

Children and Schools' Ministry Report

The positive partnership with Wootton Primary School continues. School Assemblies were taken by members of the congregation and Rev Sandra throughout the school year, at least once a half term. The school also holds special assemblies in St Mark's e.g. Harvest Festival. There were also contributions to RE lessons by Rev Sandra and a visit by a year group to St Edmund's.

We have continued to support the school hardship fund through 50% of all offerings at the monthly Café Communion Service.

Discussions have been held with the school regarding the church community offering an after-school activity. There is a particular need for art and craft. However, there will be a need for some funding and several volunteers before we can proceed with this.

The Stay & Play sessions continued until July. The regular attendees then progressed to school in September and with no new children joining it was decided, regretfully, to cease offering this session.

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