

Rowan Atkinson is grateful to Shap Church of England School for helping her son Noah with his speech

Rowan's son Noah is age 6 and is in Year 1

Part of the community

"I was brought up in the village and I feel so lucky to be part of a community that has such a wonderful school. There was never any question, Noah was always going to go to Shap school. There is a playgroup in the village which is a great starting point for the children to make friends. It makes such a difference having familiar faces. Noah has a little brother and the last Thursday of every

month we visit the nursery area at Shap school. It's a great time for everyone connected to school to come together. We go in just after lunch time, the children all play together and we have a chat. It's a great way to start building familiarity for the younger children," says Rowan.

Empowering children to be independent

"Noah struggled with his speech initially.

Through school we were recommended to a speech therapist. The improvement he's made is just incredible. His sense of achievement is wonderful. It's been brilliant and so empowering for Noah. He doesn't get upset anymore and everyone can understand what he's trying to say," says Rowan.

Children say:

Noah says: "I love cooking club."

