



8th October 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

Harvest Celebration at Haytor View

On **Wednesday 15th October**, children from Years 1–6 will be taking part in a **Harvest Celebration held at school**. This special event, which sits within the school's curriculum, will provide an opportunity for the children to experience and share in the Christian festival of Harvest through songs, stories and poetry.

We are delighted to share that Fr. Matthew Cashmore will be joining us to lead the celebration.

Parents and family members are warmly invited to join the celebration, which will begin at 2:00pm. Doors will be open from **1:45pm** for those attending.

It is a legal curriculum requirement that schools provide opportunities for children to engage in acts of worship of a broadly Christian nature, reflecting the traditions of Christian belief. The aims of our Harvest Celebration are to:

- provide our children with an opportunity for stillness and reflection;
- promote children's spiritual, moral, social and cultural development;
- celebrate the values and worth of our school community and all who belong in it;
- help children develop an understanding of the nature and language of worship;
- help children develop respect and sensitivity to the beliefs and values of others.

*In the past we have invited donations of tins/larder supplies that will be passed on to THAT Foodbank on Queensway where they will be shared with people within the community and we are keen to do so again. **Given the difficult times being faced by many at the moment it is important that no one feels that they must donate items.** If you would like, and are able to provide something, we would be grateful if items could be brought to school by **Monday 13th October** where they will be displayed and recognised in our morning celebration assembly. The, very busy, foodbank tell us that they would welcome any non-perishables and would particularly welcome tea bags, jam, tinned fruit, tinned veg, jars of coffee, UHT milk, squash, rice pudding, custard and washing detergent.*

We look forward to celebrating this special occasion together and hope that many of you will be able to join us.

Yours sincerely,

Michaela Cousins
Acting Deputy Head