



# The Three Saints Academy Trust

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

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## 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 the end of this academic year, I hope you enjoy the news shared in this, the 23<sup>rd</sup> edition, of our Trust Newsletter.

We have had a very busy term and 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 were very proud of how resilient all our children have been during the various national tests that they have undertaken this term. Well done to our Y1, Y2 and Y6 children, you are superstars, as are all our wonderful staff who have supported them.

We are very pleased to announce that a fourth school will be joining us soon. Blackmoor Park Infants School in Liverpool was approved by the DfE in May to join The Three Saints Academy Trust. This is great news and something we have been working to achieve for several years now as we have been supporting the school since 2020. They already feel like part of our family of schools and we look forward to the conversion being completed in the Autumn Term.

Now the central team is growing we have over 20 members of staff who now work for the Trust, this covers all our staff working for our Maths Hub, North West Learning Partnership and our Initial Teacher Training Programme. Our team has outgrown our small office at St Mary's so we will be moving into a new Head

Office in August on Duke Street St Helens, this will give us much needed space.

At this time of year we recognise that some staff may be moving to pastures new and we would like to say goodbye and thank you to Mrs Allison (St Ann's), Miss Dowdall (St Michaels), Miss Richardson and Miss Wright (St Marys). We wish all these teachers they very best for the future and thank them all for their contributions and commitment to our schools. Well done to Miss Smith our Director of Safeguarding & Attendance. She has been invited to join the Anna Freud Schools Division Education Panel for the third year in a row. Anna Freud Schools Division Education Panel is a voluntary group of schools and colleges from across the UK who champion mental health and wellbeing in their setting and local communities. The aim of the group is to act as a guidance panel; and to provide an understanding of the current issues in schools and colleges in relation to mental health and wellbeing. The panel also promote and celebrate the excellent practice that is taking place in schools and colleges across the UK.

Wishing you a fun and energising summer break, we look forward to welcoming everyone back for the new school year in September.

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



# News from St Mary & St Thomas

## Believe, Achieve, Shine

### END OF YEAR TRIPS

Summer term is always an exciting time for the children as they take part in an end-of-year trips.

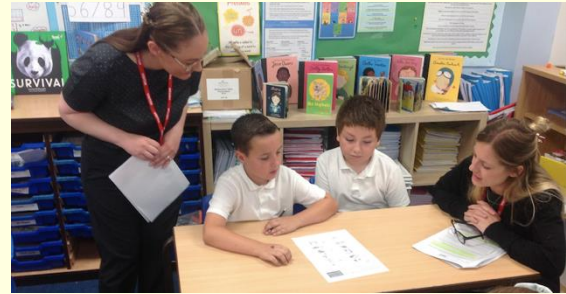
Our Y6 children headed to London along with the pupils from SMWST and had an absolute blast! They rode the London Eye, cruised along the Thames, watched Matilda in a West End theatre, visited Harry Potter studios and even caught a live street performance in Covent Garden. It was lovely to see them make new friends with one of Trust schools too. Y5 had a jam-packed 2-day trip to Petty Pools filled with welly walks, climbing walls and leaps of faith. As for the rest of the school, they've been to wetlands, activity centres and visited such exciting places in the local area. We love giving our children this opportunity to try new things, see new places as part of their personal development.



**MENTAL HEALTH** At SMST, we have the privilege of working with Emma Thomason, our designated Mental Health Nurse Practitioner as part of a pilot project to help provide early support to pupils. Emma has worked directly with children and families, developing strategies for our pupils for challenges such as anxiety and self-esteem. She has also delivered a number of workshops to parents linked to supporting their children post-Covid, and understanding behaviours and how to support neurodiversity. This term, she has also carried out sessions for our Y6 pupils linked to transition and preparing for high school. The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive and we are so grateful for all the amazing work Emma has done. Thank you, Emma!



**MY MONEY WEEK** We are committed to ensuring that we are preparing our children for life in the modern world through our curriculum offer. This year, we have been working towards an award in Financial Education as we believe understanding how to manage money is such an important skill. The team from the Yorkshire Bank, Money Minds, have visited this term as part of our 'My Money Week' to deliver both parent and pupil workshops on budgeting and spending. The sessions have been informative and though-provoking too.



**BELIEVE, ACHIEVE, SHINE AWARDS** This has to be one of our favourite events of the year! In line with our school motto, we celebrate the children who have believed in themselves, made big academic achievements and have been shining stars in our school community. We introduced a new award this

*Believe, Achieve, Shine*  
*Believe in ourselves, each other and God;*  
*Achieve in all we do;*  
*Shine everyday!*

year, the 'Elizabeth Collins' award to remember our ex Chair of Governors who sadly passed away this year. This award is for pupils who demonstrate commitment and dedication to everything they do; the same way that Elizabeth dedicated so much of her time and efforts to us as a school. Well done to all our very worthy winners!

**HOUSE TEAM-BUILDING DAY** At the start of this academic year, we launched brand new house teams across school. Every child was placed into a team and throughout the year we've had various events and team building days. This has also been a great opportunity to develop pupil leadership. This term, Y6 led the sessions for their house team and did an amazing job. The patience and kindness they showed towards the younger children was inspiring.



# News from St Ann's

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

## HEALTHY LIVING WEEK



A fantastic time was had by all – pupils, staff and families - during Healthy Living Week, when our sports' days were held. The children displayed excellent sportsmanship and a healthy competitive spirit, as they did at our Mark Barrow Fun Run which brought the week to a close.



## CORONATION CELEBRATIONS



The sun came out just in time for our family picnic on 19 May, to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III. The choir performance was beautiful, as always, and we raised £416 from our Great British Bake Off!

## CULTURAL VISITS



Lots of our year groups have been out and about and having fun across the Northwest this term. We've seen EYs visit Knowsley Safari Park, Y1 visit the Storybarn at Calderstone's Park, Y2 watch the philharmonic Orchestra, Y3 visit the Manchester Science & Industry Museum and Liverpool Empire to watch 'Annie,' and Y4 went to Formby Beach and the Shakespeare North Playhouse. Visits are already being booked for next academic year. Watch this space!

## WE WILL ROCK YOU Y6 PRODUCTION



Huge congratulations to our Y6 children who rocked out on St Helen's Theatre Royal stage when they performed We Will Rock You Young @ Part on 29 June. It was smiles all around, and not a dry eye in the auditorium. You Rock Y6!

## RESIDENTIAL HOLIDAYS

This term our Y4s enjoyed their residential to Kingswood in Staffordshire. The children



showed resilience and strength of character when they took part in the array of outdoor pursuits. Well done to our Y5 & Y6 children who participated in our first residential to the Lake District. Memories were made and the children were spoilt for choice by the activities on offer. #GoodTimes

## THE SUMMER TERM FOR Y6



It's been a tremendously busy time for our Y6's following their SATs. Not only have they been rehearsing round the clock for their production, they enjoyed Monday Fun Day (thank you to Rainhill Rotary for funding an ice-cream for everyone to enjoy), the Leavers' Service at the Anglican Cathedral, transition days at their secondary school, the Lake District residential, and taking part in various sporting and choir performances. By the time they perform their Leavers' Service on the final day, they will be well and truly ready for the summer!







# News from St Michael with St Thomas

## Learn, Achieve, Love, Believe

### Healthy Schools Celebration Event



This week, members of our Wellbeing Team attended the celebration event at the stadium, along with all of the other schools from

across Halton. Due to the outstanding work on Mental Health and Wellbeing in our school, our pupils were invited to present to the audience, which included the Mayor of Halton, to share the fantastic practice that goes on in our school. The children were amazing and weren't fazed by standing up and presenting in front of hundreds of people. They were then presented with a school certificate by the Mayor, to recognise the outstanding work done in this area.

### Y5 DOT Art Competition

Throughout this term, our Y5 pupils have taken part in



the DOT Art competition. Three pieces were chosen out of the class and these were then entered into an online vote. The finalists went to St George's Hall in Liverpool to be presented with their certificates and to see our winner, Kara's, art work displayed in the Walker Art Gallery. We are so proud of the pupils and their superb artwork. It was lovely to see the talents of our pupils on display in such a prominent location!

### Y6 London Trip



This term Y6 joined our partner school, St Mary with St Thomas, on a memory making trip

to London. They took in the famous sights of our capital city, rode the London Eye, took a boat trip down the Thames and even had time for a 'magical' visit to Harry Potter World. All

of these experiences are an important part of our cultural capital offer and a wonderful opportunity for our pupils. The children had a fantastic time making new friends, experiencing new adventures and were impeccably behaved the whole time.

### Liverpool Cathedral Leavers' Service



Our Y6 pupils started their leavers' celebrations with the annual service at the Cathedral. The pupils took part in a number of

active workshops aimed at supporting them in preparing for their transition, before joining in with the service and the shared songs in the afternoon. As always, the service was lovely and brought together pupils from across the diocese as we start to prepare our children for the next stage in their education.



### Rights Respecting Day

As part of our ongoing Rights Respecting journey, we held a whole school day to deepen our understanding of children's rights and how they shape our lives. The pupils discussed the ideas of dignity and equity, and what this looks like in our school. We discussed how our aim in our school is not for everyone to be the same, but for everyone to have the same chances.

This term we also had our accreditation visit to award the school with the Silver Award. It was lovely to be able to share all of the work that has been going on in the last 12 months in this area and celebrate the outstanding work from our pupils.

