



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

As we approach Spring and the new life and growth that this offers, I hope you feel the optimism shared in this the 28th edition of our Trust Newsletter.

We are very proud of all our wonderful staff across the Trust, so we always like to celebrate their achievements. Well done to Katie Smith from our Central Team who has successfully completed her NPQLT.

In February St Michaels had a visit from the Deputy Director for Evaluation and Impact at NCETM (National Centre for Excellence in the Teaching of Mathematics) The visit was linked to our work as a National Maths Hub to look at the Impact of having a Primary Mastery Specialist; Mrs Worrall, working in our school. This is something we have in 3 of our Trust schools. The Deputy Director said; *'It was a genuine privilege to visit the school and understand the transformation in mathematics in-situ. The school has much to be proud of. It was clear that 'sustaining' to you means continually striving to do the best by your pupils mathematically.'*

This week we say goodbye to Mrs Lewis the Headteacher at St Mary & St Thomas. After 10 years with St Marys Mrs Lewis is moving on to a new challenge. She has made a huge difference to the children and families both at St Mary's but with all of the schools in Three Saints. We wish her success in her new role and will really miss her. We also said goodbye to Mr Shaw-Binns our Site Manager at St Ann's. We are very grateful for his work and dedication over the years and wish him a long and healthy retirement.

In February we welcomed Mrs Taylor to the Trust. Mrs Taylor is our new CFOO and we are really pleased she has joined our team.

In February we were lucky to have 2 of our schools visited by Ofsted in the same month! St Mary's and St Ann's are looking forward to sharing their fabulous reports with you very soon. The children and staff in both schools were exceptional and really did us proud.

In March all our schools supported 'Wear blue for Bobby' day which remembers and celebrate Bobby Colleran a pupil at our school Blackmoor Park Infants. Bobby died after being hit by a car outside his school and would have been 17 this year. Bobby's family have set up a charity in his name which promotes road safety and also provides bereavement counselling. The charity is based in the grounds of Blackmoor Park and is a wonderful legacy for Bobby's memory which helps and supports children in the North West. It was lovely for us all to come together for this wonderful cause.

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

Wishing you a bright and restful Easter break, we look forward to welcoming everyone back for the summer term.

Kirsty Tennyson
Chief Executive Officer
The Three Saints Academy Trust



News from St Mary & St Thomas

Believe, Achieve, Shine

OFSTED Inspection: Outstanding Report

In January 2025, we received a two-day Ofsted inspection, and we are thrilled to announce that the school has been judged **OUTSTANDING** in all areas. The inspector was highly complementary of the high-quality provision in place for all pupils, praising our commitment to excellence. She noted: *"The school's aspirations for pupils are exceptionally high. Nothing but the best will do."* We are incredibly proud of this achievement and the hard work of our staff, students, and the wider school community. The full report is available to read on the school website.

Y4 FOREST SCHOOL SLEEPOVER

This term Y4 had their residential which is a sleepover in school filled with learning and fun. We started by visiting the local supermarket to buy ingredients for our evening meal, using our maths skills to find the best value for money. Working as a team, we carried heavy bags and then prepared our meal, learning how to handle sharp knives safely with Mr. Brooks' guidance. After cooking, we practiced setting up tents, which was a tricky but rewarding task. The weekend was filled with laughter and teamwork as we developed important life skills, making it an unforgettable experience for all involved.



START SMALL, DREAM BIG

This term we were delighted to welcome Leon and Ruth from NHS England to SMST for an exciting and interactive careers event, giving our students the chance to explore the many roles within healthcare. With over 350 different jobs in the NHS, the session helped children discover that the healthcare sector is made up of much more than just doctors and nurses! As part of the *Start Small, Dream Big* initiative, the children took part in hands-on activities and discussions, learning about the skills, values, and behaviours needed for different roles in health and social care. It was a fantastic experience that left our students feeling inspired and excited about the world of work in healthcare!



Y3 MONARCH WORKSHOP

Year 3 enjoyed a Tudor drama workshop as part of our 'Monarchs' History topic. Through drama, we explored life in Tudor times, including crime, punishment, religion, and the reign of Henry VIII. We acted out scenes from Tudor banquets and jousting, and even experienced Tudor punishments like the stocks. We also used drama to learn about Henry VIII's six wives, acting out key events from each marriage. The workshop was a fun and interactive way to bring Tudor history to life, deepening our understanding of this fascinating period.



News from Blackmoor Park Infants

Learning and Achieving Together

Year 1 and 2 Imagine That Visit

The children in Year 1 and Year 2 have had an unforgettable day out at *Imagine That!*, a hands-on discovery centre full of exciting activities and experiences.

During their visit, the children explored different zones designed to spark their creativity and curiosity. In the art area, they put on aprons and got busy with painting, crafting, and even making their own slime/magnets to take home!

The science zone was a huge hit, where the children became little scientists, conducting fun experiments like erupting volcanoes and learning about chemical reactions. They were fascinated by the interactive displays and loved getting stuck into making their own discoveries.

Everyone finished the day with big smiles, chatting about their favourite parts of the trip on the bus ride home. It was a wonderful opportunity for the children to learn through play and make lasting memories with their friends.



Wear Blue for Bobby

On 13th March, Blackmoor came together to show support and raise awareness by taking part in Wear Blue for Bobby Day. Children and staff wore their favourite blue outfits to remember Bobby and support the Bobby Collieran Trust. Seeing a sea of blue around the school was a powerful reminder of how we can make a difference when we come together. We're so proud of everyone for getting

involved and showing so much kindness and enthusiasm.



Our New Learning Behaviours

We are thrilled to announce the introduction of our new learning behaviours. These behaviours — *Listen, Respect, Interact, Keep Going and Think* — are designed to help children develop essential skills.



From day one, the children embraced these behaviours with enthusiasm and understanding. Our staff have already noticed a positive impact in classrooms, with children reflecting on their actions and supporting one another to uphold these values/behaviours. The visual reminders around school, paired with regular discussions, are helping to reinforce these behaviours as part of daily life.

We are incredibly proud of how quickly the children have adapted, and we look forward to seeing these behaviours shape a nurturing and ambitious learning environment for all.



News from St Ann's

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

SAFER INTERNET DAY



The celebration of National Safer Internet Day at St Ann's provided significant benefits for our children.

They enjoyed an engaging performance by Altru Drama, which was followed by a workshop for Y6 that deepened their understanding of online safety. Throughout the day, children participated in various activities aimed at preventing the spread of hate online, fostering a culture of respect and awareness. Additionally, 3D supported the event by leading a Family Worship focused on the importance of staying safe online, reinforcing the message for both children and families.

BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK



During British Science Week, the children embraced this year's theme of Change and Adapt. 20 launched the week's learning with a special Family Worship, and

Reverend Chris was invited to St Ann's to highlight the connections between scientific inquiry and religious understanding. Throughout the week, children participated in various activities that encouraged them to explore how living organisms adapt to their environments, fostering curiosity and critical thinking.

PARENT INSIGHT



This term's Parent Insight sessions focused on e-safety were a resounding success, with over 180 parents/ carers in attendance. Feedback

highlighted the sessions as both informative and eye-opening, underscoring the importance of educating children in this critical area. Thankyou to every one who supported this event.

ASPIRATIONS DAY



Week commencing Monday 17 March, we hosted our Aspirations Focus Days, where

children had the opportunity to learn about a variety of careers and future pathways. We were delighted to welcome a diverse group of visitors, including parents, who shared insights into their professions and inspired our pupils to dream big! This event was a wonderful way to broaden children's horizons and encourage them to think about their own aspirations for the future. To make the day even more special, children in EYs and KS1 came dressed in outfits that represented what they want to be when they grow up!

OUT & ABOUT



Children have thoroughly enjoyed a variety of enriching visits that have significantly enhanced their curriculum experience. A trip to the Liverpool World Museum allowed the children to explore diverse cultures and historical

artefacts. The engaging activities of Crucial Crew provided vital lessons in safety and personal responsibility, empowering children with essential life skills. Additionally, there was a trip to the Liverpool Philharmonic which introduced the children to the beauty of music and the arts. These visits have supported igniting a passion for learning beyond the classroom.

SCHOOL DISCO & EASTER BINGO

Children and families have enjoyed a school disco and our Easter Bingo event this term. These activities not only provided a fantastic opportunity for children to socialise and have fun but also fostered a sense of community spirit. Importantly, they contributed to our school fund, allowing us to enhance resources and support for all learners.

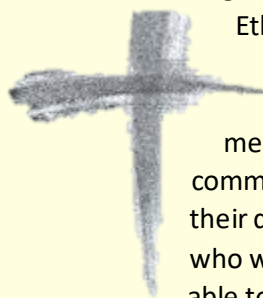


News from St Michael with St Thomas

Learn, Achieve, Love, Believe

Ash Wednesday and Ashes to Go

We celebrated Ash Wednesday with our annual service led by Revered Linda, where we buried the Hallelujah, which won't be seen or said again until Easter Sunday! Our



Ethos group also led the Ashes to Go activity outside school in the morning, allowing all members of our school community to receive the ashes on their daily commute, so even those who were dashing to work were able to take part. #faithfamily

Careers Week

As part of our whole school project on careers and raising aspirations, we held a careers week where children thought about different routes into careers and the skills needed for different jobs. To inspire them and open up the possibilities to careers that they had perhaps never thought or known about, we welcome a range of visitors into school to talk to the children, from nurses and vets, to engineers, armed forces and people in the flight industry.

Even the Mayor of Halton paid us a visit to talk



about their role and how children might get into the world of politics!

World Book Week

We enjoyed celebrating another fantastic, week-long celebration of World Book Day, filled with exciting activities that sparked our love for reading. From embarking on a thrilling book hunt and creating personalised bookmarks, to enjoying library visits and our dress up day, the week was packed with fun.

We also embraced the opportunity to read in unusual places. But perhaps most importantly, we were able to spend time sharing the books and characters we love the most, celebrating the stories that inspire and connect us all. This year lots of the children joined the staff in our 'Where's Wally?' dress up theme too!



Wide Awake to the World Week

During Wide Awake to the World Week, each class focused on a different topic aligned with the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals, deepening children's understanding of the human impact on the world and inspiring them to take meaningful action. Through a variety of activities, the children explored issues such as climate change, clean water and sanitation and good health and wellbeing, among others. The children developed skills in research, critical thinking, and creativity, as they delved into real world problems and their solutions.

However, the heart of the week was fostering courageous advocacy. Students built impactful campaigns to raise



awareness and be a voice for those who lack the power to speak up— whether people, endangered animals, or fragile ecosystems. Wide Awake to the World Week empowered them to believe they can make a difference, inspiring hope for a more sustainable future.



News from Willow Tree

Growing, Learning and Achieving Together

SCIENCE WEEK

Willow Tree took part in a fabulous Science week starting with an assembly with the Mad Scientists! The theme of the assembly was inventions and discoveries! All classes then took part in individual workshops with hands on activities. The feedback from the children and staff was really positive!

Each class has also studied a scientist connected to their topics this term and had the opportunity to engage in live workshops with the NFU. We celebrated our work in celebration assembly by presenting certificates to our Scientist of the week. A great time was had by all.



CRUCIAL CREW

Children from Year 5 took part in a range of practical workshops to develop their awareness of personal safety- fire safety; road safety; medicines and cyber safety. These are all essential life skills.

GLOW DISCO & EASTER BINGO

There has been fun and fund raising this term with our GLOW DISCO and Easter Bingo events. These raise money for our children and the proceeds pay towards other school trips and visits, making it more affordable for families.

YEAR 6 – RESIDENTIAL

Our Year 6 pupils went on their 3 night residential trip this term. This is a great experience. Children participated in a wide

range of activities: canoeing, rock climbing, team building exercises and had great fun.

YOUNG VOICES- CHOIR

Our choir attended the Young Voices national school choir performance at the Arena in Manchester this term. It was a great event for all, being part of a live performance. They also performed at St. Helen's Town Hall.

YEAR 2 FIRE OF LONDON WORKSHOP

Children in Year 2 were transported back in time to the Fire Of London ! They dressed up and re-enacted the event.



WORLD BOOK DAY

Children from Year 5 and Year 4 visited the local library as part of World Book Day. They shared books and enjoyed a quiz. Children in Key Stage 2 became 'reading buddies', reading stories to children in Reception and Key Stage 1.

INTERNET SAFETY DAY

All children attended an internet safety performance by a drama company this term. This was followed by class workshops on keeping safe on line.