



## Collective Worship, Summer Term 2024: **Going for Gold!**

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 are warming up for the Summer Olympics by going back in time and revisiting some Olympic and Paralympic Games from the past. We will share inspirational stories which reflect the six Olympic and Paralympic values of Determination, Excellence, Inspiration, Courage, Friendship and Equality and use them to help us to think about what we can learn from them. We will link many of these stories to words from the Bible, words from the founder of the ‘modern’

Olympics (Baron de Coubertin) & quotes from athletes themselves, using them to help us think what we can learn about how to live well together and to give our best.

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Week	Theme	Details / follow-up	Inspirational words	Reflection ideas	Song**
1 (15/4)	<b>Where it all began...</b>	Where it all began....ancient Olympics	If at first you don't succeed....	Make a class laurel wreath of achievements	<a href="#">Got a bit better</a> (AAOS) <a href="#">Together</a> (NBD)
2 (22/4)	<b>Olympic Values</b>	Where it all began....a peaceful contest, the ‘Modern’ Games	‘Not winning, but taking part’	Gather ideas on three Olympic values medals	<a href="#">Golden Rules</a> (AAOS)/ <a href="#">Golden Rule</a> (NBD)
3 (29/4)	<b>Don't give up!</b>	1896 Athens, Greece ( <b>Determination: Spyridon Lewis</b> )	<a href="#">Hebrews 12:1-2</a> Don't give up!	Write encouraging words on speech bubbles	<a href="#">Got a bit better</a> (AAOS) <a href="#">Resilience in me</a> (NBD)
4 (6/5)	<b>Going for gold</b>	1912: Stockholm, Sweden ( <b>Excellence: Jim Thorpe</b> )	<a href="#">Parable of the talents</a> ‘Use it or lose it!’	Pledge cards	<a href="#">All together as a family</a> (AAOS)
5 (13/5)	<b>Run the race – with joy!</b>	1924: Paris, France ( <b>Inspiration: Eric Liddell</b> )	‘When I run, I feel God's pleasure’ – what brings people closer to God?	Watch someone running; add your ‘inspiration’ on a heart	<a href="#">All together as a family</a> (AAOS) Listen to Chariots of Fire music
6 (20/5)	<b>What's the problem?</b>	1948: London, Great Britain ( <b>Courage: Karoly Takas</b> )	<a href="#">James 1:5</a> Where do we look for the wisdom for solving problems?	Working together to solve problems	<a href="#">Together</a> (AAOS) <a href="#">Together</a> (NBD) <a href="#">Resilience in me</a> (NBD)
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7 (3/6)	<b>The walk of friendship</b>	1956: Melbourne, Australia ( <b>Friendship: John Ian Wing</b> )	<a href="#">Matthew 5:9</a> Being a ‘peacemaker’	Write a letter.... ‘Peace is...’	<a href="#">Being a friend</a> (AAOS) <a href="#">The Kindness Song</a> (NBD)
8 (10/6)	<b>Games for all</b>	1960: Rome, Italy ( <b>Equality: Paralympic Games</b> )	<a href="#">Psalm 139:14</a> ‘fearfully & wonderfully made’	In pairs, gather some ideas about things that make you unique – and worth celebrating!	<a href="#">We will grow</a> (AAOS); <a href="#">Together</a> (NBD)
9 (17/6)	<b>When the going gets tough...</b>	1964: Tokyo, Japan ( <b>Determination / Inspiration: Ranatunga Karunananda</b> )	<a href="#">Hebrews 12:1-2</a> What helps you to keep on going?	Encourage someone in your family / friendship group	<a href="#">Got a bit better</a> (AAOS) <a href="#">Build up</a> (AAOS) <a href="#">Resilience in me</a> (NBD)
10 (24/6)	<b>That's excellent!</b>	1972: Munich, Germany ( <b>Excellence: Shane Gould</b> )	<a href="#">James 1:17</a> ‘Every good gift comes from God’	Gratitude for (our talents)	<a href="#">All together as a family</a> (AAOS)
11 (1/7)	<b>Taking part</b>	2008: Beijing, China ( <b>Respect: Saamiya Yusuf Omar</b> )	‘Not winning, but taking part’ <a href="#">Hebrews 12:1-2</a> ‘Run with perseverance’	Complete a jigsaw as a class/group, with everyone doing their bit. Each piece matters.	<a href="#">Golden Rules</a> (AAOS)/ <a href="#">Golden Rule</a> (NBD) <a href="#">Together</a> (NBD)

					<a href="#">Got a bit better</a> (AAOS)
12 (8/7)	<b>Home-Grown Hero</b>	2012: London, Great Britain ( <b>Courage: Ellie Simmonds</b> )	<a href="#">Romans 5:3-4</a> Perseverance produces character, plus Ellie quote	Share your ideas about how to overcome some common challenges	<a href="#">Got a bit better</a> (AAOS) <a href="#">Resilience in me</a> (NBD)
13 (15/7)	<b>The Proudest Blue</b>	2016: Rio, Brazil ( <b>Ibtihaj Muhammad</b> )	What Olympic value(s) do you think Ibtihaj is showing? <i>[Her words: 'speak up for those people whose voices go unheard.'</i> <a href="#">Proverbs 31:8&amp;9</a>	Make a 'proudest blue' boat, containing things that make you proud	<a href="#">All together as a family</a> (AAOS) <a href="#">Resilience in me</a> (NBD) <a href="#">The Kindness Song</a> (NBD) <a href="#">Proud</a> (M People)
14 (22/7)	<b>Olympic Achievements</b>	Medal / awards ceremony in school, celebrating our own 'Olympic' achievements	Recognising those in our school community who have upheld Olympic values	The medal ceremony is the reflection for this week! Buy or make your own	<a href="#">Together</a> (NBD)

**\*\*Song references:** AAOS - All About Our School, BBC resources, links to online versions; NBD - Nick & Becky Drake songs. We have linked to free versions of their songs but encourage you to purchase where you can! [Songs For School - A New Generation of School Music](#)