



### Message from the CEO

What a busy Autumn Term! We are delighted to be celebrating two Ofsted inspections which were Outstanding in all areas and a great SIAMS inspection. This is a fantastic achievement for our schools and the Trust.

We have welcomed lots of new families across our schools this term and it is great to see how well the children have settled. I continue to work with many families across the Trust advocating for SEN referrals and plans.

As term comes to an end, I just want to thank all our hardworking staff and our families, who all support the wonderful children we have in the Trust. Can I take this opportunity to wish all of everyone a very happy Christmas and New Year. We look forward to a great 2025!

**Mrs Melanie Barrow- CEO**



### All Saints, Laxfield

We are thrilled to announce that All Saints Laxfield Primary has retained its Outstanding Ofsted judgement in all areas! (The Trust's second school to be judged Outstanding in all areas in three weeks!) Congratulations to Mr Jones (Executive Head), Mrs Minns & the whole Laxfield team.

### Benhall St Mary

Mr Millican reports; "the Norfolk Lakes trip was a fantastic blend of challenges, teamwork, and fun. Activities included caving, where pupils navigated tunnels, and air rifles, which tested precision and focus. Archery allowed many pupils to discover hidden talents, while Aero Ball—a mix of trampolining and basketball—had everyone jumping and competing. The raft-building sessions were a highlight, with teams using barrels, logs, and ropes to create boats that were tested on the water. Some floated successfully, while others (just one) resulted in a refreshing dip! The obstacle course pushed everyone's physical limits, and crate stacking required balance and steady nerves as teams worked together to stack towers they could stand on. Evenings were filled with games like football and the popular Pirate Game, which brought the whole group together".



### Charsfield

Pupils recently visited the Sainsbury Arts Centre in Norwich immersing themselves in all kinds of wonderful art. They admired the many outside installations in the sculpture park including significant works by Henry Moore and more recent abstract sculptures constructed from steel and bronze. Children particularly enjoyed spending time sketching the intriguing array of art on display inside the main building. This enriching experience has helped the children with their own sculptures.

### Cockfield

We were delighted with Cockfield's recent SIAMS inspection which has so many wonderful, positive comments. We are particularly pleased with the statement; "*shared purpose drives the recently appointed leadership team in their relentless focus on building an inclusive, happy community. They benefit from support through the trust, including shared resources, strategic direction and practical support to improve SEND provision*". The inspector commented that; "*There is a strong and tangible culture of nurture and care which permeates this very small school*". Well done Cockfield Primary- we are so proud of you!

### Dennington

Dennington has had a super term, Year 5 and 6 have been very enthusiastically studying WWII and loved their day as Evacuees, visiting the Church and pillbox. Pupils used the actual school records from Dennington School to find out and re-enact the evacuated children's experience. According to the school log, "of the 30 children who came in September 1939, 11 of them had returned to London within a month as they could not stick life in the countryside" – life was obviously a little too quiet in Dennington!



### Fressingfield

Fressingfield Primary School took 30 children on a fantastic visit to the Guru Nanak Gurdwara in Ipswich. This special place of worship sits at the heart of the community in Ipswich. Our children, who were eager to find out about Sikhism and the role of the Gurdwara, were given a warm welcome to this special place by two of the congregation and the Granthi – the equivalent of a priest who is the custodian of the Guru Granth Sahib.

### Great Whelnetham

Pupils at Great Whelnetham had incredible day to celebrate STEM! The day began with a fantastic assembly looking at the STEM subjects and learning about different careers. We were delighted to welcome Jemma Varela to share her career experiences in STEM as a critical care paramedic. This was so inspiring for our pupils. The rest of the afternoon was spent becoming computer programmers, making tornados in a jar, engineering wind powered cars and much more! It has been lovely to hear parents' feedback that these exciting activities continued into the evening at home!



### Hardwick

At the beginning of November Hardwick's Year 4 had an unforgettable experience at Burwell House on their residential trip! The children thoroughly enjoyed a range of exciting activities, with a special highlight being the chance to record in a professional TV studio. It was a fantastic opportunity for the students to explore their creativity and teamwork in a fun, hands-on environment. The staff were so proud of how Year 4 embraced every activity with enthusiasm and a positive attitude. Well done, everyone!



### Ickworth Park

We are delighted that Ickworth Park Primary are joining the Trust and we look forward to welcoming them in the New Year.

### Occold Primary

Otter class at Occold Primary School, ducked down the Deben from Debenham, through Brandeston and finishing at Woodbridge. The children looked at how the features of the river changed as we moved from the source towards to the sea and had the opportunity to search for wildlife in the river as it travelled across a ford.





### St Peter and St Paul, Eye

St Peter and St Paul, Eye Primary school won a competition which Mrs Jarvis. entered in July. The school has been given 100 free books for a new school library from the Inclusive Books for Children company. Here are some of our reception children about to explore the books!

### Stradbroke

In November, Year 6 from Stradbroke Primary School performed a Midsummer Night's Dream as part of the Coram Shakespeare School's Festival at The Apex in Bury St Edmunds. Directed by Miss Doubleday, the Year 6s worked so hard rehearsing for their performance, behaving professionally from start to finish of the experience. As part of the process, the school also welcomed an ex-pupil, Jack Heydon, back to school where he delivered an assembly about his experience as an actor performing Shakespeare plays. The performance itself was so slick and very funny with all the children giving their absolute all to their parts. We are very proud of all the children for their fantastic achievement and would also like to thank all the staff involved in helping make the performance happen. Well done Year 6s!



### Thorndon

Thorndon Primary Eco Warriors enjoyed hosting a 'Wear it Wild' day to raise awareness of animal welfare throughout the world. The children came dressed in as their favourite animal and enjoyed activities throughout the day to highlight that animals play a vital role in maintaining the balance of ecosystems and losing them can have serious consequences for the environment. The children learnt how to protect them by supporting conservation efforts, reducing our carbon footprint, and spreading awareness about the importance of wildlife protection. Well done Eco Warriors!

### Wortham

We are absolutely delighted to be able to share that Wortham have been judged to be "Outstanding" in all areas! The report celebrates the amazing work of our Director of the West Mrs Flatman, Head of School Mrs Clarke and the whole Wortham Primary team! A much-deserved validation of the great work the team does. Really proud and pleased for the school!

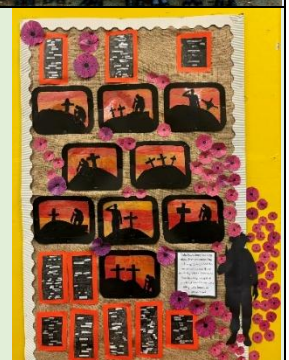


### Trust News



All Saints Schools Trust EdTech Conference was held on our first day back was an amazing way to start the term! Highlights included Dr Parslow-William's funny and inspiring keynote speech on the use of AI in Primary Education. The teachers' favourite part was transforming into superheroes using green screens!

Thank you to all schools who held Remembrance events and services in November. There was some lovely assemblies lead by children and stunning artwork including this moving blackout poetry produced by



pupils at Benhall St Marys Primary.

In September the Trust Board had a change of Chair of Trustees. We welcome Russell Ayling to the role, who is a former Secondary School Headteacher and Educational Advisor. We also thank James Hargrave for the many years he has served as Chair, and we are very pleased that he is continuing as our Vice Chair.