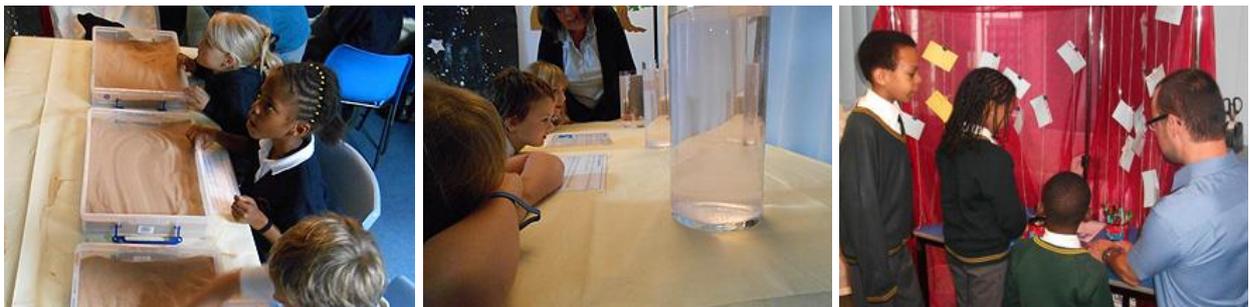


What is Prayer Spaces in Schools?

Children and young people are innately curious about life. Growing up raises lots of questions, some to do with their experience, both the good and the bad, and some to do with their sense of wonder at the universe we live in and whether there's more to life than meets the eye. Many have an interest in the non-material aspects of life, the spirit or soul, and want to explore how these ideas and experiences help them to develop their own sense of identity, self-worth, personal insight, meaning and purpose.



Enabling children and young people to explore faith

Prayer Spaces in Schools enable children and young people, of all faiths and none, to explore these life questions, spirituality and faith in a safe, creative and interactive way. Taking a broadly Christian perspective as a starting point, prayer spaces give children and young people an opportunity to develop skills of personal reflection and to explore prayer in an open, inclusive and safe environment. The approach does not proselytise and purposely allows pupils to make their own meaning and to draw their own conclusions.

A prayer space is usually a classroom sized area that has been transformed for a few days or a week with a range of creative activities that encourage personal reflection on issues such as forgiveness, injustice, thankfulness, big questions, identity and stillness. In some schools, teachers bring their students for a subject-lesson in the prayer space. In other schools, students are invited to visit the prayer space voluntarily, during their breaks and lunchtimes and maybe after the school day has finished.

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Prayer Spaces in Harlow

Prayer Spaces was successfully launched in Harlow in 2012/13 and we have delivered this programme into schools, such as:

- Milwards Primary School
- Holy Cross Catholic Primary Academy
- Churchgate Church of England Primary School
- Little Parndon Primary School
- St John Fisher Catholic Primary School Loughton

And a secondary school

- St Mark's West Essex Catholic School



“This has been an invaluable and spiritual experience for the children. The sense of prayer and God’s presence was tangible. Even where a more challenging group were taking part, the sense of peace was retained.”

St John Fisher School – Rated the Prayer Space as excellent

Would you like more information?

If you would like more details about Prayer Spaces or any of our other programmes then please contact us at info@greatopendoor.org.uk.

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