



ALFRISTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

PILGRIMAGE TO BERWICK CHURCH

Ascension Day May 25<sup>th</sup> 2017

Each child at Alfriston Primary School, from Reception to Yr 6 (about 115 children), made 2 clay shells which were fired in a kiln by a local potter. The shell is a symbol of pilgrimage. One was worn on their walk and one was left in the church as they left. The children walked across the fields to the church and spent the day here. They came to see the swift boxes and their art, to explore the church and churchyard and to hear the account of Jesus' Ascension into heaven. Some lit candles and many did drawings. The sky-bound life of the swift can be taken as a metaphor in a number of ways; a ceaseless life-long search for meaning and truth, a desire to be free and our sense of a heavenly home to which we belong and towards which our life progresses. A pilgrimage can also convey these.

