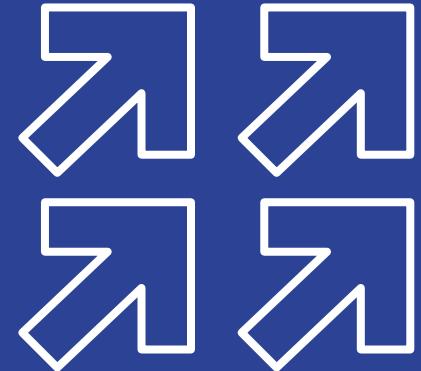


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# Newsletter

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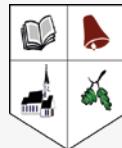


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## Welcome from our new CEO

Andrew Riches

A warm welcome to my first Trust newsletter. From the moment I became Interim Trust Leader, I have been privileged to see the remarkable pupils that attend our schools and the amazing work of our staff teams. This is a credit to the team that Marie Sandford led from the inception of the Trust.

There is so much positive news from across the Trust that I want to share with you; I hope you enjoy our new style newsletter and wish you all a Happy Christmas and New Year.

## Amazing news from Ofsted

In August this year Ofsted visited us to undertake a summary evaluation of our Trust.

The inspecting team spent time looking at the impact of the Trust on its individual schools considering governance, leadership and management, curriculum and quality of education, behaviour and attitude and safeguarding. The outcome of this inspection praised the work of the Trust, its leaders, governors, staff and pupils confirming that we are a strong Trust with the potential to be even stronger in the future.

**"The trust leaders have set a clear vision for their schools. This is rooted in the mantra of a desire for pupils and staff at the Trust to 'flourish' in their development."**

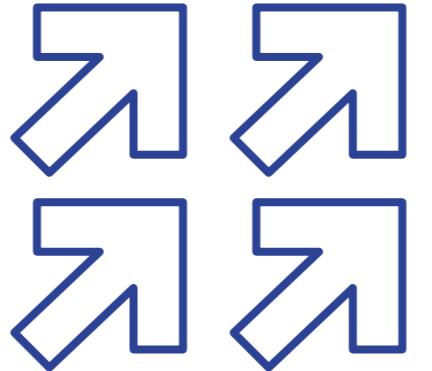
[Summary Evaluation](#)

## Improving our schools

To enable our schools to continue to flourish and improve, we are delighted that Marie Sandford, our former CEO, has joined us as Director of School Improvement. Marie is a highly experienced and recognised school improvement specialist and will be working with our schools to ensure all of our children make the best possible progress during their time in our schools.

## Our Trust is growing

We are excited that the Local Authority has recognised the growth potential of our Trust and the role it plays in the support of its local communities. As a result, new build projects have been funded and completed at All Saints and John Wycliffe to support the expansion to two form entry.



## Academy News





## Gilmorton Chandler

CE Primary School

Gilmorton Chandler School has a long history of sporting success and has secured funding to redevelop our outdoor PE facilities, including an all-weather multi-purpose sports pitch and new playing field. These developments support PE lessons and provide our children with excellent facilities to develop their skills, increase physical activity and play safely.

Our new field includes an athletics sprint track, netball court and a 5-a-side football pitch.

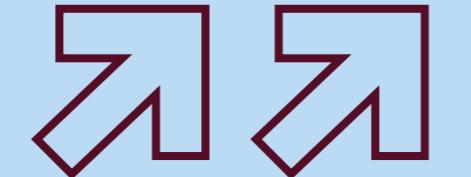
From a competition win for our KS2 girls' football team and our table tennis team's recent victories to a Year 4 boy's double first place in the Leicestershire Schools Cross Country League – we're already bringing back silverware from the School Sports Partnership competitions!



## St Margaret's

CE Primary School

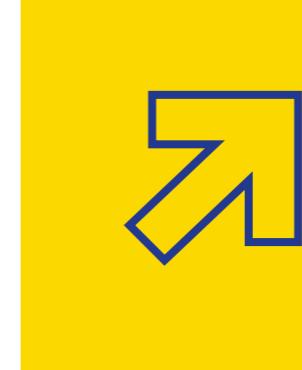
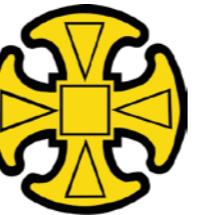
St Margaret's celebrated the incredible achievements of children and staff with the publication of our KS2 SATS progress scores. Progress was significantly above average in all areas, whilst progress in Mathematics was among the highest scores in the East Midlands. This incredible achievement by our children reflects the hard work and dedication of staff in setting uncompromising expectations and ambitions for them.



## St Mary's

CE Primary School

St Mary's is delighted to announce that the incredible Friends of Bitteswell School have donated £10.000 to develop the school's library, supporting our common aim in encouraging a love of reading in every child. Children and staff have worked with specialists to design a unique and inspiring place to get lost in a book. We are also embedding a new phonics scheme to ensure every child has the strongest foundations in becoming a fluent reader.



## All Saints

CE Primary School

All Saints CE Primary School has undergone a complete transformation of our learning environments!

Our new bespoke Early Years classrooms and designated EYFS base provide stimulating environments and learning space for our younger children, and Years 1 and 2 classrooms have also had a facelift. Key Stage Two has also seen dramatic changes, with six classrooms now wrapping around the newly designed library. Not to forget our school hall, which has nearly doubled in size!

A purpose-built learning base – The Meadow – is now available to support children to increase independence as they prepare for secondary school. In the words of our children, 'The Meadow is amazing!'

All new spaces are light, spacious and benefit from the latest technology, and are designed to support our children's learning. It's taken six years and cost approximately £2.6m but we've got there!

What a journey it's been transforming the learning environments. We look forward to continuing our journey in 'guiding all our flock to flourish' over the days, months and years to come.



## Claybrooke Primary School

**It's been an exciting and busy term so far at Claybrooke Primary School.**

The school is looking somewhat different this year – with an internal makeover and the upgrading of our external spaces to enhance the learning environments for all of our children.

We would like to express our thanks to the Lutterworth Area Community Fund for their assistance in creating a fantastic new playground for the benefit of all of our children. Much use has been made of our new play space for breaktimes, lunchtimes, PE lessons and sports clubs.

Forest School is back this term in our very own renovated spinney! Our youngest children have enjoyed weekly Forest School sessions learning about types of trees, woodland wildlife, how to make bird feeders and how to toast marshmallows safely!



## Dunton Bassett Primary School

Our exciting, new PE curriculum is giving our children opportunities to try non-traditional sporting activities in addition to participating in more familiar sporting events. At our Commonwealth Legacy Inclusive Games Festival, children enjoyed discovering boccia, indoor curling and wheelchair basketball!

Our Year 5/6 football team enjoyed the football festival, and we came joint-second in the recent indoor athletics competition.

Our trained Sports Ambassadors are the voice for PE and Sports provision in our school community and have encouraged a number of after school clubs including scooter and football to allow our children to further explore their sporting interests.



## John Wycliffe Primary School

It is a time of growth for us at John Wycliffe, as we expand our number of classrooms to meet the rising demand for school places.

With support from Leicestershire County Council, over £1 million has been invested to create 'The Whittle Wing', a new block containing four specifically designed classrooms, a new studio and several small group rooms. The new build has allowed us to transform previous teaching spaces into creativity areas to fill the school with art, design, music and singing.

We have also been strengthening ties with local secondary schools. Our new programme of links includes secondary students coming into JWPS to read with our children, Sports Ambassadors sharing ideas to increase participation in sports and art students helping our children shape their artwork being created for The Whittle Wing.

All this growth means there are new spaces for children in every year group and the opportunity for more children to join us as we strive for excellence in all that we do enabling 'the children of Lutterworth to take off into their futures'.



## Sharnford

CE Primary School

Here at Sharnford our children have benefited massively from the donations and contributions of our school and wider village community. Our proactive PTA, with their newly founded Amazon wish list, have enabled parents and carers to purchase over 40 books, games, bird boxes and a whole range of other resources to enrich our children's learning. Fabulous! Furthermore, Sharnford Parish Council has donated a brand new set of stage lights to us this term - so the show will most definitely go on! Our thanks go to all concerned – the support is truly welcomed.



## Ullesthorpe CE

CE Primary School

Our wonderful children have been enjoying a range of after school activities this term: our Young Voices Choir is currently in rehearsal for a big concert at the Resort World Arena in Birmingham in January; children from Key Stage 1 are taking part in an amazing Yoga Club and for those in Key Stage 2, football coaching is in full swing.

Continuing the football theme, our Y5/6 footballers have had great success in winning the Lutterworth Small Schools' Tournament and coming 5th in the county-wide Pokémon Cup. They have also just qualified for the next round of the Rice Bowl. Exciting times!

We have enjoyed sharing collective worship with visitors in school and in other places. The wonderful Open the Book Team come into school each month and bring Bible Stories to life. Harvest festival was celebrated at the Ullesthorpe Congregational Church, led by our Y3/4 class and our Christmas Carol Service at St Peter's Church in Claybrooke will be led by our Y5/6 class. Our worship opportunities offer some thought provoking and very special moments for us all.



## Moving forwards...

Flourishing encompasses intellectual, emotional, physical and spiritual dimensions as well as potential. The excerpts from our schools demonstrate our ambition. As part of our next steps, our Trust-wide 'green champions' will seek to encourage, support and embed the green agenda into our curriculum and school operations.

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