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[UK quizzed over collective worship law by UN](#)

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A United Nations committee has questioned laws which require collective worship in UK schools after the NSS raised the issue. [Read More »](#)

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Fewer than 2% of people in England regularly worshipped at CoE churches in 2019, even though many children attended services for schools. [Read More »](#)

[NSS welcomes bill to end compulsory worship in non-faith schools](#)

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The NSS has welcomed a bill that proposes to scrap compulsory religious worship in non-faith schools in England. [Read More »](#)

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The NSS is to consider the impact of the law which brought hundreds of faith schools into the state sector in a lecture in February. [Read More »](#)

[CoE trust to introduce alternative to worship after legal challenge](#)

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An academy trust will provide an inclusive alternative assembly for pupils withdrawn from collective worship after a legal challenge. [Read More »](#)

Parents challenge academy's Christian assemblies in court

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A couple have launched a legal challenge against a primary school over its use of Christian assemblies. [Read More »](#)

C of E services for schools expand by 56% in four years

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The NSS has said a rise in the number of children attending C of E school services should prompt "a separation of church and school". [Read More »](#)

Let children make their own minds up about religion, says report

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The NSS has welcomed an academic report which calls on English state schools to raise children in a religiously neutral manner. [Read More »](#)

Scottish Catholic schools to marginalise children who don't pray

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The NSS has criticised a plan to exclude children from nativity plays and fundraising if they are withdrawn from prayers. [Read More »](#)

NSS: Scottish worship law needs reform to protect children's rights

Posted: Wed, 05 Sep 2018

The NSS has said the Scottish government should end compulsory religious observance in response to a new position on children's rights. [Read More »](#)

British public opposes religious influence in education, poll finds

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British adults strongly oppose religious influence in school admissions, assemblies and RE teaching, an NSS-commissioned poll has found. [Read More »](#)

Welsh AMs to probe whether collective worship is compliant with human rights law

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Two Welsh school students who launched a petition demanding the removal of the obligation on state schools to hold acts of worship have won support from a committee of AMs. [Read More »](#)

Welsh students launch petition against collective worship

Posted: Fri, 21 Apr 2017

Two Welsh school students have launched a [petition](#) calling on Welsh Assembly Members to end the obligation on schools to hold collective worship. [Read More »](#)

Scottish Government consults on religious observance, as poll shows majority favour reform

Posted: Thu, 05 Jan 2017

The Scottish Government has launched a consultation on religious observance, following a court case last year and a poll from *The Times* which found a majority in favour of change. [Read More »](#)

Scottish Government to consult on religious observance guidance

Posted: Mon, 07 Nov 2016

Campaigners in Scotland have agreed to "pause" their legal action on religious observance in Scottish schools, pending a consultation by the Scottish Government. [Read More »](#)

Campaigns against school worship gain momentum in Scotland and Northern Ireland

Posted: Wed, 14 Sep 2016

The Humanist Society Scotland (HSS) has launched a judicial review against the Scottish Government following its refusal to allow sixth form pupils to opt themselves out of Religious Observance. [Read More »](#)

Open letter to Education Secretary: Government must respect children's rights and abolish collective worship requirement

Posted: Fri, 17 Jun 2016

Thirty campaigners, including academics, MPs, peers and educators, have called on the Government to abolish the law requiring Christian worship in English schools, following criticism of the practice from the UN. [Read More »](#)

UN children's rights Committee calls on UK to abolish compulsory worship in schools

Posted: Fri, 10 Jun 2016

A United Nations committee has urged the UK to repeal laws requiring the provision of 'broadly Christian' worship in UK schools. It also called for pupils to be given the independent right of withdrawal from any religious worship held in schools.

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Woolf Commission's multifaithism 'completely at odds with the religious indifference that permeates British society'

Posted: Mon, 07 Dec 2015

The National Secular Society has criticised a new report on the role of religion and belief in public life for calling for a multi-faith approach "completely at odds with the religious indifference that permeates British society." [Read More »](#)

Review law on collective worship in schools, say academics

Posted: Fri, 13 Nov 2015

Senior academics have warned of "significant concerns" about the imposition of collective worship in non-religious schools – arguing that it may violate the right to freedom of religion and belief.

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