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the school, said: "The friends are tremendous fundraisers and ambassadors for the school

club. The cabin was opened by the Bishop of Norwich at the end of September. It cost

for the club: visit www.yaxham.com/school or contact the school secretary.

# Primary school praised in church report

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**A village school has been praised after an inspection that found it to be welcoming and caring, with a family atmosphere.**

Yaxham Primary, which has 78 pupils, was judged as good with outstanding features after a Church of England inspection in December.

The report said: "Yaxham is a very welcoming, caring school with a clear Christian ethos. This is demonstrated in a friendly, family atmosphere where high levels of pastoral care ensure everyone feels valued.

"The head teacher gives a strong vision for Yaxham as a Church school and is very

well supported by committed staff and governors."

Strengths included excellent relationships and high levels of respect for each other and well-developed links between the school and the village community, according to the report.

It said issues that needed to be developed included the creation of a specific outside area for pupils to "reflect and find peace", and to further their awareness of the wider world and "diverse nature of society".

The previous Church of England inspection took place in April 2009, and December's visit highlighted that the school had made good progress in addressing "developmental issues".

The report said: "There are still few specific procedures in place for governors to

monitor the impact of collective worship. However, the views of pupils have been sought and acted upon."

It added: "A clear Christian ethos underpins all aspects of school life.

"The school has some outstanding features, and pupils flourish within the supportive environment.

"Pupils report that they love coming to the school because 'everyone gets on together and the work is challenging but fun'."

Head Sandra Nightingale said: "The school pupils and staff are tremendous. I'm very proud."

Ian Martin, chairman of governors at Yaxham Primary, said: "The school ended 2011 on a real high.

"We are looking forward to building on our achievements in 2012."

## A few home truths...

If only the walls of your home could talk... what secrets would they yield?

Mid Norfolk Family History Society is inviting people along to an open meeting entitled How to Research the History of a House next Wednesday. The speaker will be Gill Blanchard, and the event will take place at Trinity Methodist Church Hall in Theatre Street, Dereham. Gill is hoping to show her

audience how they can find out about where their ancestors lived from assorted records. She might also be able to shed light on how they can discover who has lived in their home in days gone by.

Entry is £1 to non-members of the society, with tea and coffee included.

● More information about the society and its activities at [www.tsites.co.uk/sites/mnfhs](http://www.tsites.co.uk/sites/mnfhs)

## Poetry date

Fakenham poet Caroline Gilfillan will be giving free poetry readings and workshops in Norwich on Saturday.

Sessions will be at the Millennium Library, at The Forum, starting at 11am, noon and 2pm and be about 30 minutes each. People attending will have the chance to write their own poem, and the sessions are suitable for adults and accompanied children.