



# HEADLINE NEWS



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Monthly Newsletter

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## A message from Rebecca Meredith

Greetings and welcome to our first newsletter for the Spring Term of 2025! January felt lengthy, but as always, it was brimming with exciting topics being explored across our schools. I kicked off January by hosting our fourth Immersion Fellow, a CEO from another Trust who shadowed me for their learning and development. Her feedback was remarkable, describing the Trust as 'Passionate, Deliberate & Aligned,' which filled me with pride. A big thank you to the schools she visited and the children she met. We will welcome two more fellows in March, and we look forward to visiting some of you then - please say hello if you spot us! I'm looking forward to hosting my online Friday Forum on February 14th, so feel free to join if you'd like to discuss anything. Remember to keep an eye on the TV screen in your staff room for various Transform updates and links. Wishing you all a wonderful February! 😊

## Stories of the month

### ASHBROOK DOES PANT-ASTIC WORK FOR CHARITY

The wonderful children at Ashbrook Junior School have been working in partnership with the charity Sharewear, which supports people living in clothing poverty in the East Midlands. Ashbrook collects and passes on clothing that is no longer needed, and Sharewear distributes to families in need, which may include refugees, families fleeing domestic violence or victims of fire. In December, their 'Pants for Christmas Day' event saw them collect almost 100 packs of brand new underwear - well done to all involved.



### BAGTHORPE MAKES A SPLASH AT POP-UP SWIMMING POOL

Bagthorpe Primary School has been experiencing the joy of swimming in a pop-up pool in their playground. The children had the opportunity to spend three weeks on swimming lessons and learn about water safety through personalised, tailored lessons. One of the children even experienced swimming for the first time, and their family was "delighted" to see their confidence in the water. By the end the majority could swim 25 metres, which is a fantastic achievement! Well done to everybody who took part.



### ALLENTON CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY MONTH WINNERS

Year 4 at Allenton Primary School was very excited to hear from Azuraye Williams (DEIB Lead) that a member of their class was a winner of our Trust's Black History Month Competition! Representing the TT DEIB Working Party, Azuraye presented Ihechukwu with his prize and told the class that "it was a joy to see how you all engaged and responded to the competition, how you were inspired by your role model and how you celebrate your differences to ensure everyone feels a sense of belonging".



## Pear Tree Community Junior School

This month, Pear Tree explored this term's Superhero focus of 'Aiming High', by sharing their hopes and aspirations and 'dressing as their dream'. They then quizzed Derby County footballer Ben Osborn, who shared the hard work he has put into developing positive habits that have helped him to achieve his dream.



## South Wilford Endowed CofE

South Wilford has joined the Plastic Revolution Schools Challenge, led by Future Makers. Participants learnt that used plastic can be useful, through creativity and innovation. The school's collection of plastic was returned to them as a planter and was filled with plants, creating a thriving habitat for wildlife while celebrating the school's contribution to sustainability.

## Ashbrook Junior School

Nottingham Forest Player Anthony Elanga surprised Ashbrook pupil Harry by turning up at his local football club to congratulate him for completing a 19-mile sponsored walk over the Christmas holidays. Harry raised £3,500 for the Lily Foundation, and Anthony told Harry how proud the whole club were of him - as are we!



## Sutton Road Primary

A huge congratulations to an inspirational team of staff led by Mr Barsby who completed a sponsored marathon challenge this month. Every day after school for the last 3 weeks they have run 7 laps of the school field, totalling 26.2-miles and raising awareness of prostate cancer - as well as £800. They would like to thank all the staff, children and parents for their support throughout.

## Allenton Community Primary

Next month, Allenton will be opening its doors to the Derby community and championing local service providers that offer support and advice for both children and adults. This event provides a wonderful opportunity to meet and engage with a range of services, discover valuable resources to support yourself, your family, or your community, and network with local organisations.



## Transform Applied

**Leadership Summit 2025** Friday 7th March 2025 9:30-13:00

Designed to create time and space for learning and reflection and to focus on this year's theme: 'Leading Ourselves, Leading Others: Leader Wellbeing'. Enjoy input from experts, structured conversation and activities. This event is free to all Transform staff. Please email [applied@transformtrust.co.uk](mailto:applied@transformtrust.co.uk) for further information.

# Education news updates

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**A new year and a new landscape for trust leaders: why collaboration, communication, creativity and continuity will be key.**

Forum Strategy Blog

**Solving the SEND crisis - Education Committee launches major enquiry.**  
UK Parliament

**Children's bill to keep children safe from exploitation**  
Gov.uk

**How can we reduce food poverty for under-fives?**  
Education Policy Institute

## Discounts for staff



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The eye test voucher includes:  
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To obtain an eye test voucher please contact: [hradmin@transformtrust.co.uk](mailto:hradmin@transformtrust.co.uk)  
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## Transform in the news



Community spirit shines as housebuilder transforms Derby school