

# Central Gurdwara (Khalsa Jatha)

Year 5 class trip

March 2023



Year 5 visited the Central Gurdwara and learnt a lot more about Sikhism. We learnt that the holy script for the Sikhs is the Guru Granth Sahib. The Guru Granth Sahib is treated with the respect that the human gurus received.

The resting place for the Guru Granth Sahib is the most important and beautifully decorated place in the Gurdwara. The book is always carefully protected by a canopy hanging over it (called a channani) and by special cloths wrapped around it (known as the rumala). When the book is opened it rests on a quilt and three cushions, which together are known as the Manji Sahib. A fan is waved over the Guru Granth Sahib because the human Gurus had fans waved over them as a sign of respect.



Year 5 also took part in the Langar meal, which is prepared each day in the Gurdwara to be shared with visitors, members of the community and those in need. It was delicious!



The Guru Granth Sahib cannot be kept on a shelf like other books. Any room where the Guru Granth Sahib is kept is treated as holy; it must be kept clean and people entering must remove their shoes and cover their heads to show how much they honour the book.

