

On Friday March 2nd Kate Tobin from East Devon District Council Countryside Service visited Key stage 2 children from Farway Church of England Primary School. The focus for the day was the splendid, ancient Yew tree which grows in the Church yard of St Michael and All Angels Church in Farway.

Kate told the children about the tree's history which is thought to date back 15 hundred years, and that it has been chosen as one of the *Great Trees* in Devon. The children visited the Yew and produced some poetry about it.

What has our Yew tree seen?

Yew tree in the Churchyard , what have you seen?
Christians building the first tiny church,
A red squirrel scampering along a branch,
You have seen the first person to be buried in a grave,
Shiny red berries falling to the ground,
You have seen a woodpecker tapping holes into a branch.

By Polly, Josh, Adam, Ashley and Harry.

The Yew Tree.

The Yew tree stands
She feels old and alone,
Her swirling hands stretched out far,
Her body long and rough,
Her feet are twisted like deep roots,
Her clothes are tattered and torn like September leaves falling,
She stands alone,
She stands alone.

The Yew Tree.

Beautiful Yew Tree,
Your leaves are green all year round,
Your trunk is hollow.

William, Oliver John, Harriet, Jacob.