

Annual Parish Council Meeting Report from
Bilston Church of England Primary School
September 2022-March 2023

It has been another busy year so far, at Bilston Church of England Primary School.

We came back in September ready to enjoy new learning and make new friends. Our partnership with St Leonards continues to flourish.

Rev Simon Skidmore has continued to support us weekly leading worship as well as working with Worship Group every Wednesday afternoon.

Establishing links with the wider community has been a target for us that was pushed back due to Covid. With Simon's support we have established links with Bushfield Court in Bilston. Both the Worship and the School Choir, have accompanied Rev Simon leading Worship at Harvest, Christmas and Easter. KS2 shared their Harvest assembly at St Leonards, and it was well attended.



In September, Rev Simon visited EYFS and Year 1 to read stories from the Bible. Alongside this, children who had applied for membership to Worship group were appointed; the hard work then began straight away. We were offered the opportunity to visit St Peter's Church as part of the Open Door Project. Rev Simon, Worship Group and I had a fabulous day learning about the church and taking part in craft activities.

Worship group supported by Rev Simon have begun to lead Worship regularly. Our Worship on a Monday morning, allows us to come together as a school community to start our new week together. Rev Simon always makes these fun and interactive- choosing children to be part of the story. More recently, the Worship with Rev Simon enacted the story of Holy Week.



KS2 led our Christmas Carols service at St Leonards and the choir supported Reclaiming Christmas. By the end of the school year all classes will have visited St Leonards church to support their knowledge and learning in both Anglican rituals and learning linked to RE enquiry themes.

As part of Rev Simon's role as a Governor we conducted a pupil voice exercise to collect views about Worship and RE. Based on the outcomes we have made changes to how we lead Worship.

We look forward to our continued relationship with St Leonard's and are thankful for the hard work and commitment that Rev Simon has shown.

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