

ELEMENTS NEWS

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MESSAGE FROM SARAH RILEY, ELEMENTS CEO



Dear Elements Trust Family,

As we reach the end of another rich and rewarding academic year, I want to offer my heartfelt thanks to every member of our trust community. Whether you've led in the classroom, supported from behind the scenes, championed our pupils as parents and carers, or governed with wisdom and care, your contribution has helped us to ***flourish together in the love of God***. Guided by our shared values of wisdom, hope, honesty, respect, community, and helpfulness, we've seen so many moments that exemplify what makes our trust special.

Trust-Wide Celebrations

Earlier this year, our trust Choir Day brought five school choirs together in a joyful celebration of music and fellowship. Christ church was alive with song as children performed, learnt new pieces, played together and built new friendships. It was a day full of inspiration and unity. We also celebrate a year of sporting success, with pupils showing exceptional teamwork, courage, and pride in inter-school competitions across the borough, lifting everyone with their energy and commitment.

We're incredibly fortunate to have strong relationships with our local churches, which are a central part of our school life. From worship and mentoring to pastoral support and community projects, clergy and volunteers have made a real difference this year. Your time, care and encouragement have helped our children flourish, we are truly grateful.

Pupil Success and Year 6 Farewells

Our children have worked incredibly hard throughout the year, showing dedication and resilience. We extend heartfelt congratulations to our Year 6 leavers, who now move on to the next stage of their journey equipped with strong values and foundations. We're especially proud of our children's achievements this year, which reflect the combined efforts of pupils, staff, and families working in partnership. Thank you for your continued support, it truly makes a difference.

Staff Growth and Shared Expertise

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our incredible staff for your exceptional commitment, dedication, and care throughout this academic year. The work you do every day in each of our schools, and the contributions you make across the trust, are deeply appreciated. It's been especially encouraging to see teachers and leaders come together across our family of schools to share knowledge, strengthen practice, and support each other's growth. This spirit of collaboration truly reflects the heart of our trust vision and enriches our collective culture, creating a strong foundation for all to flourish. Thank you for all that you do, and for the grace, professionalism, and generosity you bring to our trust.

Investment in Our Schools

We're delighted to confirm another year of successful outcomes from DfE capital funding bids, enabling three major projects to begin this summer:

- Installation of a new boiler at Christ Church EYFS.
- Roof replacement at St Mary's
- Upgrades to fire safety measures, including new internal doors throughout St Mary's

These improvements will enhance safety, comfort, and wellbeing for staff and pupils alike, reflecting our commitment to nurturing the environments in which children thrive.

Farewell and Best Wishes

We say goodbye and good luck to colleagues who are moving on to promoted posts or new roles beyond the trust. Your contributions have shaped our journey, and we send you forward with gratitude, warm wishes, and our prayers for success. You will always remain part of our trust family.

As summer begins, I leave you with this verse — a reminder of rest, renewal, and the beauty of family time:

"They shall be like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream... and does not cease to bear fruit." Jeremiah 17:8

May the summer holiday bring peace, restoration, and joy with loved ones. Thank you all for your continued faith in our vision, your support of our children, and your part in the flourishing of our trust.

With gratitude and blessings,

Sarah Riley

Elements Diocesan Learning Trust CEO

Vision

Elements Diocesan Learning Trust values the individual nature of each school within the Trust family. We believe that every person is a unique and precious gift, created with purpose and value. We nurture each person as a child of God and recognise their inherent potential. Through our collective efforts, we inspire hope, nurture faith, and promote the flourishing of each school.

We ensure that every person is seen, valued, and empowered to succeed, regardless of their background or circumstances. Through justice and equity, we foster an inclusive environment where diversity is celebrated, and every person's unique gifts are honoured.

By embracing these principles, we create a culture where every person values themselves, their community, and the world around them to become compassionate, confident, and responsible individuals.

SCHOOL NEWS

CHRIST CHURCH CofE PRIMARY SCHOOL

'Aspiring together through love'



We enjoy our foundation subjects here at Christ Church and our educational visits out of school help enhance our learning. Year 3 enjoyed a visit to Dudley Castle linked to their History learning on Castles and Year 5 enjoyed a visit to the Black Country Living Museum to enhance their learning on the Industrial Revolution. Year 4 visited Bishop's Wood to see how the Anglo-Saxons lived. As tribe members, children 'carded' wool, created an amulet from copper wire and formed a clay pinch pot.



Lots of our Year 6 children developed their cycling skills by completing their Level 2 Bikeability certificate! They spent time learning lots of skills: checking how to make sure their bike is safe and road ready; how to cycle safely and make U-turns; and how to ride safely on the road. Well done to all children who took part.



CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

"Learn with love, flourish in faith."



The first half of the Summer Term ended in spectacular fashion, with our annual Ascension Day celebrations. Our Young Worship Leaders led a wonderful church service to start the day, reminding of us of Christ's exaltation. Children then demonstrated their talents and interests. We had a wide range of activities to enjoy including football demonstrations, karate, and baking to name a few. It was a great day!



The second half of the term has been equally as fun and exciting. Years 5 and 6 visited Severn Valley Country Park as part of their science studies. Participation in sporting events has continued to be a strength of the school and reception children have participated in their first ever sports day.

Mrs Peters led the whole school in the trial of Goldilocks. There was great excitement and the school was abuzz with allegations and investigations. fair trial, the jury, made up of a class representative from each class, found Goldilocks Guilty! She was therefore sentenced to community service., collecting litter and tidying up the forest.



PEDMORE CofE PRIMARY SCHOOL

'Love one another, as I have loved you.'



Here we are, the end of another school year. As usual, we are always amazed at how quickly the school year seems to fly by...so much happens all the time! Here are some highlights to share with you all.

Water

Year 3 have been looking at rivers in Geography. They've been on a visit exploring rivers and held a workshop with their parents where they made some models based on their learning. That's the picture you can see here!



Black Country Week

Every year we have a week in school where we celebrate the Black Country and what that means to our children. Each class focuses on an aspect, for example transport, industry, etc., and that forms some of their learning for the week. Black Country dialect is always a favourite, with children showing real curiosity about its origins, evolution, and cultural significance



ST MARYS CofE PRIMARY SCHOOL

'Instilling a life-long love for learning in an inclusive, supportive Christian community. Giving everyone the strength to enable them to flourish.'



As we reflect on the recent term at St Mary's, I wanted to share some highlights from our busy and enjoyable school calendar.

Our school musical proms were a wonderful success, showcasing the talents of our pupils. The dedication and skill displayed by the children during these performances were impressive, and each participant contributed to creating memorable moments for all who attended. The commitment they showed throughout their preparation and performance reflects the supportive environment we strive to maintain at St Mary's, where every child is encouraged to develop their abilities and where artistic expression is valued.



Our House festivals remain a valued part of life at St Mary's, and our recent summer games were well-received by all. Watching our pupils engage enthusiastically in activities such as limbo and ultimate twister has been delightful. These events foster the collaborative spirit we encourage, bringing together pupils from across our school community in friendly competition and shared celebration. The recent "Soak the Teacher" event also brought great enjoyment to our school community - I can confirm that the pupils showed remarkable accuracy with their aim, and several members of staff are still recovering from their thoroughly soaked state! The gleeful laughter and slightly mischievous enthusiasm displayed by everyone demonstrated the positive relationships that characterise our school family.



As we come to the end of the term, I am pleased to see the positive energy and community spirit that our pupils, staff, and families bring to St Mary's each day. These recent events serve as good reminders of the welcoming and supportive nature of our school community.

JESSONS CofE PRIMARY SCHOOL

'Be the best you can be.'



Our term began with peace and will end in peace – with all manner of excitement in between!

Our Big Question asked us "How does following our school vision help us bring peace?", and the children's responses, as ever, astounded us with their understanding and deep thought. On the theme of 'Peace', our children created artwork to celebrate the 80th anniversary of VE Day. Our displays created awe and wonder for everyone who saw them.

Once the stresses of SATs and all other end-of-year assessments were out of the way, we could get down to some serious enjoyment with enriching and wide-ranging activities: trips, Nursery Fun Day, class assemblies, 'Musical Gold', Awards Evenings, Sports Days – and of course, our year 6's spectacular Summer production: 'The Only Way is Athens'! All of these activities highlight our school vision statements of 'inclusivity, diversity, aspiration and spirituality', with ALL children able to take part and achieve.

After all of that, we will end our year in church, with year 6 leading the service, giving thanks to God for the love and strength that He provides, so that we can aspire to 'Be the best we can be.'



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