

# Winchester Cathedral

*8th October 2014*



**Wellow**  
Primary School

For the second year running Year 5 were invited to attend the Schools Day at Winchester Cathedral. The theme for this year was 'Leaving' and we reflected on the role of the Cathedral in WW1 when troops were leaving the Cathedral to go to war following training at the camp on Morn Hill in Winchester.

The soldiers would attend a service, line up outside then march to St Cross to board their charabangs to take them to waiting ships at Southampton and across the Channel to France. Many didn't return. Others came back broken, few felt able to talk about what had happened when they returned to their families. The Cathedral day focused on the optimism in the early days of the War.



The children started by participating in a practical activity around the Cathedral ending with an act of worship in the nave. They wrote their own postcard home to their family as if they were FWW soldiers in Winchester waiting to get their ships across to France and then discussed what they had enjoyed about year 4 in primary school and what they are most looking forward to in year 5.



The day culminated in a service in the Nave. Mrs Bethel read a reading from the Bible and together we sang hymns and gave thanks for the special time we had had together.

