

## Welcome Service – September 2024

It was fabulous to gather together in church at the start of the year to welcome all of new starters, both in Hedgehog and across the school, to our Aston Rowant family. Thank you to our friends and parents who also joined us, it was lovely to have a full church. Owl Class led the service brilliantly and we loved their 'What Makes Us Us?' poems. Fox Class shared a beautiful Fox Class Poem with art work and Squirrel's Giant Teddy Collage was incredible. Hedgehog children are so settled and confident it was great to see.

The Children also shared songs, reflections and creative contributions that celebrated friendships, memories and personal growth. The service created space for stillness and reflection, encouraging pupils to recognise how they have developed over the year and to approach change with trust and hope.

Music and shared prayer reinforced messages of care, resilience and harmony, while the use of familiar hymns helped pupils feel secure during a time of transition. The service supported pupils emotionally and spiritually, helping them feel confident and supported as they looked forward to the next stage of their journey.



**GRATITUDE**

**RESILIENCE**

**OUTREACH**

**WONDER**

**TRUST**

**HARMONY**