



# The Three Saints Academy Trust

"If you can believe, all things are possible to those who believe."

Mark 9:23

## Newsletter

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St Ann's Church of England Primary



St Mary & St Thomas' C.E. Primary



St Michael with St Thomas C.E. Primary

## Message from the Chief Executive Officer

We are delighted to welcome you our 18<sup>th</sup> edition of The Three Saints Academy Trust newsletter and the first for this academic year.

This year has had its challenges for us all, but it has allowed us to see again the importance of supporting each other and always being kind to one another. I am extremely proud of our teams and the way we have seen our children and staff in our schools and families look after one another, living out our Christian values.

We were very pleased to welcome some new staff to our Trust central team. Darren Partington joins us in January as Director of Maths and will work across all of our schools, working closely with our maths leaders and teachers. Natalie Parkinson has joined us in November as Trust Attendance Officer, she will work closely with our Family Support Workers in each school.

We are working closely with some new schools and exploring the possibility of them joining us in 2022. We will of course keep you updated as this progresses.

We are as ever, very grateful to our families for their continued support and have been very happy to see some of our parents at Christmas events where we can all remember the true meaning of Christmas; the arrival of our saviour, Jesus Christ

You will get a flavour of our school's amazing work during the autumn term on the following pages, all our schools are very special places and testament to the hard work of all staff.

All the staff, Directors and school committees would like to extend their best wishes for the festive season and thank you for your continued support. We pray that everyone has a healthy and happy 2022.

Kirsty Tennyson  
Chief Executive Officer  
The Three Saints Acade



# News from St Mary & St Thomas

*Believe, Achieve, Shine*



We've had a fantastic Autumn term at St Mary and St Thomas and it has been truly wonderful to witness children so enthusiastic, passionate and eager to learn. Y4 began their brass lessons with St Helens' Music service, which our pupils always thoroughly enjoy; Y1 have adapted so well to life in KS1 and have loved working scientifically as well as being creative in their learning journey; Y2, 5 and 6 have wowed us with their Lunar work on The Victorians, Ancient Rome and Ancient Egypt. And it has all been done with a smile... actually, many smiles!



## CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

One of our favourite days in the school calendar is Christmas Jumper Day! On this day at SMST, children and staff share Christmas dinner together and spend time reflecting on the true meaning of Christmas, giving thanks to God for the gift of his son. It's also a great opportunity to sing a long to some of our favourite festive tunes – pure joy for all!



## WORSHIP TEAM

This term, our newly elected Worship Team have had the honour of being part of Wednesday Eucharist at St Thomas' church with Father Harry each week. The children made us so unbelievably proud as they grew in confidence and understanding, partaking in this act of worship together and playing an integral part in the service itself. Members of the congregation on many occasions commented on the exemplary behaviour of our pupils, and were moved by the presence of the children in their church family. A number of the pupils also attended a very special Sunday Christmas service together as a team.



## FIRST STEPS

It has been lovely to see our toddler group grow from strength to strength this term – and what a lovely setting we have for it at St Thomas' Church! Another huge thank you to Father Harry and his team for their hospitality and kindness each week. Families have enjoyed playing, singing and listening to stories together.





# News from St Ann's

Together, we aim high; with God's love, we can fly

## DEMOCRACY DAY

On our return to school following the summer holiday we held our annual Democracy Day. This year's Rights Respecting Parliament, Head Boy, Head Girl and House Captains were elected. Councillor Sue Murphy awarded the children with their badge.



## SUPER LEADERS

Our pupil leadership strategy, Super Leaders, was launched on Universal Children's Day. Since then our Super Leader teams have been busy campaigning for change and making a positive contribution to our school and wider community. Our Rights Respecting Parliament have developed a child-friendly Safeguarding Policy, our English Ambassadors have been choosing new books for class libraries and our Eco Warriors have made environmentally-friendly reindeer food to raise money for school fund.



## HARVEST

Year 4 led a thought provoking Harvest Service at St Ann's Church at the end of Autumn 1. Many thanks to parents/ carers for all the donations made to this year's charity – Our Warm Welcome. We felt proud to be

supporting refugees and asylum seekers living in St Helens.



## ANTI-BULLYING DAY



Key Stage 2 pupils were reminded about important anti-bullying messages while watching a fabulous performance by Altru

drama. We look forward to welcoming Altru back to support safer-internet day next half term.

## INTERFAITH FOCUS DAY: HINDUISM

Children enjoyed learning all about Hinduism during our first ever Inter-Faith Focus Day.



The workshops gave children an insight into this world faith while developing their understanding of the fundamental British Value of mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs, as well as the protected characteristic of religion/ belief.

## DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY WEEK

Children had the opportunity to put their designing and making skills to good use during this year's Design & Technology Week. The quality of the structures, mechanisms, electrical and food products was second to none!





# News from St Michael with St Thomas

*Learn, Achieve, Love, Believe*

## Forest School Sessions

This term we have been excited to introduce Forest school sessions across the school, led by our specialist teacher, Mrs Smith. The pupils have had a fantastic time taking their



learning outside, building on science knowledge whilst developing problem solving and communication skills. As well as the pupils benefiting from the wellbeing effects of

outside learning and connecting with nature, they have built in mindfulness and reflection time to their sessions, in between den building, wand making and habitat creating! We cant wait to see what the classes get up to next term.



## Rights Respecting School Award

We have launched our work to become a Rights Respecting School this term, with the appointment of our Rights Respecting Ambassadors. Our RRAs have already working hard to launch our school approach to embedding children’s rights, and have been led a worship to introduce the rights to the whole school. They also planned and held a staff meeting for



all of the teaching staff, to develop their knowledge of children’s rights and to work with them to look at opportunities for how they can use our rights work in their classrooms. They have lots of plans for the rest of the year as we work towards our Rights Respecting Award.

## Enterprise Week

We were very excited to be able to get back to our annual Enterprise Week plans this year, albeit with a few tweaks to help us stay in line with current restrictions! As part of their termly DT work, each of the classes designed and made products to sell via our Christmas Catalogue. The classes had a budget of £30 and used this to plan and budget for their materials, and then worked out their profits. The class with the most profit was Y6, who get to keep their winnings to spend on something for their classroom. The Y6 pupils are currently using democracy to decide between new books and wet play games!



## Y6 Christingle Service

Our Y6 pupils worked hard with the support of the St Michael’s church, to prepare the Christingle oranges for each of the pupils in school in readiness for their service that they led in church for their families and the KS2 classes. It was wonderful to be able to celebrate in church with our school family, especially at such a special time of year.

