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Open reference for Mr Daniel England

Daniel has provided both guitar tuition and led singing assemblies and whole school collective worship here at Birchfield for the past 6 years.

Daniel's guitar tuition was very popular with the children and he successfully taught up to 15 children during the course of his morning visits. He stopped these so that he could focus on his ministry work – much to the disappointment of the pupils! We all looked forward to the bursts of guitar playing during our assemblies and concerts.

Daniel leads KS1 and KS2 assemblies with an agreed selection of songs which feed into our other musical celebrations eg Harvest, Christmas, the South Somerset Music Spectacular and the Leavers Assembly. These assemblies he leads with humour and enthusiasm and great encouragement for the children to sing well and to constantly improve.

His monthly 'mini mix' assemblies are an opportunity for a whole school collective worship. The theme is always drawn from our own policy. Again, Daniel approaches these with great energy, enthusiasm and sense of fun. His bible story is supported by slides on the interactive whiteboard and he tells his story well. With prayer and song built into the collective worship more than adequately meets the needs of our Collective Worship policy.

We are very lucky to have Daniel as an educational resource as well as a quality contributor to our collective worship. Ofsted were impressed on their very recent visit.

Richard Culham