

Bird and Bat Boxes

Children have made lots of nesting boxes for birds and bats in the churchyard.

Bird Boxes

Different birds like different kinds of boxes.

Owls like big boxes. Tits and sparrows like boxes with little, round holes but robins like boxes with open fronts.



Walk around and see if you can spot the owl box.

Tick the picture when you do.



Can you find the bird boxes with a round hole?

Write down how many you find.



How many boxes with an open front are there?

Write down how many you find.

Can you spot any of these birds?

Tick the names of the ones you see.

- robin blue tit starling wren
 jackdaw sparrow blackbird

Bat Boxes



Find a bat box.

Where is the opening?

Why do you think it is there?



Minibeasts

Minibeasts are invertebrates. This means they have no backbone.

Look carefully at the hedge by the tower, the ivy on the front wall and the bug hotels. Can you see any minibeasts? Some examples are spiders, beetles, snails, centipedes, ants, butterflies, bees, wasps, flies and woodlice.

Draw a circle around any of the minibeasts that you find.



bee



beetle



butterfly



centipede



snail



wasp



spider



ant



fly



woodlouse

Yew Trees

Some yew trees are over 2000 years old. They are sometimes called the tree of the dead because so many are found in churchyards.



There are five yew trees in the churchyard but **DO NOT TOUCH THEM**. The bark, leaves and seeds are all poisonous.

Which yew tree do you think is the tallest?

St Nicholas' Church Willoughby Children's Churchyard Adventure



Join Charlie the church mouse on an adventure of discovery around the churchyard.



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Graves in the Churchyard

People have been buried in St Nicholas' churchyard for many hundreds of years. Most gravestones give names and dates.

Gravestones

Some gravestones have special shapes or symbols.

Tick these when you find them.



Sarcophagus

Some people were put into a large stone coffin above the ground. This is called a sarcophagus.



Find this sarcophagus near the tower. Write down the names of the people who were put inside.

The Church Tower

Go to the west side of the tower next to the hedge and look at the graffiti on the wall of the tower.

Graffiti

A long time ago some people carved their initials and dates on the wall.

Find the following initials and add the dates.

C.W.O.H

E H

J.D

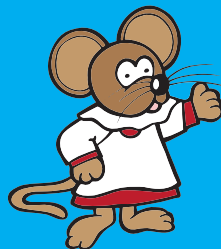


Can you work out how many years ago these naughty people carved their initials?

C. W. O. H. years ago

E H years ago

J. D years ago



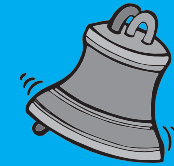
In 2006, another person added to the graffiti.

Write down their initials.



The Church Clock

Go to the east side of the tower and look up at the church clock.



The clock was installed in 1947 in memory of all the people who died in World War II (1939-1945). The clock strikes each hour by making a hammer hit one of the bells in the tower.

What time is it on the clock now?

Draw the long and the short hands on the clock face below to show the time.

