



St Andrew's
Church of England Primary School

Worship Committee

We wanted our parents and friends to hear a little more about our Worship Committee. So Edie and Abigail from

Year 5 put this together:

"The Worship Committee is all about making worship more enjoyable for everyone. It is to help younger children to understand why we believe in God and why we are a Christian school. It is to give worship a more unique feel. The Worship Committee helps us understand how much God and Jesus love us. As part of our job we have found music and images for the start of worship and our next job is to lead a worship."

Since last term, the Worship Committee has chosen some weekly music for Collective Worship times. So far we have listened to a range of uplifting music, from an instrumental version of *Amazing Grace* to the wonderful African melody entitled *Tuko Pamojo* which translates as 'We are together'. We have some talented musicians who will be accompanying our hymn singing, as well as other members of the committee, who are leading the call to worship and writing and saying prayers.

Lateness = lost learning	
(Figures below are calculated over a school year)	
5 minutes late each day	3 days lost!
10 minutes late each day	6.5 days lost!
15 minutes late each day	10 days lost!
20 minutes late each day	13 days lost!
30 minutes late each day	19 days lost!

Punctuality

We have noticed a small but increasing number of children, who are repeatedly coming into the school grounds after 8.55am. **The gates open at 8.45am which gives 10 minutes for a staggered start in all year groups.** School starts at 8.55am and many children are involved in interventions and important class discussions during this time. Children who are late to school:

1. often have to walk in by themselves
2. often miss out on important learning
3. miss out on the social time to settle in class
4. can be embarrassed when walking into the classroom

Every minute counts



We want all children to be at school on time and ready to learn.

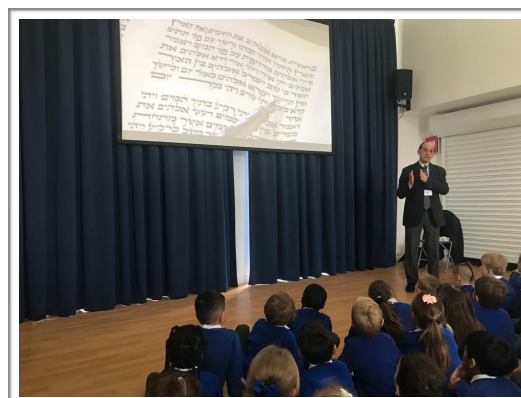
What has been happening at school?

Last week, the **Year 1** children thoroughly enjoyed a visit from Rabbi Jacobi, to enhance their RE learning about Judaism.

They found out all about the importance of the Torah and even learned some Hebrew!

A big thank you to Rabbi Jacobi (who also happens to be one of our grandads!) for such an interesting and enjoyable afternoon. We really did learn so much.

Meanwhile, in the **Nursery**, our youngest children



have been learning about worms! Using the wonderful book 'Superworm' as a stimulus, the children have been busy finding worms, making a wormery and even making sock worms.

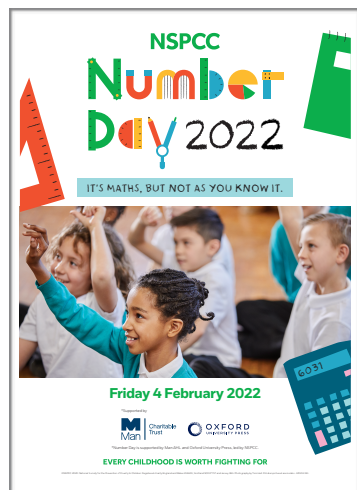


Following on from their successful tree planting with the Thames21 team last term, the **Year 5** children have now planted some small whips, including hawthorn, oak and cherry trees in our school grounds, near the back of the field. We think in thirty years, they will be as big as our current trees!

In RE lessons, the **Year 2** children have been learning about the celebration of Sukkot, when Jewish people built and lived in temporary huts, as they made their way through the desert, on their way to the Promised Land. These huts were called Sukkahs. The children made some of their own, using materials found in the classroom and outside.



Number Day Friday 4th February



Next Friday, we will be taking part in Number Day, organised by the NSPCC.

As part of the day, we will be asking children to collect as many **1ps and 2ps** as possible to beat our previous total of £365.

Dress Up Day. We will also be taking part in **Dress up for Digits**, where pupils are asked to wear different coloured clothing to school. Each colour will represent a number and the children can work out their total in school. Pupils can also wear an item of clothing with a number on it, if they wish, including sports shirts.