**

**These tickets are a reminder that God has been a part of your journey and will *continue* to be with you. He is with you at primary school, the place you are going *from*, he will be with you as you leave, he will be with you as you arrive at your next destination, the secondary school that you are going *to*.**

**I look forward to seeing some of you at xxx in September and being a part of this next stage of your journey.**

*Leader* **In the Bible we read**

**“Jesus drew near and said to them, “I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. 19Go, then, to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples: baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, 20and teach them to obey everything I have commanded you. And I will be with you always, to the end of the age.”***Matthew 28; 18-20 Good News Bible*

*Leader* short talk there are suggestions on the Diocese of Guildford website.

*Leader prays*

**And now a blessing on each one of us as we leave the church and continue on our journeys.**

**May the Lord bless us and keep us, may He make his face to shine on us and be gracious to us.**

**May the Lord lift up his face on us and give us peace,**

**In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit Amen**

Final Song or hymn chosen by the children.

One more step along the world I go, fits very well here!