

## Church Schools Hymn of Thanksgiving

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Two hundred years of learning; two hundred years of song.  
 Two hundred years of faith in Christ – that faith we carry on.  
 We thank you, God, for all that's past; we thank you for this day.  
 We praise your name most holy, at school, in Church, through play.  
*So guide us in your wisdom and bless us in our day,  
 Two hundred years of our Church schools – we celebrate today!*

We are a Church school family – for this we trust in God.  
 He has no hands but our hands; we walk where he has trod.  
 We light the world, our faith, our minds; we say that God is here.  
 It's what we learn and who we are that makes us very dear.  
*So guide us in your wisdom and bless us in our day,  
 Two hundred years of our Church schools – we celebrate today!*

We're children with a purpose; we share our daily life.  
 We're generous and thoughtful amidst the strain of life.  
 Our pattern is the Holy one, our pattern is the Lord;  
 The one our patrons followed: the one who is adored.  
*So guide us in your wisdom and bless us in our day,  
 Two hundred years of our Church schools – we celebrate today!*

We celebrate our learning; we celebrate in song;  
 We celebrate Christ living: his victory for us won.  
 We celebrate with thankful hearts – there's so much that is great.  
 We're celebrating all church schools, in village, town and state!  
*So guide us in your wisdom and bless us in our day,  
 Two hundred years of our Church schools – we celebrate today!*