

'Special experience' for children



Imran Kotwal with Noah O'Brien, Lana Green, Freddy McDonald and Nerys Jones at Norton in Hales school

Pupils have been learning about Islam as part of their religious education studies.

Youngsters at the Norton in Hales Church of England Primary School took part in an assembly and workshops led by Imran Kotwal, a Muslim religious education advisor who is part of the the Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (SACRE).

Angela Alkureishi, headteacher at the school, said parents and the local vicar had also joined the pupils for the morning.

She said: "Imran's visit was a pleasure for the children, staff and parents of Norton in Hales C of E Primary School.

"Imran talked to the children about his beliefs, prayers, rituals and what being Muslim means in modern Britain.

"Visits like Imran are so important. They enable our children to have a real understanding of the diversity that exists in our society and how we can all live together, sharing the same values of friendships, kindness and respect. It was a special experience."

The visit was part of the school's values days, and was organised to enrich the knowledge pupils have.

Imran has extensive experience of teaching Islam and served as head of a successful multi-faith chaplaincy team.