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# Newsletter

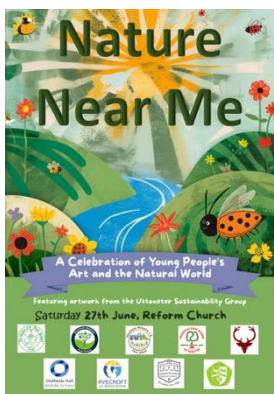
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We love, we listen, we learn, we grow.

# Celebrating the Spring Term



Wow what a fantastic term!

Huge congratulations to Lou Heywood who, after serving as Interim Headteacher since September at Thomas Alleyne's High School, has now been appointed as permanent Headteacher.

As a trust, we are absolutely delighted to have Lou in this role. Her positivity, calm demeanour and boundless enthusiasm have already made a significant impact, and we look forward to seeing what the future holds.

Earlier this half term, we were also delighted that our very own Mrs Penny Plant, Central School Business Manager, received the 'Education Showroom' and CSSC 'Unsung Hero' award. Penny works tirelessly to support all of our schools and this recognition is thoroughly deserved. Well done, Penny!

**Coming events to look out for:**

**"Nature Near Me" Exhibition Showcasing Young Artists from Uttoxeter Schools:**

This June, we are proud to invite parents, carers, families, staff and members of our local community to enjoy an exciting art exhibition, *Nature Near Me*.

Pupils from across our schools will create and display work reflecting their views on nature within our local area.

Please join us in celebrating the fantastic talent of our young people. Save the date: Saturday 27th June.

# Our Values



## We Listen:

Sustainability begins with listening to our young people, our communities and the world around us. Across our trust, we are committed to hearing the ideas, concerns and ambitions of our pupils, and empowering them to shape a more sustainable future.



## Working Together for a sustainable future

Sustainability is at the heart of our trust, and this year we are bringing young people together for something truly special. Staff and pupils from schools across Uttoxeter and the surrounding area have been invited to take part in a landmark Youth Climate Action Summit, **putting young voices at the forefront of local environmental leadership.**

The summit will unite students from across the Uttoxeter Sustainability Group to showcase their inspiring projects, present innovative solutions linked to the UN Sustainable Development Goals, and take part in dynamic, climate-focused workshops.

From biodiversity initiatives and waste reduction campaigns to sustainable design and community action projects, students will share powerful ideas and real solutions. This event is all about empowering young people, amplifying their voices, and celebrating their role as changemakers for a more sustainable future.

# Bramshall Meadows First School



## We love to read!

At Bramshall Meadows, reading is at the heart of school life, with a strong focus on helping every child develop a genuine, lifelong love of books. Through the Year of Reading initiative, children have been given a wide range of meaningful and enjoyable reading experiences that spark curiosity and imagination.

The Year 2/3 Book Club has become a real highlight of the week, bringing children together to share stories, ideas and creativity. Through exploring a variety of books and taking part in hands-on activities, pupils not only deepen their love of reading but also grow in confidence and learn important values like kindness, courage and respect.

Families have played an important part in this journey. Events such as 'Love of Reading' and 'Books and Biscuits' have created special opportunities for parents and children to enjoy stories together, strengthening connections and showing that reading can be a shared and joyful experience.

Celebrations like World Book Day have brought the whole school together, with children sharing stories across year groups and expressing their creativity through storytelling and digital projects. Meanwhile, in Early Years, children have embraced reading through outdoor learning, bringing stories to life in exciting and memorable ways.

Altogether, these experiences have created a warm and supportive reading culture, where children feel inspired, valued and excited to explore the world of books.



# Picknalls First School



## Proud to be Picknalls

We were delighted to welcome 'Look It's Louie' to Picknalls, where pupils enjoyed a memorable, interactive session about orangutans and conservation. Meeting Louie, a lifelike animatronic orangutan, helped children understand the challenges these amazing animals face, including habitat loss and deforestation.

Pupils were inspired to see how even small changes can make a big difference in protecting our planet. Mrs. Tapp even read to Louie as part of World Book Week!

World Book Day brought even more excitement, as Picknalls was transformed into a world of imagination inspired by Willy Wonka.

Children and staff arrived in pyjamas, creating a cozy, joyful atmosphere filled with storytelling and fun. With Willy Wonka and the Oompa Loompas, chocolate bar sales, golden star prizes, and mystery readers bringing stories to life, it was a truly magical celebration that sparked a love of reading.

To top it all off, Picknalls proudly returned as winners of the CADSSA swimming gala, we are going to need a bigger trophy cabinet!



# Windsor Park Middle School



## Spring term at Windsor Park.

It has been a fantastic and productive Spring term at Windsor Park CE Middle School, with pupils continuing to shine across all areas of school life.

A highlight has been our recent year 8 trip to Paris. Pupils had the opportunity to experience French culture first-hand, explore new places and build confidence outside of the classroom. They represented the school brilliantly throughout, showing maturity, curiosity and respect which made it a wonderful experience for everyone involved.

World Book Day was another great day this term, with pupils and staff fully embracing the celebrations. The day was filled with creativity and enthusiasm, reflecting the strong reading culture we continue to build across the school.

Our extracurricular sporting offer has been in full swing this term. Pupils have taken part in a range of fixtures and enrichment opportunities, representing the school with pride in netball, gymnastics, rugby and football. We are so proud of our pupils for their demonstration of teamwork and resilience.



## Well done!

We are also incredibly proud to share that three of our students have been selected to attend an awards ceremony at the Town Hall as part of the Rotary Club's Young Writers' Competition. This is a fantastic achievement and a real testament to their creativity, effort and dedication to their writing. To have multiple students recognised in this way is something we are extremely proud of as a school community, and we look forward to celebrating their success.



# Thomas Alleyne's High School



Even though this half term has been short, the passion and determination shown by students at TAHS has been incredible. Our Year 11 students are getting closer to their GCSEs and are making great use of the revision resources available to them. From “walking, talking” mocks and Elevate revision sessions to the “Ten Weeks to Elevate Your Grades” guides and podcasts led by Mrs Farina and Mrs Lindsay, students are growing in confidence and motivation.

While Year 11 prepares for their exams, the rest of the school continues to achieve amazing things. We are proud of the talent across all year groups, from successes in the PE department and creativity in Art to the dedication of the Robotics team, who have once again shown resilience and determination in meeting scrimmage standards and achieving another successful 2026 scrimmage.

This half term has also been filled with exciting events. We welcomed Steph from the Natural History Museum and Andy from The Andrew Taylor Collections for British Science Week, giving students the chance to explore fascinating creatures from the depths of the ocean. The half term ended on a high with a vibrant World Book Day, where staff dressed as characters from their favourite books and sparked wonderful conversations about reading across the school.



# The Role of the Trust



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*High-Quality and Inclusive Education*

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*School Improvement*

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*Workforce*

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*Finance and Operations*

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*Governance and Leadership*

## Pillar 4:

### **Finance and Operations**

#### The Role of the Trust:

As part of the Innovate2Educate Partnership, your child's school is part of a strong family of schools. This wider support allows leaders and staff to focus on what matters most, helping your child learn, grow, and succeed.

The Trust ensures funding is used carefully and effectively, directing resources towards high-quality teaching, support staff, and enriching experiences. This provides stability and ensures your child's school is well-supported now and in the future.

Behind the scenes, the Trust provides key services such as finance, estates, IT, and governance. This keeps schools safe and running smoothly, while allowing school leaders to focus on improving teaching and supporting pupils.

By working together, schools share expertise, reduce costs, and reinvest savings into classrooms. This means better opportunities, stronger teaching, and a more consistent experience for your child.

Everything the Trust does is focused on helping your child's school thrive, so every pupil feels supported and able to succeed.

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# Looking Ahead

We have an exciting term ahead with opportunities for our pupils to showcase their learning, share their voices, and engage with the wider community.

We are delighted to be hosting an Art Exhibition on Saturday 27th June at the United Reformed Church, celebrating Uttoxeter's young people and their creative views of nature. We hope families will come along to support and enjoy this special event.

Pupils will also take part in a Youth Climate Action Summit, bringing schools together to explore sustainability and agree shared priorities for climate action over the coming year. This is a fantastic opportunity for children to have a real voice in shaping the future.

We will also be launching the second year of our Community Listen. This is an important opportunity for us to hear from families and the wider community about how we can work more closely together to support our children. We strongly encourage you to get involved and share your views, further details will be shared soon.

Best wishes

Kerry Rochester

CEO

