



After the service there was an unexpected surprise for Jaylan. She bumped into a friend she had grown up with and had not seen for a number of years. This was a very emotional moment for both girls and reflected the resilience theme of the service. It was so lovely to see the connection they still had.

As we have so many pupils linked to service families, this was an important event in our school calendar and the children all felt the value of being involved. All who attended the service behaved impeccably and respectfully during all the presentations. They are a credit to you.

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### Service to Celebrate



#### Her Majesty's School Heroes, North Yorkshire

Dear Parents,

Ripon Cathedral was full to capacity on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November** with a wide range of local dignitaries, special guests, serving soldiers, North Yorkshire County Council representatives and pupils from schools across the County, all joining together to celebrate the richness that the children of the Armed Forces bring to North Yorkshire. Following the major troop movements in 2015, due largely to the 'drawdown' from Germany, the service celebrated 'new beginnings' and used the symbol of the dandelion as its inspiration. *'Its seeds are scattered by the wind and it puts down roots anywhere.'*

After the welcome by the Very Rev'd John Dobson (Dean of Ripon) and arrival of the Lord Lieutenant the Hohne Tapestry was presented to North Yorkshire. It was at this point when two of Alanbrooke's brave pupils spoke about their experiences when they had moved schools and how they had been helped.

What an amazingly proud moment for them, but also our school. To stand in front of so many honoured guests (not to mention a huge number of your peers) and speak with such confidence and candour about their experiences was, quite frankly, outstanding! The speeches both **Liam** and **Jaylan** had prepared were honest and matter of fact, but the messages they conveyed were emotional.

The service then continued with presentations from Le Cateau Primary School of a Nepalese dance, pupils from Michael Syddal Cof E Primary School and Hipswell C of E Primary School talking about how they help people new to their community, RAF Leeming Primary School led a bible reading (Luke 19 verse 1-10), the main address was given by our Padre, Revd Richard Hall, prayers from pupils at Bolton on Swale C of E Primary School, Carnagill Community Primary School, Holy Trinity C of E Junior School and Bedale High School.