

## COMMUNITY COHESION

There is good community cohesion. The school aims to be pro-active in developing a strong relationship with the village and surrounding areas.

- The School nurse works with children in many aspects of Health Education (Sex Education/Hygiene/healthy Eating). She is always happy to support parents and families.
- The local police/Fire Brigade make regular visits to the school. They hold information evenings for parents and work with children in class. The Community Police support Y6 in preparation for their transition to Secondary school.
- Local schools and the University of Hertfordshire use our school as a training school. Students take part in work experience at the school.
- Links have recently been made with the local Church of England Secondary School to plan for children/teachers to work in one another's schools.
- Good links have been established with cluster schools. The local church cluster schools have staged a singing/drama production in the Civic Hall for the past 2 years. We share INSET within the cluster and resources.
- We are currently trialling an after-school club for our rural cluster schools hosted by Cuffley Camp, an outdoor activity centre. This is presently funded by the Extended Schools Consortium and has been offered to families on low income, single parent families and working parent families who need the support.
- School is a member of the Hatfield & Rural Extended Schools Consortium who offers a range of services and facilities for children and adults.
- The local supermarket, Tesco, is presently sponsoring the school for a year to help raise funds for our pond and woodland area. They are also providing staff to help us lay a path around the pond.
- In the Summer Term, the Business School from the University of Hertfordshire had a team building day at the school to help redefine the pathways in the woodland and build a jetty from which the children could pond dip. This was organised by the Student Union. In return the children held an assembly for the team.
- School hosts the church's RE holiday club for children in the community and nearby schools (Christmas, Easter and for a week during the summer holiday).
- Since our school community is predominantly white British, we ensure that diversity is celebrated in any way that we can. We always share in religious/cultural celebrations with our pupils from families of different ethnic backgrounds. We have visited local synagogues, mosques, churches etc. and invite in visitors to talk to the children.