



## Bedford Hall Methodist Primary School

As a Methodist school, social holiness sits at the heart of our mission. We believe that educating children to love others through their words, thoughts and deeds is just as important as teaching arithmetic or literature. As John Wesley famously said, **“An ounce of love is worth a pound of knowledge.”** This term, pupils took part in the *Big Serve*, engaging in thoughtful debates about injustice and exploring how they can make a meaningful difference in the world. Each class responded with inspiring creativity—raising awareness about autism, organising bake sales for breast cancer support, launching road-safety campaigns, partnering with The Brick charity, and even creating a community shed stocked with essential household products for families who may be struggling. All eleven schools in the Epworth Education Trust embraced Random Acts of Kindness Week by turning their ideas into meaningful action. Remarkably, our small school alone carried out more than 1,000 acts of kindness in just seven days — a powerful reminder that while one person can make a difference, together we can change the world.



**The Big Serve**  
**Making the World a Better Place**  
**1 Act at a Time!**

Bedford Hall Methodist Primary School

took part in the  
Epworth Education Trust  
**Random Acts of Kindness Week**

**Together we made a difference!**

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| At our School<br>we completed<br><b>1031</b><br>acts of kindness | Across the Trust<br>we completed<br><b>13,418</b><br>acts of kindness |
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Pupils have also been encouraged to reflect on how others serve them and how they can show gratitude, echoing the words of Jesus: ***“I was hungry and you gave me food... I was sick and you visited me... I was a stranger and you welcomed me.”*** In living out these values, our children are learning that faith becomes real when it is expressed through love in action. One thing our pupils are deeply aware of is the time, energy and love that church members pour into our school, living out their own faith in action by serving us. And do you know what a difference that makes? These wonderful people help our children to read; give them the joy of one person’s undivided attention; offer a smile or an encouraging wink when pupils present their work at coffee mornings; and welcome our families so warmly during church celebrations. This term, we wanted to give something back. Special invitations were sent to all those who make a difference in our school community, and the children had the privilege of serving them afternoon tea — a small gesture of gratitude for the many ways they clothe us with kindness, feed us with encouragement, and visit us with generosity of spirit. Our wonderful PTA decorated the community hall, baked lots of yummy homemade cakes and prepared a personalised gift for everyone in attendance. For those reading this who offer their time in our school, or indeed in any other, thank you for the time you give, the patience you show, and the love you share. You make a difference every single day.



I will end our newsletter with sharing that we also know how to have lots of fun at Bedford Hall! We had a wonderful day celebrating World Book Day this year. Children and staff were tasked with having to dress as ‘words’ – to bring words to life and widen conversational vocabulary. Here are just a couple of the creative ideas! Everyone joined in a wonderful vocabulary parade and enjoyed a range of book-related activities throughout the day. Some classes even took part in a BBC live lesson along with lots of other schools across the country.

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