

## WELCOME

Welcome to our leavers celebration assembly. It truly is a celebration of our time here – our many happy experiences and memorable moments, a chance for us to reflect on how much we have learned and how much we have grown. And, in particular, to thank those who have guided us on our journey and who have shared in our many adventures.

## LOOKING BACK

### Early Years

*It might work nicely to have a slide show of photos of the children from when they were younger, if available.*

We were all so little when we started. Most of us were just four years old. We didn't know how to read, we didn't know how to write or how to add up. Some of us were quite good at playing, and some of us had already learned how to share, but we really were very little, and the older children in the school really were very big. As big as adults, we thought. We couldn't really tell the difference then. All we knew was that everyone was older, and bigger, and faster. And all of those things matter an awful lot when you're four.

And then, in the blink of an eye, we weren't the youngest or the smallest. September came round again and a whole new group of children appeared, and everyone told us how much we had grown. We no longer sat at the front in assembly, and we could all read a bit, and write a bit. We knew our shapes, and how to add things up. And we didn't get to play quite so much during school time. But at least we ate a few more things. That pleased our parents.

And so the cycle continued. Another harvest service, another Christmas Fayre. Easter, sports day, and farewell to Year Six. All the time we learned, we grew, we made friends, we changed friends, we liked this teacher, we liked that classroom.

And now, years and years have passed. And we're the big ones. The ones who seem like adults when you're four. Except that we're not adults. We're still children, and we still love playing, and if we're honest many of us would probably like to be staying here for a bit longer. This school has taught us, cared for us, nurtured us, provided us with friends, a family. We have a lot to thank it for.