

PECKHAM

Bishop opens new school garden

Youngsters can now have outdoor lessons at school

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THE BISHOP of Southwarth officially opened a new garden for 419 pupils of a primary school this week.

Pupils from St John's & St Clements Church of England Primary School watched as the Rt Reverend Christopher Chessum opened the garden.

The garden has been created after consultation with pupils and staff as the school previously had no green space.

The area will now be used for outdoor lessons as a place for youngsters to get some peace during playtime. It was made on land from an adjacent house owned by the school. Created by local garden designer Tim Mackley and funded by the Parents Teachers & Friends Association, it includes a sail shade for outdoor lessons, a circular sandstone nautical compass and a sundial.

Headteacher Sarah Alexander said: "It's hugely important for children to have access to green space and to connect with the natural world. This new garden aims to give all the pupils a stimulating environment in which to learn, play and discover."

