



BON MATIN: Theresa May MP and Michel Monsauret from the French Embassy with teacher Veronique Watson and students Tibault Ward, three, and Awen Morgan, three. Ref:102505-2

Très bien school plan

A BILINGUAL school opened its doors on Saturday morning to show a politician and a French Embassy official what goes on.

The part-time 1.2.3 Soleil French School, which currently runs classes at Altwood Church of England School, in Altwood Road, is proposing the opening of a permanent bilingual section at a school in Maidenhead.

Maidenhead MP Theresa May joined Michel Monsauret from the French Embassy at the school to discuss the project.

The school is working with the French

Embassy on the plan, which if it gets the go-ahead, would be the first state-run bilingual class in the country outside of London.

The Soleil school currently teaches about 70 children between the ages of three and 10 on Saturday mornings.

Pupils are drawn from from Buckinghamshire, Berkshire and Oxfordshire.

French headteacher Anne Morgan, said plans are at an early stage.

She said: "The discussion went very well and Mrs May was very interested, and said she would talk to the coun-

cil about it.

"It would be open to anyone, not only bilingual children. It would be interesting to have one in Maidenhead."

Michel Monsauret, from the French Embassy in London, said: "There are about 300,000 French nationals in the UK, so these sort of programmes are very important."

Maidenhead MP Theresa May, said it was great to see such a venture in the town.

"We have a number of people from different cultures and this sort of thing is fantastic for the families and their children."