

“And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose”
Romans 8 v28



Archbishop Temple
Multi Academy Trust
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Welcome to Archbishop Temple Trust Newsletter Feb 2025

As we approach half way through the academic year, I have reflected on the the fantastic learning oportunities that each one of our schools provides. I am deeply thankful for the commitment of our children, staff, governors and families. I passionately believe that each of our schools, while maintaining their distinct character, community and identity, has greatly benefitted from the ethos of collaboration and support that as a Trust we provide. I am delighted to formally welcome St John's Church of England primary school that joined our Trust family on 1st November 2024 and Bolton Parish Church of England primary school on 1st January 2025. Both schools bring a rich and varied curriculum, knowledge and skills to our Trust.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate St James on a wonderful and well deserved out come in their Ofsted inspection in October 2024.

Let us take a closer look at some of the highlights in each of our schools.

Canon Jill Pilling, CEO



I must begin by formally welcoming the pupils, staff, governors and parents of the two latest schools to join the Archbishop Temple Trust. For reasons beyond our control although both St John's and Bolton Parish schools have been working with us for some time they only formally became members of our the extended family in November and January respectively. I want to thank our CEO Canon Jill Pilling and CFO Jackie Warburton for all their hard work in bringing together this latest stage in our development and growth.

Changes in the legal framework governing multi academy trusts has led to a number of changes to our governance structure. In welcoming the new I want to place on record my sincere thanks to all who have played their part in the Trust since it was first established.

I believe the Archbishop Temple Trust is in a strong position to continue our Christian ethos as a caring and welcoming family. Thank you to everyone involved.

Canon John Walsh
Chair of Trust



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As we reach the halfway point of the academic year, it's inspiring to reflect on the fantastic progress across our trust of five schools, built on collaboration, commitment, and a shared vision for success. Attendance remains a key priority, as we know that every day in school counts toward our students' learning, growth, and future opportunities. By working together -staff, students, families, and the wider community -we are fostering an environment where every child feels supported, engaged, and motivated to achieve their best.

Furthermore, we are prioritising reading across all year groups, recognising it as the foundation for learning and a gateway to future success. We encourage you to check out each school's social media to see the many ways we are promoting and rewarding reading across the trust.

School leaders in each school continue to work collaboratively, sharing best practices and resources to create a consistent, high-quality learning experience for all students. Our collective efforts ensure that all schools in the trust continue to thrive, reinforcing our commitment to high standards, inclusivity, and excellence in education.

Mrs Nikki Patel
Deputy CEO



As a Trust we are committed to establishing Shades Ambassadors in each of our schools. Shades is a project developed by Ni-Cola, part of the Children Changing Places team. It is a project that looks and faith and developing a culture of anti-racism. St James and Bishop Bridgeman have run a very successful Shades day in their schools. Have a look at their schools websites for more information regarding Shades.

Three of our schools are involved in a group called Spirit Blazers. The group was established in October 2023 to be the voice of children and young people into the Children Changing places Project. This academic year we have 2 groups meeting on a Wednesday at Canon Slade and St James secondary schools. They have just completed a large project looking at the accessibility of worship for all. The group have now started an echo art project where they will be looking at the conservation of bees - watch this space!



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St John's Church of England Primary School



As we are rapidly approaching the half way point of this academic year, I would like to take a moment to reflect on how wonderful the school year has been so far. From the first day jitters to the exciting new beginnings, it's been a positive and energizing start for everyone involved!

One of the standout successes this year has been the continued positive impact of our Nurture Room, affectionately known as The Nest. Designed to provide a supportive and calming space for children who need a little extra support, The Nest has seen incredible results this year in fostering emotional well-being, building confidence, and offering a safe haven for those who need it.

Through tailored programs, one-on-one support, and a warm, welcoming environment, the Nest has helped children adjust to school life, overcome challenges and develop vital skills for managing emotions. We are proud of the success stories already emerging and are excited to see even more children thrive with this support.

Another highlight this year has been the enthusiasm and joy that the reception, Year 4/5 and 6 children have shown in participating in Forest School. Whether it's learning to build shelters, exploring nature's wonders, or working together on outdoor challenges, the children have truly embraced the opportunity to learn in the great outdoors. Forest School not only promotes physical activity and teamwork, but it also builds resilience, confidence, and a deep appreciation for nature.

It's been incredible to see the creativity and curiosity sparked in our children as they connect with the environment and develop essential life skills in the process. We look forward to seeing Year 1/2/3 discover the magic of Forest School before the end of the year!



After a few false starts, we were excited to announce on 1st November that we officially joined the Archbishop Temple Academy Trust! This new chapter marks an important milestone for our school. Becoming part of the Trust brings a wealth of new opportunities, resources, and support that will enhance our children's educational experience and further strengthen our community. We are looking forward to the many ways this partnership will contribute to our growth and success in the coming months.

The festive season at St John's was filled with joy, celebration, and community spirit! We kicked off the festivities with the 'Hey Ewe' nativity, a delightful performance that showcased our talented Reception, Year 1 and 2 children and brought smiles to faces throughout the school. The creativity and energy on display were truly heart-warming!

Our Christingle service and Key Stage 2 Carol concert in St. John's Church were another two special moments, bringing our community together in a beautiful celebration of light and hope.

With so much accomplished already, the staff at St John's are incredibly excited about the second half of the school year! From upcoming extracurricular activities to academic challenges and more special events, there is a lot to look forward to. As we continue to grow, learn, and thrive together, we are eager to see our children take on new challenges, strengthen their skills, and build lasting memories.



St James Church of England Primary School

What a fantastic, and very busy, time we have had at St James. The academic year got off to a flying, or should I say bouncy, start with an 'inflatable day' during the first week back. The children got the opportunity to have fun on a range of bouncy castles and inflatables, kindly supported by our sports coaches from Key PE. Not long after, we had a Dress Like a Rock Star day and the company 'Rock Kidz' came in and helped us to raise the roof! We were learning songs with a respect and anti-bullying focus which the children thoroughly enjoyed.

We were thrilled in October after our visit from Ofsted where the final report shows we are good in all areas with an outstanding Early Years. The report highlights that "pupils enjoy being a part of this welcoming school". The staff team at St James work tirelessly to ensure pupils receive the best possible education, so we were really pleased that the inspectors noted that "the school holds high ambition for its pupils to achieve well". Our children in the early years "settle well" and are "exceptionally well behaved". The report states that "behaviour across the school is generally positive and learning is rarely interrupted". The pupils of St James are an absolute credit to our school, our trust and to their parents, which our Ofsted report really showcased.

There is no surprise that December was a busy month, starting with our hugely successful Enterprise Week and Christmas Markets. Our Reception and KS1 Christmas performances did not disappoint with wonderful singing and great confidence shown from the children. Our Nursery and Little Saints children put on a 'Pop Up Nativity' with the support from the Children Changing Places Project team. We really had some born actors steal the show!

Our Shades Ambassadors planned and delivered a Shades Day across the school. Our Shades Ambassadors work hard to raise awareness about racial injustice. The day started with an assembly, where the Shades Ambassadors shared important messages about racism. Each class then chose a Black History Hero to focus on, which resulted in a whole school showcase at the end of the day. Each child got the opportunity to make a Shades bracelet, choosing 10 beads to put on their band, each bead having a specific meaning such as 'hope' 'peace' 'golden rule' 'say no to racism'. The Children Changing Places Project team joined us on the day to ensure it ran smoothly. This day was a wonderful leadership opportunity for our Shades Ambassadors! Well done Shades!

Mrs L Belfield
Headteacher

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Bishop Bridgeman Church of England Primary School



Christmas at Bishop Bridgeman

The Bishop Bridgeman community had a wonderful time celebrating during the festive period. Children from years 1-6 visited the church to perform a song hit and hear the Christmas story. The children enjoyed their Christmas parties, **Christmas jumper day** and **Christmas dinner in school**.

Our reception children performed a wonderful nativity, which was enjoyed by parents and staff and the rest of the children school.

All our children from nursery to years 6 performed for visitors from the local care home. Singing some of our favourite Christmas songs.

Christmas Bingo

Christmas bingo was a well-attended event enjoyed by parents and pupils who came together to spend time as a community and win some prizes.



Enterprise day

All classes in the school took part in our enterprise day, raising money for the school. This event included children making and selling Christmas cards, food and drink, such as rice crispy cakes, hot chocolate and sweets and the ethos leadership team creating decorations and resin letters which looked amazing and sold well. The money that we raised from this even will help subsidise trips and experiences for the children throughout the academic year.

Hindu temple and church visits.

Our year 2 children visited St Philip's Church and learned all about Christmas and baptism in the church. Our yeah 4 students had an incredible opportunity to visit the Hindu temple immersing themselves in the rich culture and spiritual experience.





Brockholes Nature Reserve

Year 6 visited Brockholes nature reserve learning about habitats, spotting wildlife and improving their communication skills. They had a fantastic time and learned to care for our amazing world.

EY Shades Tour

The shades ambassadors visited nursery and reception creating a wonderful handprint display for the school corridor. They talked about how everyone is different and special in their own way.

National Cinema Day

Year 1 and 2 had a wonderful time visiting the cinema for national cinema day.

Kindness week

As part of our trust professional behaviour strategy, we focused on kindness in autumn term 2. This included our kindness week. Each class had a small bucket and every time somebody did a kind deed a stone was placed in this. This showed how much kindness we spread throughout our school over the week.



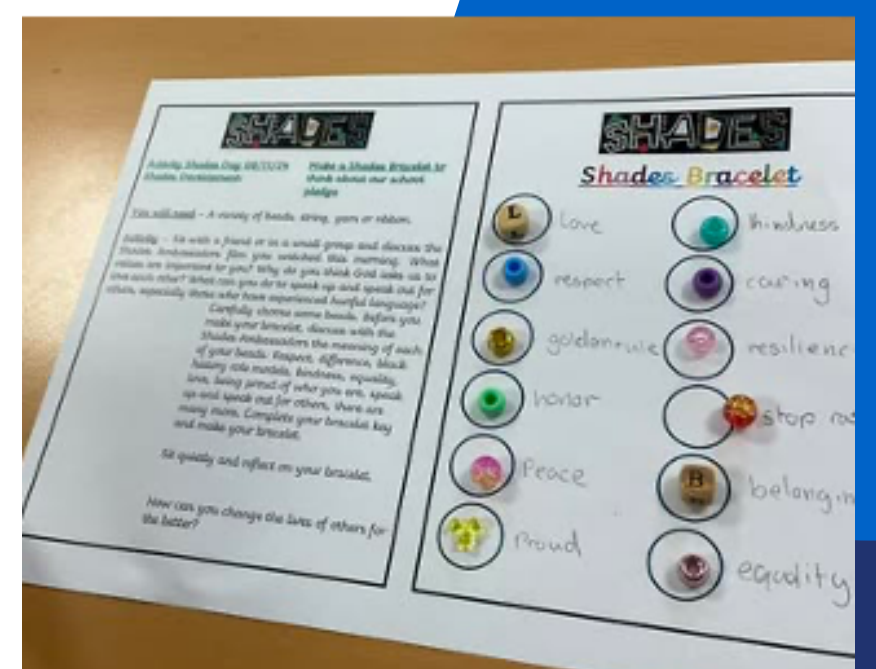
Remembrance and Church Conference. Our children took part in the Trust

Remembrance Service. The trust choir were fantastic, it was wonderful to be together, remembering and reflecting. The choir also performed at the church schools conference singing with Ni-cola, which was inspirational for all involved.



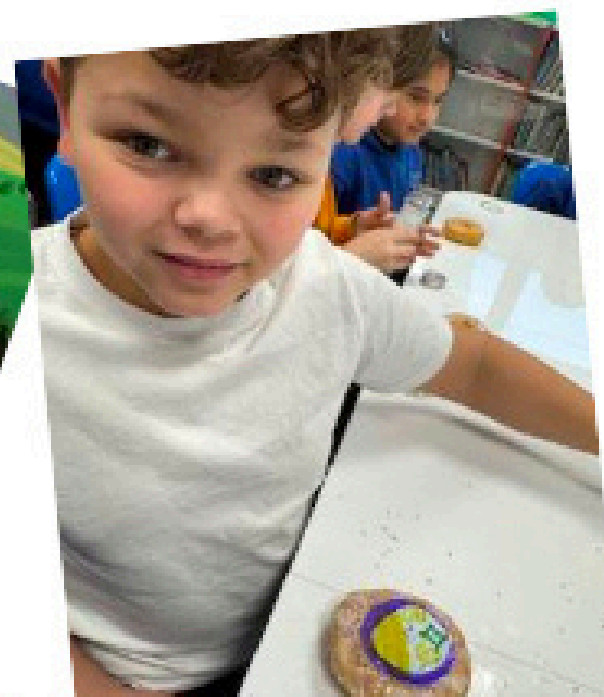
Shades day

Shades day was wonderful experience for all the children. All made shades bracelets which they enjoyed and made them think about us all being equal and loving each other no matter what colour, race or religion we are.





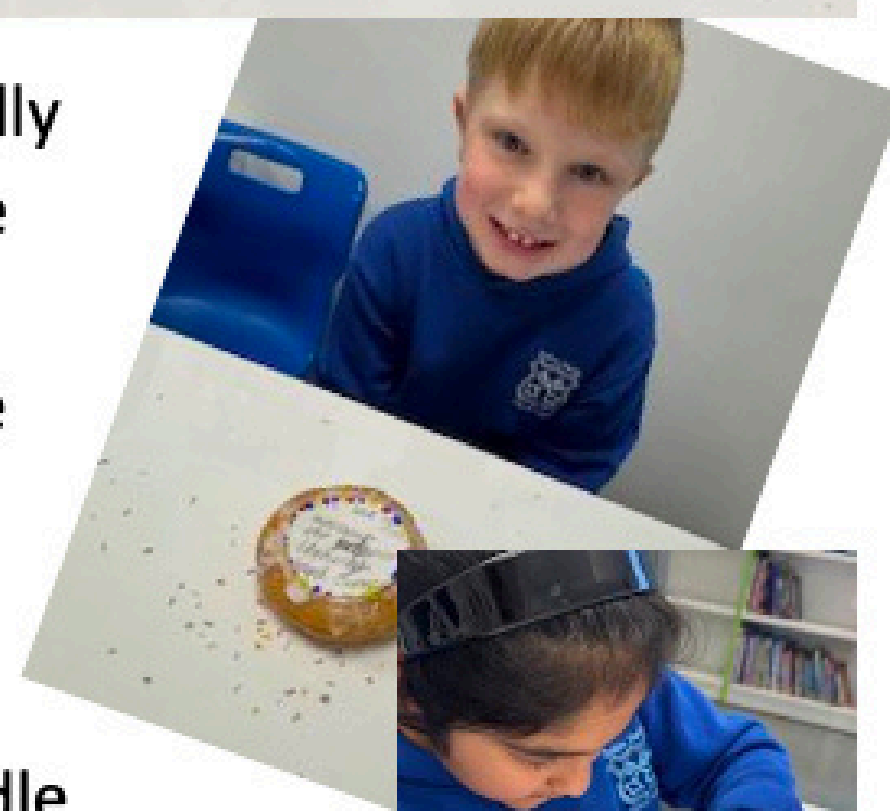
Bolton Parish Church of England Primary School



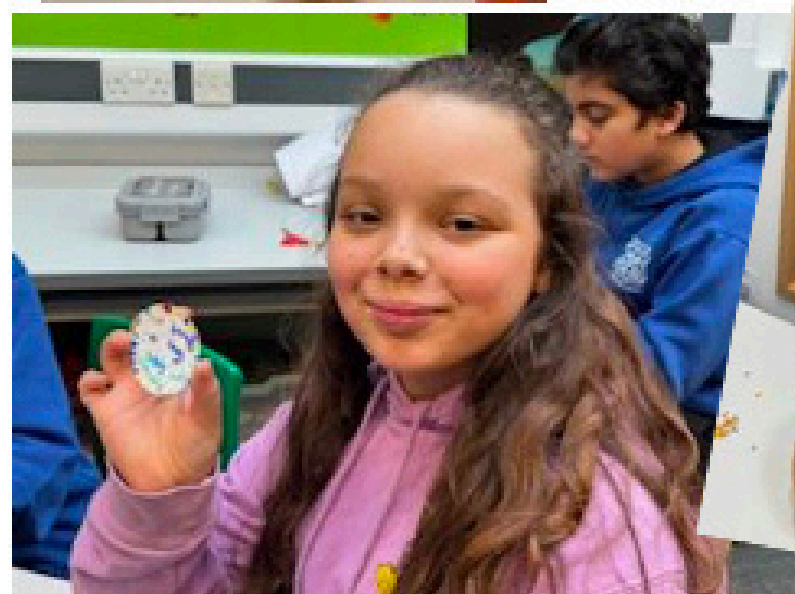
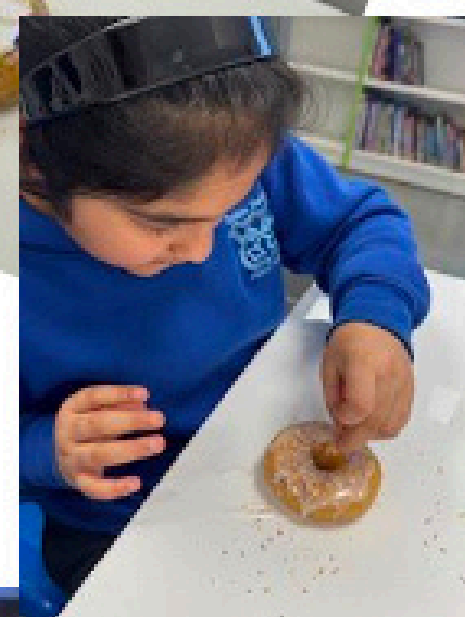
This term the Ethos Team have enjoyed the **Hole in The Doughnut, The Piece You Cannot See** activity from the Ethos Book 2. The children had



chosen this activity themselves and were fully engaged in the purpose of the activity. The doughnuts hole in the middle represents the inner you or spirit and the



children decorated their middle with the things that are important to them. Many of them included their family, faith, Holy Book, prayer, school values and school, pets, friends and many more.



St Maxentius Church of England Primary School



The year so far has been jam packed with learning and opportunities for our children. Here are just a few of our highlights :

Prayer Life :



The month of September was a 'month of prayer' across our multi academy trust. Each week the children had a different activity focussed on prayer and reflection, to complete in their class worship: WK1 our world, WK2 the UK, WK3 Bolton, WK4 Our school and communities. Some children from school went to meet with the Diocese Board of Education to share their thoughts and feelings about the month.



Our children have settled into their leadership roles throughout school: Spirit blazers, Shades Ambassadors, School Ambassadors, House captains, Heads and Deputies and Prayer space leaders. These roles help the children to feel a sense of belonging and value. Our Children's chaplains joined the chaplains from across the trust for a training session. We are thankful for all the work the chaplains are doing supporting our children on their spiritual journeys across school. Our friends at the 'Mothers union' have paid us a visit at school and worked with the year 3 class to produce some fabulous artwork. Our trust 'school and church partnership week' was a huge success and saw all classes visit our local church and complete lots of different activities. We are thankful for our Church links and enjoy working closely with them. Our Trust team got together for a service of Remembrance at the Bolton Parish Church. The children shared pertinent bible readings and prayers in tribute of all of those who have been



affected by war



Charity work and fundraising: We held our annual Macmillan coffee morning and were bowled over by the support from parents and the community alike. In addition to this we have donated lots of food to the local charity 'Urban Outreach' and supported the 'British Legion' with donations.



St Maxentius Church of England Primary School



At St Maxentius we are deeply committed to supporting local, national and international charities.



Our 'Friends of St Maxentius' organised a 'Neon Disco, supper with Santa and a film night' for all the children to enjoy! All of these events raised additional funds for the school.



Curriculum enrichment:



School had an unexpected surprise visitor disrupt their learning: a huge T-Rex ! A wide variety of animals and lizards were also brought into the school for the children to learn about. The T- Rex caused chaos but once settled taught the children a few dance moves and lots of facts and information about dinosaurs.

The whole school have enjoyed a traditional visit to the pantomime 'Aladdin'. Everyone had such a great time, joining in with all the songs and chants, we even got to eat ice-cream!

Christmas celebrations:

The festive period is always a magical and special occasion in school and the children had lots of experiences to enjoy. Year 2 led an evening Christingle service at St Maxentius



Church, leading the congregation in song and prayer. Our Year 5 children led the Christmas Carol service in church and a special Christmas Wiggle worship was held for our younger children and their parents. The pinnacle of our Christmas events was the Reception class Nativity, sharing the true meaning of Christmas. It was heart-warming to see and hear this spectacle, we were proud of each and every one of them.

