

Yaxham CE Primary Academy – Parish council report 2023/24

There has been a lot of change at Yaxham this year with our conversion to the DNEAT Academy Trust, which is already benefitting the school. We have been able to keep our autonomy but have the support we need from a practical point of view, as well as supporting the professional development of the team.

We proudly sent our Year 6 children to high school in the summer and welcomed new Reception children who settled and became part of the school really quickly. We are already making plans for this September's intake. We continue to have much lower numbers than we need and really need to increase our Reception intake. However we are regularly receiving requests for places across the school, being known for our nurturing and supportive culture. We are currently working hard to raise our profile which has led to press engagement, a slot on ITV news was an experience for us all!

Budgets remain tight but we have fantastic support from the Friends of Yaxham School. We really appreciate the community support we receive for events such as the Colour Run and Quingo. Wider community support with the defibrillator and dealing with the ongoing challenge of parking and road safety is really appreciated. Our relationship with the church remains strong, with the team visiting us weekly and us taking the trip down to the church every half term. As a team we are always keen to engage with community activity, supporting a family raising money for cancer care, one of our parents running the marathon and our oldest children entering the Dereham Aid Centre poetry competition. We are incredibly proud that one of our Year 6 children won the children's category with her Poem for Peace.

We have lots to look forward to in the coming months, we have already enjoyed a residential visit to Whitwell before Easter and look forward to more trips out in the summer and autumn term as well the summer play before saying goodbye to our current year 6 cohort and the whole cycle begins again!