



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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Message from the Chief Executive Officer

Welcome to our 29th Newsletter and the first in our 10th year as Three Saints Academy Trust. I would like to take a moment to reflect on our achievements over the 10 years of The Three Saints Academy Trust. We created the Trust on 1st August 2015 with just 2 schools: St Anns and St Mary & St Thomas. We quickly were awarded sponsor status by the DFE and in 2018 St Michael with St Thomas joined the Trust, St Michaels was facing considerable challenges at the time, we supported the school to make rapid improvements. This has become our USP, ensuring all staff in all our schools can provide the very best for every pupil. Our work as a National Maths Hub and with projects like 'Are you really reading?' And 'Nurturing young mathematicians' has seen us consistently support schools across the region. Blackmoor Park and Willow Tree joining us over the last 2 years has made us a Trust of 5 schools, but our focus remains the same; unwavering belief in every child and members of staff's potential. We can see the fruits of our labour in the Ofsted inspections that have taken place since creating the Trust, schools making huge improvements or remaining outstanding and with our national data being above national for both academic performance and attendance measures. We are very proud of our achievements and look forward to what the next decade of TTSAT will bring.

In November all our staff came together for our annual Trust training day, it was fabulous to see staff working together with such dedication and enthusiasm. All schools came together for a

writing twilight in November where we disseminated some of the main messages from 'The Writing Framework.' All staff brought pupils' English books and showed great collaborative skills as they discussed the pupils' strengths and areas for development. All of this will support our teachers to make accurate and reliable teacher assessment judgements in writing.

We have special staff news to share; Mrs Mulligan from St Anns has given birth to a baby boy and we await news of Mrs Foster baby as she has just begun her MAT leave from St Anns.

We are as ever, very grateful to our families for their continued support and have been very happy to see our parents supporting Christmas events in our schools where we can all remember the true meaning of Christmas; the arrival of a baby King.

You will get a flavour of all our school's amazing work during the autumn term on the following pages, all our schools are very special places and testament to the hard work of all staff and leaders. All the staff, Directors and School Committees would like to extend their best wishes for the festive season and thank you for your continued support. We pray that everyone has a healthy and happy 2026.

Kirsty Tennyson
Chief Executive Officer
The Three Saints Academy Trust



News from St Mary & St Thomas

Believe, Achieve, Shine

Visit from Bishop of Liverpool



On Thursday, 9th October 2025, we were delighted to welcome the Bishop of Liverpool, Ruth, to St Mary and St Thomas CE Primary School. She joined us for collective worship and visited classrooms, answering pupils' thoughtful questions about her role and experiences. Bishop Ruth was accompanied by Father Harry, Mrs Tennyson (CEO of The Three Saints Academy Trust), and Mr Thorpe (Deputy Director of Education for The Diocese of Liverpool). It was an inspiring visit for everyone!



Mini Police

Year 5 proudly took part in their first activity as the *Mini Police*. They represented our school at Church Square Shopping Centre, working alongside Merseyside Police as part of the *Fraud Prevention Programme*. The pupils began the morning feeling a little nervous about engaging with members of the public, but their confidence quickly grew. By the end of the session, they were sharing advice based on what they had learned from the police and helping raise awareness about fraud prevention. It was a fantastic and beneficial experience for everyone involved, and a great example of our school's commitment to working within the community.

A New Christmas Tradition Begins

This year, St Mary and St Thomas CE Primary School started a wonderful new tradition—the first Christmas tree dressing! Every child created their own decoration at home or in school, making each piece unique and special. Together,

each class placed their decorations on the school's Christmas tree. It was a joyful way to begin our school Christmas festivities.



Into Film Festival

Each class enjoyed a fantastic visit to Vue Cinema for a special movie day! Pupils and staff alike had a wonderful time watching a selection of films, including *DogMan*, *If*, and *Smurfs*. The experience was filled with excitement and laughter, giving everyone a chance to relax and share the joy of cinema together. It was a memorable outing for the whole school community.



Celebrating National Poetry Day

The whole school came together to celebrate National Poetry Day on 2nd October 2025 with creativity and enthusiasm! Children enjoyed writing their own poems and learning poems off by heart. Even Mr Pow joined in, memorising *The Owl and the Pussycat* and performing it during worship. Inspired by this, many pupils were eager to share the poems they had learned too. It was wonderful to hear many poems recited off by heart!

Family Involvement This Term

This term, we've loved welcoming families into school for special events. Parents joined Year 4 and Year 5 for family worship, creating moments of reflection together (and incredible singing). Year 2 led a wonderful Harvest Festival at St Thomas' Church, which families attended and enjoyed. We also hosted family learning sessions, where many parents explored the curriculum and observed their children's learning in action. We look forward to hosting more next term.



News from Blackmoor Park Infants

Learning and Achieving Together

UK PARLIAMENT WEEK

The children at Blackmoor Park Infants have recently taken part in a whole-school vote to decide whether they should be allowed to wear their own clothes on their birthday—a decision that truly put their voices at the centre. This activity offered children a real opportunity to experience democracy in action, linking directly to the British Value of recognising the importance of having a say in decisions that affect us.



By discussing their opinions, listening respectfully to others, and casting their votes, the children learned that everyone's view matters and that collective choices help shape the school community. To be expected the children were thrilled to hear that the vote has enabled them to wear their own clothes from January 2026.

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM:

Our Little Leadership Team proudly represented the school community during this year's Remembrance Day. They showed great respect as they took part in the commemorations, helping us honour those who have served and sacrificed. The children proudly walked to the cenotaph to lay wreaths they made during one of the Little Leadership Team (LLT) meetings.



DENTAL HYGINE WORKSHOP

Reception enjoyed a special visit from the dental nurses this term, who taught the children all about keeping a healthy smile and looking after their teeth. The nurses showed the children how to brush properly, explained why regular brushing is important, and talked about making tooth-friendly choices. The children were thrilled to take home their very own toothbrush and toothpaste, helping them put their new knowledge into practice.



MAD SCIENCE

This term we were delighted to welcome *Mad Science* into school. The children were especially excited to meet a female scientist, which helped to raise the profile of girls in science and show our pupils that anyone can become a scientist with curiosity and passion.





News from St Ann's

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

Democracy Day



Pupils elected our Head Boy, Head Girl, Rights Respecting Parliament members, and House Captains on Democracy Day. Children said the event helped them understand this Fundamental British Value. The Mayor of St Helens, Councillor Severiano Gomez-Aspron MBE, presented certificates, celebrating active citizenship.

Bikeability



Year 5 pupils completed Bikeability, developing confidence and safe cycling skills on the road at Levels 2 and 3. These sessions built on last year's Level 1 "Learn to Ride" programme. The training was very well received by both pupils and parents.

Y5 RIAT STEM Challenge



Year 5 enjoyed a hands-on RIAT STEM Day, acting as engineers for the day. Pupils designed, built, and tested space shuttles, showing teamwork, creativity, and excellent problem-solving skills while exploring science, technology, engineering, and maths.

Lord's Prayer Collective Moment



Pupils joined church schools nationwide to take part in the Lord's Prayer Moment. The shared experience deepened spiritual understanding, strengthened Christian values, and fostered a strong sense of belonging within the wider faith community.

Great Athlete Blue Sky Experience



We welcomed GB Olympian Emily Ford, who led a lively fitness circuit for all pupils. She then shared inspiring stories from her Olympic journey, encouraging resilience and positivity. The visit created an exciting atmosphere and supported fundraising for the school.

Children in Need



We enjoyed a wonderful Children in Need Day, raising funds together for this important cause. Pudsey Bear's visit made the day extra special for everyone.

Anti-Bullying Day

National Anti-Bullying Day supported our PSHE curriculum.

KS2 enjoyed an Altru Drama performance, followed by Year 6 workshops. All pupils revisited key messages about using their "Power for Good," strengthening understanding of empathy, respect, and responsibility.





News from St Michael with St Thomas

Learn, Achieve, Love, Believe

National Fitness Day

St Michael with St Thomas proudly hosted National Fitness Day this term, celebrating our commitment to promoting healthy, active lifestyles. Throughout the morning, classes took part in a variety of activities aimed at helping children understand the importance of fitness, nutrition and healthy routines. Discussions also highlighted the crucial role of sleep and rest in maintaining well-being.

GB Athlete Visit

We were extremely fortunate to welcome Olympic rower **Emily Ford** into school this term. Emily delivered an inspiring assembly where she spoke about the importance of perseverance, healthy living and believing in yourself. She then led a practical workshop with pupils, giving them the chance to take part in fitness activities



and ask questions about life as an elite athlete. Her visit left a lasting impression and encouraged many of our children to think ambitiously about their own goals.

Interfaith Week

We were delighted to mark Interfaith Week with thoughtful and engaging learning across the school. Children explored a wide range of faiths including Christianity, Buddhism, Taoism, Judaism and Islam. Through creative tasks, discussion and reflective activities, pupils compared similarities and differences between world religions and considered how belief systems shape daily life. Many classes also

enjoyed designing their own faiths, thinking carefully about symbols, teachings and values.

Cheshire Cricket Coaching

We were thrilled to welcome Tom from Cheshire Cricket this term, who worked with our junior pupils to deliver high-quality cricket coaching. Children learned a range of technical skills, including batting technique, fielding drills and more accurate bowling. Tom was incredibly impressed with the determination and progress shown by all year groups.

Many pupils also enjoyed taking part in the after-school cricket club, giving them a chance to build on their new skills in a supportive and exciting environment. It has been fantastic to see children growing in confidence and developing their love of sport.

Year 6 Judo Education

Our Year 6 class took part in a specialist judo education session this term, learning about the fundamentals of self-defence and the importance of discipline, respect and



controlled movement. Pupils were extremely engaged and showed real maturity throughout the workshop. They learned how self-defence

can help build confidence, awareness and personal safety. The session was a fantastic enrichment opportunity and greatly enjoyed by all.



News from Willow Tree

Growing, Learning and Achieving Together

Year 5 & 6 Football Team Top the St Helens Schools League Table!

Our Year 5 and 6 Football Team have had an *exceptional* first half of the academic year, finishing at the top of the St Helens Schools League and doing so *undefeated*! Representing Willow Tree Primary School with pride, the children have absolutely loved every moment on the pitch. Their enthusiasm, commitment, and camaraderie have made this season a joy to watch and a wonderful achievement for the whole school community. A huge well done to every member of the squad; we're incredibly proud of you and excited to see what the rest of the season brings!



Celebrating History Week at Willow Tree

History Week at Willow Tree Primary School was an exciting journey through modern history with each year group exploring a different theme in thoughtful and creative ways. Year 6 learned about the Holocaust and the life of Anne Frank and they used artefacts and stories to help them understand the importance of tolerance and respect before leading a powerful remembrance assembly for the whole school. Year 5 studied the Transatlantic Slave Trade and produced strong information texts and reflective poetry. Year 4 explored the journey of the Windrush Generation and created artwork that showed hope strength and identity. Year 3 investigated the



Industrial Revolution and looked at how inventions changed daily life. Year 2 learned about the



experience of World War Two evacuees and used replica artefacts and role play to imagine life away from home. Year 1 explored the history of Sutton Manor Colliery



and were visited by ex-miners who shared real stories from the past. EYFS developed their understanding of Remembrance Day through stories artwork and simple discussions. Across school pupils created artwork, poems information texts and studied artefacts to bring history to life.

Anti-Bullying Week: The Power of Good

During Anti-Bullying Week, our children explored this year's inspiring theme:

"The Power of Good." Across the school, pupils reflected on how their words and actions can make a positive difference to others, and they discussed practical ways they can use their own power for good in everyday situations. Through circle time, role-play, parent workshops and thoughtful conversations, the children identified the qualities of kindness, courage and empathy, and considered how small acts like including others, speaking up, offering help, or showing respect can help create a safer, happier school community for everyone.



Developing Pupil Leadership

Pupil leadership has continued to grow and flourish this term at Willow Tree Primary School. Our leadership teams: Community Crusaders, Eco Educators, Rights Respecting Rulers, Wellbeing Warriors and Digital Defenders each met this term to discuss their aims, the issues that mattered most to them and how they hoped to make positive changes across the school. Each group created posters to share their ideas and inspire others. We can't wait to meet again and continue to lead our school forward!

Halloween Disco Fun! We were thrilled to host our spooktacular Halloween Disco this term, and the children had an unforgettable time! The hall was filled with brilliant music, exciting games and plenty of dancing. Pupils arrived in the most amazing costumes (from spooky to silly) and everyone enjoyed delicious party food and treats. It was a wonderful evening of fun, laughter and community spirit, and a big thank you goes to everyone who helped make the event such a success!