



Grove Road Primary School in Tring hosted a fabulous **Singing Festival for Year 2 classes from local schools** on Friday 23rd

June. The first of its kind in the local area, the event was

organised by Jo Sands from the Hertfordshire Music Service,

and brought together schools including Dundale, Goldfield, Long Marston, St. Bart's, Aldbury and Grove Road.

The children all learned the songs with their teachers before the event, and came together to sing them. With a fun warm up called 'Hot Potato' which involved repeating rhythmical chants, the children were ready to concentrate and sing their hearts out. They sang 'Boom Chicka Boom' (a call and response song), and 'H.E.L.L.O.', and were then treated to a harmonious performance from 11 singers from Tring School. An inspiration to our young singers as well as a little rest! The Tring School singers then joined in with our Year 2 voices in the 'Buzzy Buzz Song', 'A Keelie', 'Barbecue Blues', 'I Love the Flowers', and 'Did you Ever?' The children sang in 2 parts and 4 parts which heightened their listening skills! There was movement too, with actions included with many of the songs.

Sharon Sanderson, Grove Road Head Teacher, commented: "We welcome the chance for local schools to get together and events such as this allow children to have fun with sounds and actions, enjoying the experience of ensemble singing, without the pressure of performing. Musical education is so important in children's development; the rhymes and repetitive formats are wonderful for developing mathematical and pattern-recognition skills. We extend our warm thanks to Jo Sands and Wendy Wilson Goddard from Herts Music Service for coming to our school and leading such a wonderful event."

