

## British Values Day 2022 – Platinum Jubilee Celebration

In 2022, our British Values Day was a joyful and memorable celebration of the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. This historic occasion provided a unique and meaningful opportunity for pupils to explore public service, tradition, democracy and community, while celebrating the values that unite us as a nation.

We are enormously grateful to everyone who worked so hard to make the celebrations so special for our school community. Particular thanks go to Mrs Olsen for creating the spectacular Jubilee banner with all of the children, which looked wonderful displayed in the church, and to Ms Speke for the bunting that lined the whole school fence and decorated the buildings so beautifully. Our thanks also extend to the children and families who took part in the Jubilee Parade and The Big Lunch, helping to create memories that will last for many years.

### Intent

The intent of British Values Day 2022 was to:

- celebrate the Platinum Jubilee as a national moment of reflection and unity
- help pupils understand the importance of public service, leadership and responsibility
- explore how British Values such as democracy, mutual respect and tolerance are reflected in national traditions
- strengthen pupils' sense of belonging within their school, local community and wider British society

### Implementation

The day and wider celebrations included a rich range of activities and events, carefully designed to be inclusive and age-appropriate.

Learning began with a **whole-school assembly** reflecting on the lifelong service of Queen Elizabeth II and the responsibilities of leadership. Pupils discussed ideas of duty, commitment and respect, and how these values are reflected in everyday life.

A particularly special legacy of the Jubilee was the installation of the Platinum Pavilion, followed by an opening service, which included entertainment led by the children and a Jubilee hat competition. This event brought together pupils, staff, families and the wider community.

Across the curriculum, pupils took part in Jubilee-themed learning activities, including:

- designing commemorative stamps and coins
- creating timelines to explore continuity and change
- producing creative crafts inspired by the Jubilee

Celebration activities included maypole dancing, picnic games and bunting making, allowing pupils to experience traditional festivities first-hand.

Links to democracy were woven throughout the day, with pupils voting on songs, activities and picnic menus, helping them understand pupil voice, choice and fairness.

A highlight of the celebrations was the community procession, as pupils, families and local residents walked from Aston Rowant to Kingston Blount, wearing their Jubilee hats and accompanied by a band. This was followed by family activities and a cake stall, reinforcing the importance of togetherness and shared celebration.

### Impact

British Values Day and the Platinum Jubilee celebrations had a lasting impact on pupils. Children:

- gained a deeper understanding of public institutions and national heritage
- demonstrated respect for different viewpoints about the monarchy
- worked cooperatively across age groups and within the wider community
- developed a strong sense of pride, identity and belonging
- strengthened intergenerational links through shared celebration

The Platinum Pavilion and Jubilee artwork remain as lasting symbols of community involvement and pupils' engagement with British identity.

### A Celebration of Service, Tradition and Community

British Values Day 2022 successfully combined learning, celebration and reflection. By marking the Platinum Jubilee together, pupils were able to connect national history with the values we live by each day, reinforcing that British Values are best understood through shared experiences, respect and community spirit.

