

## 150<sup>th</sup> Celebrations here at Kersey CE School

Here at Kersey CE Primary School we have spent the past week celebrating our 150<sup>th</sup> year of teaching children from and local to the village of Kersey. The week started with 'The Great Kersey Campout' where the students, staff and their families camped out on the school playing field. We enjoyed a lovely campfire, BBQ and games! The children loved checking out their friends tents and first sleepovers and sleepouts were experienced by many.

To start the school week we had a special service in St Mary's Church, Kersey with The Rt



Revd Martin Seeley in which staff, students and governors past and present spoke of memories and the journey of the school. The Rt Revd Martin Seeley helped us launch our new school hymn, 'Brother, sister let me serve you' alongside our new school Vision and Values.

*On a **journey** together, leaving no one behind.*

*"The Lord is my shepherd...he guides me in the right paths" Psalms 23 v.1,4*

*We find **joy** in **ourselves & others**. We **understand** our past, our place in the world today and the world of tomorrow, learning **resilience** as we strive to **nurture** our gifts and talents, celebrating **excellence** in our **youngsters**.*

As the week progressed we had a visit from Ipswich Town Football Club where the children learnt some top playing tips. With the help of parents we planted a sapling Silver Birch in our school grounds donated by The Woodland Trust with a 150<sup>th</sup> commemorative plaque. We had a wonderful afternoon tea garden party with maypole dancing for the alumni of Kersey along with past and present staff, governors and friends of the school. The week rounded up with a fabulous Brass Concert performed by the children again in St Mary's in with the audience giving a well deserved standing ovation.

The celebrations were filled with joy, the sharing of memories and photographs of the history of the school and seeing how our current school families go above and beyond to make Kersey what it is. We here at Kersey CE Primary School feel privileged to be part of 'The Kersey Journey' and are blessed to be a small part of the legacy this special school continues to build.

