

Thoughtful Thursdays

St Giles' & St George's CofE Academy - Class based collective worship from Wednesday 15th October 2025
Invitational and inspirational at home discussion prompt followings today's class worship. (If you would like to use it)



In the news this week

This year marks the 80th anniversary of the United Nations (UN), an international organisation founded after the Second World War in 1945, to help countries work together and prevent future conflicts. Today, 193 nations are members, and the UN works on issues like peacekeeping, human rights, health, and climate change. Leaders and communities around the world are reflecting on how important working together is in solving global problems.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Why do you think countries made the decision to work together?
- > What problems today do you believe countries need to solve together? Ask others at home what they think.
- > Come up with different ways we can be 'peacekeepers' in our own families, schools, or communities.

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

The **BIG** Question ?

What makes a good peacekeeper?



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Below is some of the information that was shared today during class worship - this may help your discussions at home.



Read through the information below, all about the United Nations (UN) and its 80th anniversary.



António Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations. Source: x.com/antonioguterres



Why do you believe the United Nations was created, and why is it still important today?

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80 Years of the United Nations

A special ceremony.

Recently, world leaders met in New York to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the UN. The famous UN chamber was darkened and lit up in blue to mark the occasion.

Why was the UN created?

The UN was set up in 1945, after two world wars. Leaders promised to work together, so the world would not repeat the same mistakes.

A world at a crossroads.

Speakers said the world faces problems today, like wars in Gaza and Ukraine, and rising hatred online. They explained that countries must choose the right path and show that we are stronger when we work together.



"We cannot take the easy path and simply give up. We have to choose the right path; to show the world that we can be better together."

Annalena Baerbock, President of this year's United Nations General Assembly.



Look at the resource below, which shares some more information about the UN Rights of the Child.



19 Right 19 – The right to be safe
 Adults keep children safe and help them feel cared for.



28 Right 28 – The right to go to school and learn
 School is where children learn, make friends and get ready for the future.



31 Right 31 – The right to play and rest
 Play helps children have fun, learn and be with friends. Children also need time to rest.



24 Right 24 – The right to be healthy
 Children need clean water, healthy food and a safe place to live, so they can grow strong and stay well.



12 Right 12 – The right to be listened to
 Children's ideas and feelings matter, and adults should listen carefully.

Which of these rights do you use every day?
 Do you think any are more important than others, or do you think they are equally important?

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Rule of Law

The United Nations was created after the war, to help countries follow rules and keep peace. Just like in our own lives, rules can bring people together and guide us to live safely and fairly.

For 80 years, the United Nations has helped countries work together on peace, rights and protecting people around the world. It also created the Rights of the Child, which children should learn about, and adults should help to protect and uphold.

