

## Visit to St Mary Redcliffe Church by Year 5 from Colston's Lower School in Stapleton

Y5K visited St Mary Redcliffe church as a part of their Religious Studies topic on the New Testament. The children had a guided tour of the church and they heard and learnt about the meaning of the parable 'The Good Samaritan'. The church has a stained glass window depicting this story which is in memory of Edward Colston and contains the words 'Go and do thou likewise'. The children realised that this stained glass window is replicated in the Upper School dining room!



In their guided tour, the children saw the 'Chaotic Pendulum'. This is a water pendulum that illustrates the scientific understanding of chaos. It is intended to show that knowledge can never provide certainty. What is remarkable is that with all the science in world no one can predict the next movement of the pendulum.



**J:** All of the windows in the Church were beautiful. The window I particularly liked was the Colston's window; this says 'Go and do thou likewise', our school motto.



**K:** I really liked the gardens of the Church because there used to be lots of trams around Bristol. In World War 2, a bomb once hit a tram line and it flew and landed in the church yard; it has been there ever since.

**B:** I liked the size of the Church. The stone monuments for some famous people of Bristol were fascinating, but also there was a grave for the Church cat!

**O:** The church cat lived from 1912 - 1927, he attended so many Church ceremonies! I found that fascinating!

**M:** Whoever built the gate inside the church hid a golden mouse there. Nowadays the gate goes around the Church shop but nobody knows why the gate was there originally, or why there was a hidden mouse!

**C:** In the Church there was a cross with a pole going across it. Water fell into the pole, and whichever side the water fell, water would tip down and then tip the pole which would then come back up. Nobody knows which side the pole will go down so it tells us that no one can predict what is going to happen in life.



**M:** My favourite part of the Church was the ceiling because there were 110 different patterned balls!