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**Who is like you, O Lord,
among the gods? Who
is like you, majestic in
holiness, awesome in
glorious deeds, doing
wonders?**

Ex 15:11

**HOOK-with-
WARSASH:** Many
schools invite children
to celebrate World
Book Day – but Hook-
with-Warsash C of E
Academy had an entire
Book Week.

A day simply wasn't
long enough for children
to explore all they
enjoy about the world
of books. So English
manager Heidi Baxter
organised a whole week
of activities.

There was a day
when children dressed
up as all sorts of
literary characters, from
Hermione Grainger to
Willy Wonka.

There were visits
from authors, including
local author Ruth
Cummins and illustrator
and author Paul
Geraghty, who signed
copies of his book.

There were also visits
by two theatre groups



Children dressed up for Book Week at Hook-with-Warsash Academy

the school report

– the Hand to Mouth
Theatre Company and
the Hobgoblin Theatre
Company. Pupils were

also involved in story-
telling, writing stories,
book reviews and
making puppet theatres

for their own finger
puppet performances.

Ms Baxter said:
"Overall it was a
fantastic week - the
children thoroughly
enjoyed sharing their
favourite books, and
the efforts they put into
making their costumes
was truly amazing."

CATHEDRAL: Pupils
from schools around
Portsmouth were given
a meal with the Lord
Mayor – thanks to the
Cathedral Innovation
Centre (CIC).

It was the second
year that the CIC had
supported the initiative,
and 50 primary and
secondary school pupils
were welcomed by Cllr
Frank Jonas in the Lord
Mayor's chamber.

The children
were given a tour of
the council debating
chamber, were
introduced to the Mayor
and toasted the Queen
and Portsmouth Football
Club during their visit.



The Lord Mayor with pupils from schools across Portsmouth

news from the pews

including refreshments,
and are available from
Andrew Wilkinson at
andrew@swanmore.net
or from Janet Chant on
01489-894942.

SWANMORE: It was
a campaign that changed
the course of history.

The ill-fated
Gallipoli campaign in
1915-16 led to profound
changes in the Near East
and further afield.

The attempt to invade
what is now modern-day
Turkey during the First
World War failed, and
troops were withdrawn
after eight months.

The campaign is the
subject of an illustrated
talk by acclaimed
military historian Kit
Power, at St Barnabas
Church, Swanmore, from
7.30pm on May 13.

Tickets are £12.50.

Colwell and Wellow
were involved.

The cash was split
between five different
charities and presented
to them in Freshwater
Memorial Hall.

Those charities
were the CTWW Youth
Workers, CTWW
Holiday Bible Club,
Tear Fund, the Isle of
Wight Street Pastors,
and Isle of Wight Air
Ambulance. Each
received £500.

FRESHWATER:
Worshippers from West
Wight raised £2,500
through a series of
Lenten brunches.
It involved
churchgoers and others
from Churches Together
in West Wight cooking,
helping and organising
one brunch each week
for five weeks during
Lent.

Churches from
Yarmouth, Freshwater,
Totland, Thorley,

VENTNOR: St Alban's
Church in Ventnor
welcomed the String
Ensemble of Brighton
Youth Orchestra for a
concert.

These 18 young
musicians, directed
by Andy Sherwood,
mesmerised their
discerning audience
with an eclectic
programme of works
by Antonin Dvorak,
Andrzej Panufnik, Robin
Milford, John Tavener
and contemporary avant-
garde composer Peter
Copley.

The pianist for
the Copley concerto
was Trinity Laban
Conservatoire student
Philip Leslie, who
electrified the church's
baby grand piano with
his virtuosic skills.

Just over £170 was
raised, to be divided
between the orchestra's
Encore Fund and St
Alban's.

For further details
of the church's 2016
concerts, see www.stalbansiw.org.uk.