

## Monthly Newsletter



### A message from Rebecca Meredith

A heartfelt welcome to our latest newsletter, which, as always, is a delightful compilation of stories from schools within our Trust. In October, we all came together for our annual INSET Day – a big thank you to the schools that graciously hosted the event. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive, and I'm thrilled to learn how much staff benefited from the experience.

Additionally, many of our schools celebrated Harvest Festival events. Notably, Bulwell St Mary's held theirs at the local church, attracting numerous parents and community members. Each class showcased a harvest-themed song, with KS2 classes presenting a harvest-themed poem or reading. Year 6 emphasised the importance of 'taking care' of others during Harvest time. It was truly a memorable community gathering, and parents expressed joy at hearing the children sing in church and witnessing the unity of everyone involved.

### Stories of the month

#### NEW WELLBEING SPACE AT PEAR TREE COMMUNITY PRIMARY

A new, nurturing space has been created at Pear Tree Community Junior School to support mental health and wellbeing for all its pupils. The school has created this space in collaboration with leading children's mental health charity Place2Be and Barratt Developments. We know that better mental health can improve school attendance, enhance classroom engagement and encourage an enjoyment of learning, and this is really inspiring example of how working with parents and the wider community can meet the needs of our children.



#### WOODLAND VIEW REVEALS NEW OUTDOOR LEARNING SPACE

This month, the youngest children at Woodland View invited families, governors and local MP Lee Anderson to see and experience their brand-new outdoor learning space. Over the summer holidays, the space dedicated to their youngest children was transformed into a magical space to spark curiosity, develop physical, cognitive, social and emotional skills and encourage learning through play. This fantastic new area is a wonderful addition to Woodland View's facilities for pupils, including a pop-up swimming pool.



#### BULWELL HARVEST FESTIVAL BRINGS COMMUNITY TOGETHER

Pupils from Years 1-6 at Bulwell Primary School have just held a lovely Harvest Festival at the local church, joined by lots of parents as well as members of the community. Each class performed a song with a harvest theme, with KS2 classes sharing a harvest-themed poem or reading, and Year 6 talking about how important it is to 'take care' of others at Harvest time. It was a really special community event, and parents said it was wonderful to hear the children singing in church and to see everyone coming together.



## Holgate Primary School

Fantastic news at Holgate Primary and Nursery School, which saw the 'kick off' of their first ever girls' football session. The girls had a lot of fun tackling the sport, and are really excited to start a girls' football club next term. #Thisgirlcan indeed!



## Brocklewood & Burford Primary Schools

It looks like there's been some extreme reading going on this month, with both Brocklewood Primary and Burford Primary taking part in the 'Read for Good' readathon. Between the two schools, they read for thousands of minutes - whether at home with parents, or in some very interesting locations!



## Sutton Road Primary & Ashbrook Junior

There has been lots of literary fun across the trust, particularly at Sutton Road Primary and at Ashbrook Junior School. Sutton Road was visited by author Luke Temple, who shared dramatic extracts of his books with Years 2 to 6, while Ashbrook had a poetry workshop with children's poet Attie Lime.



## All our schools

On World Mental Health Day, schools across the Trust united by wearing yellow to raise awareness and show support for mental health. Initiatives like this help promote well-being, reduce stigma, and encourage students and staff to talk openly about mental health within the school community. Well done to all!



Staff at Abbey Hill

## Transform Applied

### INSET DAY

The Transform Applied INSET day was a tremendous success - thank you to everyone who participated. Staff from across the trust gathered across 10



schools to embrace collaboration, inspiration, and growth to enhance learning for all our children. One of the external presenters summed up the day perfectly, saying, "It was inspiring to see so many passionate people dedicated to making a difference in their schools. It's been a pleasure being part of such a positive and engaged community." Visit the [Transform Applied LinkedIn](#) for valuable video excerpts.

## Education news updates

OCTOBER:

**National Parent Survey 2024 published**  
Parentkind

**Diversity gap in academy trust top jobs fails to narrow**  
Schools Week

**We need a vision that makes the case for the 'biggest, boldest, investment in education for a generation'**  
Forum Strategy blog

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## Transform in the news

**Pear Tree Primary School on ITV News**

