

**Remembering to say 'Thank You'**

Rev. Marian helped us to remember the importance of saying 'thank you', asking who was received a 'Thank You' card when an act has meant so much to someone. We explored what it means to say 'grace' and how fortunate we are.

**Thanking God for People Who Help Us**

Rev. Maynard helped us to consider all the people who help us in school who we can thank God for because of the difference they make to us day by day.

**Counting Your Blessings**

The Open the Book team helped us to explore the phrase 'count your blessings' - giving thanks for all of the good things in life, helping us to forget the bad things.

**Harvest Festival**

We gave thanks during our Harvest Festival church service, visiting our church for the first time this year and welcoming parents to celebrate with us.

**Thankfulness is...**

- Thinking of good things
- Happy memories
- All creation praising God
- Not taking anything for granted
- Keeping focused on the positive
- Feeling blessed
- Understanding the sacrifices people make for us
- Living joyfully
- Not complaining
- Expressing gratitude to God
- Saying **thank you** to those who help us
- Showing gratefulness by our deeds

**Praising God in Creation**

We considered how, just by being itself, every part of creation praises God through Bob Hartman's story 'Thank-you, God'.

**'Thank You' game**

Mr Cottrell invited pupils to play a game... but didn't share the rules! Can you remember why William was first to win the game?

**Giving Thanks Even When Times Are Hard**

Clergy members told us the story of Paul and Silus being sent to jail just for telling people about Jesus. Even though they were in jail, they trusted God and were thankful for all He had done for them. It can be very hard to be thankful when things are tough, but we can remember Paul and Silus' example.



## THANKFULNESS

## QUOTES & QUESTIONS



It is not happy people who are **thankful**; it is **thankful** people who are happy. (Anon)

Write your troubles in the sand, but carve your blessings in stone. (Anon)

? Think about your friends. Which of them always seems **thankful** and happy?

? What do you think this proverb means? Try to put it into your own words.

Every day may not be good, but there is something good in every day. (Alice Morse Earle)

When eating a fruit think of the person who planted the tree. (A Vietnamese proverb)

**'Always be thankful.'**

1 Thessalonians 5.16

? At night do you look back on the day and remember the good things?

? What would you like to achieve in your life, that will make future generations thankful?