

Courageous Advocacy Week 2025

'Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy.' Proverbs 31:8-9

Courageous advocacy is the act of speaking out against an issue of injustice, often on behalf of those whose voice is not heard.

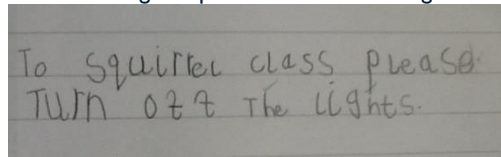
Courageous advocacy moves beyond 'simple solutions' to ask 'why?' and 'what can be done about it?'.

The aims of our RE Courageous Advocacy Enrichment Week have been:

1. To provide time and space for spiritual flourishing
2. To have quality time to focus on courageous advocacy, justice and responsibility
3. For each class to choose and start to develop a project to work on throughout the year

Hedgehog Class - School Project – Energy Efficiency

Hedgehog have decided to encourage pupils to be mindful of conserving energy and looking after the environment by be more energy aware in school. They have been implementing hands-on activities focusing on practical measures like turning off lights and appliances. They have made posters and written to every class and will be monitoring compliance over the coming months.



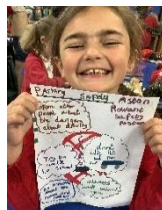
Squirrel Class - Local Project – SharingLife foodbank

The pupils in Squirrel Class voted to support SharingLife as their local community project. They were inspired by Jos who commented that we give to SharingLife at Harvest but people can go hungry all year around. They have researched what SharingLife do and what they need, looked into ways to collect food donations and deliver them to SharingLife in Thame, written to Mrs France to gain her support and shared their ideas with the other classes via posters. Squirrel class will also be sending out a parent survey in the coming weeks, requesting help from parent volunteers to support the delivery of the donations collected to the depot in Thame.



Fox Class – National Project – Road Safety

Fox Class have decided to join the UK's biggest annual road safety campaign. They want to inspire and engage children about making safe and healthy journeys, to campaign for road safety where we live, and help all children learn important road safety messages. They have researched about how other schools manage their walk to school. They looked at the air quality and how cars can affect the air, made air quality sensors and placed them around the school and surrounding roads. The class are in the process of creating questionnaires to send out to parents and children about their attitudes regarding road safety and parking.



Owl Class – Global Project – The Olive Tree Project

Owl Class have chosen The Olive Tree project in Palestine working to replace trees destroyed by the conflict. By planting saplings on fields at risk of confiscation Palestinian farmers can continue to work their land, which helps maintain the farmers' rights to their own land and also preserves an important source of income and sustenance. They have written to Freddie van Mierlo, MP for Henley and Thame, contacted the Bucks Herald and are developing an awareness/ fundraising campaign.



Each class presented their projects on Friday 25th April in Celebration Worship

GRATITUDE RESILIENCE OUTREACH WONDER TRUST HARMONY

Growing together, rooted in God, enjoying fullness of life. (Colossians 2:1-7)