

Beer C of E Primary School
Annual Report to the PCC (Academic Year 2024–2025)



We are delighted to share some of the many highlights, achievements and memorable moments from school life at Beer C of E Primary School.

As a Church of England school, our close partnership with the church continues to be central to school life. It is always a pleasure to attend St Michaels to hold our Congregational Carol Service which brings families, staff and members of the wider community together in a truly joyful celebration. Our pupils and staff have also hosted an Easter service and a Leavers' service at St Michael's as well, giving pupils the opportunity to reflect, sing and worship together in a meaningful way.



The children have contributed beautifully to these occasions - reading confidently and singing enthusiastically to entertain their audience. The Easter bonnet parade during the Easter service is always well received and some of our pupils have enjoyed the opportunity to play the piano whilst the congregation begin to gather ahead of the service which is also a great opportunity for them to showcase their talents. Our links with the church help pupils to understand the Christian calendar and deepen their sense of belonging within our village community.

Christmas and Summer performances once again showcased the children's confidence and talent. The children's singing in church services and school performances has been particularly impressive.

Across the year, the children demonstrated an impressive commitment to their learning. After school book look sessions and EYFS and KS1 parent involvement sessions (where parents and grandparents are invited in to complete themed crafts and activities alongside the children) provided valuable opportunities for families to come into school. The EYFS and KS1 parent involvement events were always well attended and help to reinforce strong partnership between home and school. We are now looking at how we can extend these to provide sessions for KS2 families as well.



Throughout the year, creative and practical experiences have enriched the curriculum. Highlights have included:

- Design and Technology projects (including food preparation and cooking experiences)
- Seasonal art and craft work linked to church displays
- Science investigations exploring the natural world

- Reading celebrations
- World Book Day activities

Educational visits remain a vital part of our curriculum. This year, pupils have benefited from a range of enriching experiences, including:

- Visits to a local farm
- Sporting festivals and inter-school competitions
- Local area visits linked to History and Geography topics as well as national initiatives such as the big bird count

These opportunities broaden horizons, build confidence and allow children to apply their learning in real-world contexts.

Our Year 6 children once again enjoyed their residential experience which developed teamwork, independence and resilience. Year 6 also enjoyed the opportunity to experience a canoeing taster day as a result of the kindness of volunteers from Axe Vale Canoe Club – they enjoyed a day out in the estuary that combined learning new skills with water based fun and games. Our Year 5 and 6 also enjoyed a visit to Go-Ape. For many, this was a highlight of the year and a wonderful opportunity to step beyond their comfort zones.



Sport continues to be a strength of the school. Throughout the year, children have taken part in a variety of sporting activities, including:

- Multi-skills festivals
- Football fixtures and tournaments
- After-school clubs
- Cross-country events (with many top ten finishers in the competitive events)
- Sports Day

We are proud of the way our children represent the school - showing determination, teamwork and excellent sportsmanship.

Our annual Sports Day was, as always, a celebration of effort, encouragement and community spirit with families joining us to cheer the children on. Last year, we tried something a little different: we ran the races earlier in the day and ended with a shared lunch on the school field. We had celebrated VE day with a shared school lunch on the field earlier in the year and seeing how much the children enjoyed this, led us to seek a further opportunity to do so.



Our PTFA has worked tirelessly throughout the year to organise events that bring the community together and raise valuable funds for the school. One of the major developments during the last academic year was the creation of an outdoor garden and reading cabin which is the culmination of several years of fundraising from both the PTFA and Beer Blazer. There have been some updates and photos on our school Facebook account so please take a look! It is a space that is very nearly complete now (the cabin is due to be decorated like a home from home shortly). Their plan is to create a warm, comfortable and inviting environment where children can snuggle up, relax and enjoy a good book.



The outdoor garden area was complete by the end of the Summer holidays and it is also proving to be a huge success. Despite the recent rainy weather, its thoughtful design has meant the children have been able to use it every day. They absolutely love having access at break and lunchtimes, and it has already made a noticeable difference to wellbeing by giving them a calm, natural space to enjoy.

Through the school council, the school has also supported charitable causes, helping children to understand the importance of generosity and service.

Thank you for your ongoing prayers, support and partnership.