



26th September 2025

Dear Parents,

Harvest Festival: Friday 17th October at 2pm, St. Mary's Church

I am writing to invite you to join us at the Harvest Festival service at St. Mary's Church on Friday 17th October at 2pm.

Children should come into school in full uniform and with their Blazers and a water bottle. They will not need to bring their school bag unless they need it for an after-school club.

We will walk them to the Church for rehearsals in the morning, return to school for lunch and then walk back for the service in the afternoon. If you wish to join us there, and we hope that many of you will, please be seated ready for the service to start at 2pm. To allow time for the children to be seated first, **the church will be open to parents from 1.50pm**.

If you need to bring younger siblings in buggies, St. Mary's Church has requested that any buggies are left under the tower at the back and not in the aisles. The creche area will not be open.

The service should last about an hour and children are to be collected straight from the church at the end of the service. If you are not coming to the service, collection will be at 3/3:15pm from the church. Anybody in after school clubs will be walked back to school for their club. If your child is in a club and you would prefer to take them home directly from the church, please let Mrs Halfhead know as soon as possible on arlette.halfhead@ruperthouse.co.uk.

There will be a retiring collection, which will be divided between NOMAD and St Mary's Church.

As in previous years, our donations of food and household items will be given to Henley Food Bank, via 'Nomad'. Please bring the donations to school by Thursday 16th. They can either be left in the front entrance hall or on the collection table at Courtney's.

Senior voices are singing California Dreaming, if any parents would like to join in, please email anne.light@ruperthouse.co.uk

Best wishes,

Anne Light