



What is “Pray, Bake, Read”?

It is a simple concept that is used by churches that want to show practical support to their local schools.

We are always keen to find new volunteers from our congregation to join one of our small teams, each of which is dedicated to a particular school in our parish. Being guided by me, your team will offer the following to each school (although if you as an individual are only able to help in one or two of these ways, please do speak to me);

Pray – you will commit to regularly praying for the staff, the Governors, the pupils and their families of your particular school. I will provide prayer points each half term for you to use on your own, as often as you feel able. In addition to this, we encourage each small team to meet together once or twice a term to pray for their school. Any details that I share with you will of course need to be kept confidential.

Bake – your team will provide cakes for the staff at least once every half term. This is for no other reason than to show them that we recognise they are doing a difficult but important job and we want them to feel supported and appreciated. After all, who doesn't like to eat cake! Cakes can be home made, shop bought, simple or fancy.

Read – each team member commits to offering their time as a volunteer within their school community. Most likely this will be supporting children learning to read, but if you have other skills that you feel could be of benefit to your school, please let me know. All volunteers will need to be DBS checked and complete some basic safeguarding training before starting to help in schools. However, you will remain under the supervision of a member of staff whilst in the school.

Why do we want to do this?

As Christians, the Bible teaches us to love our neighbour. Our church and the many schools in our parish are close neighbours in our community and we want to show God's love to them by serving them in a practical way. It really is that simple.

