



# The Three Saints Academy Trust

"If you can believe, all things are possible to those who believe."

Mark 9:23

## Newsletter

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St Ann's Church of England Primary



St Mary & St Thomas C.E. Primary



St Michael with St Thomas C.E. Primary

## Message from the Chief Executive Officer

As we approach Summer holidays and the well deserved rest this offers to all staff and children, I hope you get a sense of the amazing work that has gone on in our schools which we share with you in this addition of our Trust Newsletter.

We still continue to face challenges for families and staff with absences due to Covid-19, but this has not hindered our schools making huge strides this academic year. Everyone has remained very positive and we have had another great year as a Trust working with all our schools.

This term we have been able to go ahead with Jubilee celebrations, sports days and fun days along with school holidays, all offering our children a broad and vibrant curriculum. National testing has gone ahead this year for the first time since 2019, all our children have been resilient and we are incredibly proud of them all.

Our Y6 children in all our 3 school's are in our prayers as they complete their time in Primary school and move onto pastures new in September when they

start high school. This is an exciting, but nervous time for our Y6 pupils and their families. We hope they will come back to visit us and let us know how they are getting on.

You will get a flavour of our school's amazing work during the summer term on the following pages, all our schools are very special places and testament to the hard work of all staff.

We wish everyone a lovely summer holiday and thank you for your partnership and co-operation this year and look forward to working with you when we return in September.

**Kirsty Tennyson**  
**Chief Executive Officer**  
**The Three Saints Academy Trust**



# News from St Mary & St Thomas

Believe, Achieve, Shine

## SUMMER TRIPS

It has been wonderful to see the joy on our children's faces as we have been able to return to exciting end of year trips for all! They have ranged from days on the farm, to exploring scientific wonders at Imagine that, to residential for our oldest children in London and Cheshire. Our Y5 pupils enjoyed outdoor pursuit activities at Petty Pools in Cheshire- activities included stream walks, team games such as crate stack and abseiling. Our Y6 pupils enjoyed the sights of London including the London Eye, Covent Garden, watching Matilda at the West End amongst others.

As expected, all our pupils behaved impeccably and represented SMST beautifully in the community.



## SIAMS – KEEPING ON TRACK VISIT

We had the opportunity to share with the team from SIAMS how our Christian ethos and values shape us as a family of faith this term. The team commented on the 'extremely strong Christian leadership' in our school as well as identifying that our pupils 'flourish' as the work we do is underpinned by our Christian vision.

Well done to all!

## HOMEWORK PROJECTS

Our project style homework has been a roaring success this year! Each project is themed around learning going on in the classroom. We've had positive feedback from families, and have just loved seeing so many unique creations and ideas from all our pupils. Some children have devised dances in response to their learning, some have crafted their hearts out and some have been inspired to write poetry!



## CONSERVATION WEEK

One of our highlights this term has been our Conservation Week which links to many of our curriculum areas. From nursery right through to Y6, the children studied, researched and explored how we can make an impact on our planet by being more sustainable, considerate and conscious of our choices.

The children took part in a live Art session led by Darrell Wakelam to create songbirds with recycled materials, which was very exciting, and classes used their creativity to raise money in order to adopt an endangered animal too.



### Tiger

Tiger, Tiger, aren't you a sight?  
People fear your ferocious bite.  
How could a human ever pry  
So much that it caused you to die?

What once was nine  
Soon three became wine  
He stabbed you with his spear  
And watched as you shed a tear.

What twisted mind could play its part  
To end the repeating beating of your heart  
When you finish and feel high with pride  
The tigers turn afraid and begin to hide.

Y6 were focussing on tigers. As well as completing some beautiful art work, they created the most fantastic poems. Such powerful imagery and vocabulary were used- have a look at the example above.

## BELIEVE, ACHIEVE, SHINE AWARDS EVENING

This year we were absolutely delighted to bring back our awards evening. Each year, we award a child from each class a BELIEVE award, an ACHIEVE award and a SHINE award. These awards are linked to our mission statement. We also award a citizen of the year who is voted for by all staff. It was a wonderful celebration, there were lots of happy tears and proud parents and carers!



# News from St Ann's

Together, we aim high; with God's love, we can fly

## HEALTHY LIVING WEEK

Towards the end of Summer 1 we held our annual Healthy Living Week. This special week, which promotes positive physical and mental health and wellbeing, involved class sports days (with spectators), our Mark Barrow Fun Run, as well as road safety workshops and sports competitions for selected year groups. During the week children showed excellent sportsmanship, resilience, stamina and determination!



## PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

What a fabulous day we had dressed in red, white and blue, celebrating the Queen's 70<sup>th</sup> year on the throne. The children learned all about our monarch's reign at the start of the day and then enjoyed taking part in a range of fun activities including drama workshops with Altru, a 1950's sports day, having a turn on the bouncy castle and enjoying a family picnic in the sunshine on the field. And let's not forget the the spectacle that was our Great British Bake Off!



## CULTURAL EXPERIENCES AND EDUCATIONAL VISITS

This term saw a number of our year groups get out and about locally to support and enhance their subject learning and cultural capital. Y1 benefitted from a trip to Farmer Ted's, Y2 enjoyed a visit to the Liverpool Philharmonic for an orchestral experience, Y3 visited the World Museum and Walker Art Gallery and Y4 went to Anthony Gormley's Another Place Art Installation on Crosby Beach.

## EYES WIDE OPEN

In order to support our Y6 children's personal, social and health education, this half term they benefitted from watching a powerful performance by Altru drama to raise awareness around alcohol and drug misuse. Essential learning as they move onto secondary school where they will have greater freedom and independence.



## RESIDENTIALS



This term we were delighted to offer our Y4, Y5 & Y6 pupils the opportunity to go away on a school residential. Y4

enjoyed a trip to Kingwood in Staffordshire where they constructed shelters, engaged in orienteering, completed the 'nighline challenge' and scaled a climbing wall.

Meanwhile our Y5 & Y6 children took a trip to the capital right before the Jubilee celebrations!



Highlights of the trip included; the London Eye, the Tower of London, the Natural History Museum, the Science Museum watching the West End show Wicked, and of course eating in Pizza Hut and the Hard Rock Cafe!



# News from St Michael with St Thomas

Learn, Achieve, Love, Believe

## Y6 London Trip

This term our Y6 pupils enjoyed a fantastic trip to London, where they not only saw the famous sights and experienced the London Eye, but also caught a show, enjoyed eating



out at restaurants and visited the Warner Brothers Studio tour to explore the world of Harry Potter! It was especially lovely for our pupils to have the opportunity to make new friendships and experience the trip with pupils from one of our Trust schools, St Mary and St



Thomas, as well as their friends from their class. They returned home very tired, hot and full of stories and memories made – what a way to end their time at primary school.

## Gold Award – School Games

We are very excited to have been awarded the prestigious Gold Award for School Games! This award demonstrates our ongoing commitment to sports and wellbeing, as well as keeping young people active, across the school and we already have plans in place to build on this further next year. This is our second year of achieving the Gold standard (due to the award not being given out for the last two years due to Covid) and schools with 4 years of Gold Award recognition are able to go for Platinum accreditation, so watch this space!



## Successful SIAMs visit

We were delighted to welcome representatives from Liverpool Diocese into school this term for our SIAMs Keeping on track visit. The

inspector was blown away by our fantastic pupils and the hard work and commitment from our whole school family. One of our favourite quotes from the report is: "The staff's unwavering determination that all pupils should achieve their potential regardless of barriers is palpable and reflects the school's motto of "Learn, Achieve, Love, Believe."

## Jubilee Celebrations



We ended the first half term with a whole community celebration for the Queen's Jubilee. Families, neighbours, friends and local residents joined us for our Fun Day, where they enjoyed

garden games, stalls, crafts and even pony rides! Our kitchen team treated the whole school to traditional British Scones with jam and cream, and one of our parents was the resident DJ, adding to the party atmosphere with music from across the decades. It was a fantastic way to end the term and such a special occasion to finally have our whole school community back together again after so long.



## Author Visit

We had a very special visitor this term, as we welcomed a real life author into school. Sean Perkins came into school to share his latest



book which has just been published. He read us the story, and answered all of the questions our pupils had about how they could become an author too. We can't wait to read the stories he has inspired from our next generation of authors!