



# The Three Saints Academy Trust

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

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St Ann's CE



St Mary & St Thomas



St Michael with St Thomas



Blackmoor Park Infants



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## Message from the Chief Executive Officer

As we approach the end of this academic year, I hope you enjoy the news shared in this, the 29<sup>th</sup> edition, of our Trust Newsletter.

As usual all our schools have had a very busy term and you will get a flavour of their amazing work during the summer term on the following pages, all our schools are very special places and testament to the hard work of all staff.

We were very proud of how resilient all our children have been during the various national tests that they have undertaken this term. Well done to our Y1 and Y6 children, you are superstars, as are all our wonderful staff who have supported them.

At this time of year, we recognise that some staff may be moving to pastures new and we would like to say goodbye and thank you to them all. We wish all these staff the very best for the future and thank them all for their contributions and commitment to our schools. Mrs Sweeney the Headteacher at Willow Tree is retiring after 3 years at the school and 39 years in education. We thank her for the huge contribution she has made and wish her a long, happy and healthy retirement.

In September we will see some changes to the leadership of our schools. Mr Naylor who has been acting Headteacher at Blackmoor Park Infants has been appointed as the substantive

Headteacher. Mr Pow has been appointed at the Headteacher at St Mary & St Thomas and Ms Slingsby will become the Executive Headteacher at St Michael with St Thomas and Willow Tree Primary. We wish them all the very best for their new roles.

We wish all those children leaving us to start new schools in September the very best of luck, we will miss them all.

We hope all our families have a fun and energising summer break, we look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.

**Kirsty Tennyson**  
**Chief Executive Officer**  
**The Three Saints Academy Trust**



# News from St Mary & St Thomas

*Believe, Achieve, Shine*

## YEAR 3 ASCENSION SERVICE

We are incredibly proud of our Year 3 children for their inspiring Ascension Day service held earlier this term. Their dedication and enthusiasm shone through as they shared their understanding of this significant event in the Christian calendar. The children worked collaboratively to prepare meaningful readings, songs, and prayers, demonstrating not only their faith but also their commitment to our school values. It was a joy to see them lead the service with such confidence and reverence, engaging the whole school community in a moment of reflection and celebration. Thank you, Year 3, for your hard work and for reminding us all of the importance of faith and togetherness.

## LIVERPOOL FOOTBALL CLUB ACADEMY TOURNAMENT



We are thrilled to celebrate the achievements of our Year 6 football team, who recently participated in the prestigious LFC Academy Tournament! This event provided an incredible opportunity for our children to showcase their skills, teamwork, and sportsmanship. Throughout the tournament, our players demonstrated growth in their abilities, including improved passing and tactical awareness. They embraced challenges against talented teams, showcasing resilience and determination.

## BELIEVE ACHIEVE SHINE AWARDS



Congratulations to the remarkable children who were recognised at our annual Believe Achieve Shine Awards evening! This special event celebrated the hard work, dedication, and

achievements of our students. Each award recipient has demonstrated exceptional commitment to their personal growth and has inspired their peers in the process. We are incredibly proud of their accomplishments and look forward to seeing how they continue to shine in the future. Well done to all our award winners! Your achievements truly embody the spirit of our school's vision.

## IMAGINE THAT RECEPTION VISIT



Our Reception children had an exciting and educational visit to Imagine That! in Liverpool, a vibrant children's play centre that offers a unique blend of fun and learning, making it the perfect destination for our little ones. At Imagine That! The children engaged in hands-on workshops and activities that align with the National Curriculum, exploring four different zones designed to stimulate their imaginations and creativity while providing a fun-filled experience. The day was filled with laughter, exploration, and discovery, as our Reception children participated in interactive workshops that encouraged problem-solving and teamwork, explored various activities that fostered their curiosity and love for learning, and enjoyed free exploration in a safe and engaging environment. This visit not only provided a memorable day out but also reinforced the importance of learning through play.



# News from Blackmoor Park Infants

*Learning and Achieving Together*

**SPORTS DAY AT BLACKMOOR:** We were very lucky with the weather this term, which allowed us to hold our Sports Day smoothly and without interruption.

This year, we explored a different structure for the event, introducing new activities and fresh opportunities for all our children to showcase their skills. The day was filled with friendly competition, teamwork, and plenty of fun. We were lucky to have representation from Blackmoor Park Junior School to support with the running of this event.

Mr Clarke did a fantastic job organizing the event, and we are incredibly grateful for his dedication and hard work. His commitment ensured that Sports Day was a memorable and enjoyable experience for everyone involved.



## BUILDING CHARACTER THROUGH COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

This half-term, we welcomed several exciting visitors as part of our commitment to enriching children's personal development. Our Kindi 3+ children enjoyed a memorable visit from the Fire Service, learning about fire safety and exploring a real fire engine. We have also begun discussions with Merseyside Police about launching a Mini Police programme, which will offer children the chance to develop leadership skills and engage with their community. These experiences reflect our

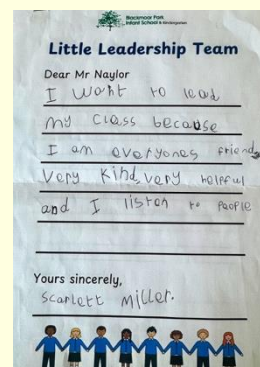
ongoing priority to provide meaningful, real-world learning opportunities that build character, confidence, and a strong sense of citizenship.



## LITTLE LEADERSHIP TEAM (LLT)

Our Little Leadership Team (LLT) programme, launching this Autumn Term, has already generated a real buzz of excitement across the school. In preparation, children have been exploring what it means to be a leader, discussing the importance of responsibility, and how they can make a positive contribution to school life.

We have been delighted by the thoughtful and enthusiastic applications children have written to become their class representatives. This initiative will form an important part of our wider personal development offer, helping children to build confidence, develop their communication skills, and take pride in their role within our school community.







# News from St Ann's

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

## RESIDENTIALS



This term, our Year 4 and Year 5/6 children embarked on unforgettable residential trips to PGL Shropshire and the Lake District, respectively. These experiences not only provided thrilling activities but also fostered personal growth and teamwork. From conquering high ropes courses to navigating the stunning landscapes, our children have created lifelong memories and developed essential skills such as resilience, communication, and leadership. We are incredibly proud of their achievements and the friendships they've built along the way!

## SUMMER FIZZ MUSIC CONCERTS



It brings us immense joy to announce the wonderful success of our Year Group Summer Fizz music event! Our talented children showcased their musical learning and achievements to family and friends, filling the hall with joy and creativity. From enchanting melodies to vibrant performances, each child demonstrated their hard work, dedication, and passion for music. It was a heartwarming celebration of their growth and talent, and we are so proud of each and every one of them. Thank you to all the families who joined us in this special celebration of music and community!

## HEALTHY LIVING WEEK



We are thrilled to share the wonderful success of our recent Healthy Living Week at St Ann's CE Primary School! Throughout

the week, our children engaged in a variety of exciting activities, including Sports Days filled with friendly competition, the inspiring Mary Barrow Fun Run, and energising Zumba workshops that got everyone moving. Additionally, our pupils participated in an informative RNLI workshop, learning vital water safety skills, and enjoyed the Katie Mottershead Healthy Lifestyle Choices Workshop, where they explored the importance of nutrition and well-being. The joy and enthusiasm displayed by our children were truly heartwarming, and it was fantastic to see them celebrating their learning together. Thank you to everyone who contributed to making this week a memorable experience for our school community!

## A BUSY AND INSPIRING TIME FOR YEAR 6



This term has been exceptionally busy for our Year 6 children, filled with enriching experiences and memorable events. They had the opportunity to watch "Just Breathe," a powerful performance by Altru Drama that raised awareness about the critical issues of drug and alcohol abuse. Additionally, our Year 6 students participated in the Leavers Service held at the Anglican Cathedral, a poignant moment celebrating their journey and achievements as they prepare to transition to secondary school. To top it all off, they showcased their talents in our school production, leaving everyone in awe of their creativity and hard work. It's been a term of growth, learning, and celebration for our Year 6 children!



# News from St Michael with St Thomas

*Learn, Achieve, Love, Believe*

## **PLATINUM School Games Award!**



We are super excited and proud to have been awarded the School Games Platinum Award for the continued excellence of our sports provision and

commitment to building healthy lifestyles in our pupils. Assessors were particularly impressed with our Family focused extra-curricular clubs for fitness and healthy eating, as well as the huge range of clubs, sports and competitions that our pupils are able to access throughout the year. A huge well done to Miss Ashton and the whole team for such an amazing achievement!

## **London and Petty Pool Residential**

This term saw our Y5 and Y6 residential trips taking place, with Y5 braving their fears and tackling the gorge walks and high ropes at Petty Pool, and Y6 exploring the famous sights of



London, taking in a show and experiencing a fantastic hotel breakfast! All of our children not only had a fantastic time and made memories that we are sure will last a lifetime, but they were also fantastic ambassadors for our school.

## **End of Year Trips**



It wasn't just Y5 and Y6 who have had all of the fun this term, the other classes also took part in end of year trips to celebrate all of their hard work. Reception visited the magical undersea world at Blue Planet Aquarium,

where they got to meet some of the creatures from thereunder the sea topic; Y1 and Y2 spent the day exploring Imagine That! making, creating and playing with their friends; and Y3 and Y4 visited Rock and River, taking on the challenges of the water sports and excelling at team building activities. It was lovely to celebrate a fantastic year with all of our children!



## **Special Visitors in Reception**

This term, our reception class had some very special visitors to look after as part of their 'Growing' topic, as they hatched their own brood of chicks! It was amazing to watch as each of the chicks were born, and observe them as they became fluffy and playful. The children learned about lifecycles as well as how to care for the chicks whilst they were with us. We were all sad to see them head back to the farm!



## **Change 4 Life Week**

This term we held our annual Change 4 Life week – a theme week aimed at increasing children and families understanding and knowledge about to live a healthy life. There was a focus on mental health as well as physical, with all classes trying new mindfulness activities as well as taking part in fitness and healthy snack making challenges. It was lovely to see how many of our families got involved! During this week, we also held our Sports Day and it was National Walk to School Week – it was a busy week for us all!





# News from Willow Tree

*Growing, Learning and Achieving Together*

## SPORTATHON AT WILLOW TREE

Miss Holdsworth planned and delivered a fantastic fund-raising event in June. All children took part and enjoyed keeping healthy and raising money for the school.

This was followed by a great sports day for all children. Competition was fierce and all children's participation was recognised.



## LONDON TRIP

Year 5 pupils went to London this term, visiting the Houses Of Parliament, Buckingham Palace, The Natural History Museum and St. Paul's Cathedral. A night at the theatre completed their fantastic experience, learning at first hand the importance of British values, rules of law and Democracy.

On their return, our own children experienced democracy for themselves as they listened to prospective candidates for our own Head Students role next year and then voted with a ballot box.



## COMMUNITY PROJECTS

This term we have been discussing local and world issues and in a recent climate change project with engineers from Atkins Realis, children in Year 5 worked together, using knowledge of our school community and paper usage, to develop ways to combat waste. Creating a prototype of their ideas, they then made presentations to engineers from the company. This opportunity to experience the world of work was great for developing the skills of confidence and communication.

Year 4 have also been working with St Helens council and local developers on the Bold Forest Garden Village housing development, which is going to be situated next to our school. Within this session, children worked in groups with confidence, presenting ideas that we could instil within the garden village to ensure it considers the community and brings local people together.

**RECEPTION- STAY & PLAY** Reception and Nursery parents came to play this term. They

worked with the children outside,

creating and developing their

children's love of science and

knowledge and understanding

of the world.

