## Our church

We have very strong links with our local church, St Edmund's. Rev. Paul Seabrook, the Vicar, regularly visits the school to lead assemblies and help with curriculum activities. Our pupils also enjoy\* the team's input into each class' Religious Education learning and year group services. His role as a Foundation Governor involves observing acts of collective worship, led by members of school staff. He is also involved in



the school's Christian Distinctiveness Working Party committee, alongside Robyn Comfort, the school's RE & Distinctiveness Leader; Chris Wilson-Town and Vicky Myers (parent governor). Josie Rayner-Wells, a member of St Edmund's, is Chair of Governors and The Curate Rev Val Hooker, already involved in church visits, looks forward to becoming more involved.





Each child in the school has the opportunity to visit the Church at various times during the year, in particular in the lead up to Christmas and Easter. At the church, activities might include a Bible story, songs and/or craft and prayer spaces, all of which are closely tied closely to our RE curriculum. All Year 3 pupils are presented with their very own Children' Bible; Year 6 finish their year with a Leavers' service. Our annual Carol Service in St Peter Mancroft church (involving around 200 children and 400 guests each year) is produced in close collaboration with the Diocese of Norwich. St Edmund's Open the Book team regularly visit the school, bringing the Bible to life.









Some prayer space activities on our church visits

Each half term, all pupils are provided an opportunity to write a prayer or reflection focused on our Christian value. Pupils write this on a prayer fish (ichthys) which are displayed throughout the school; some pupils' prayers are then chosen to lead daily collective worship (there is a class rota). These fish are displayed on the beautiful wave mural at the front of the school and pupils are presented with a certificate of thanks by St Edmund's church.

