

Sir Robert Hitcham School

Sir Robert Hitcham continues to thrive, thanks to the efforts of its highly dedicated staff. The school is oversubscribed, proof of its continuing popularity with parents, who appreciate both the high academic standards and the wide range of activities on offer.

SATS results in 2008 were good and showed improvement in most areas. We were placed 12th in the County league tables of 360 schools. Progress in ICT continues and the school continues to be at the forefront of work in this area. It is developing a learning platform and hopes to achieve the ICT quality mark shortly. The school has also been invited to take part in a year long pilot project promoting thinking skills in Maths and Science with the aim of moving the school from OFSTED's 'Good' to 'Outstanding' category. Looking beyond the school's academic achievements the children have been involved in an enormous range of activities. The gardening club has been especially popular, thanks to Mrs Voller, who has been working to the Royal Horticultural Society benchmark. The children continue to do very well in sport and have won numerous sporting tournaments. On this front, the school needs better outdoors provision and the Friends of Sir Robert Hitcham have been active in raising money to build a new all-weather play and PE area. The Macmillan coffee morning was once again a resounding success. Over sixty children participated in the One Christmas programme, which raised over £35,000 for the Tear Fund; and closer to home, the school sent musicians and singers to take part in Debenham's Christmas fayre. The children continue to plant trees every year in Hoppit Wood.

The diocese is working closely with the school to develop collective worship and provision of RE. Links with the church have been strengthened.

Chris Lenton has recently succeeded Anne Humphreys as Chair of Governors and the school has been very pleased to welcome two new teachers, whose contribution is highly valued.

Ruth Monck-Mason
Governor