



ELEMENTS NEWS

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MESSAGE FROM VICKI SHELLEY, ELEMENTS INTERIM CEO



Dear Elements Trust Family,

As we reach the end of a busy Spring Term, I wanted to share how much I've enjoyed stepping into the role of Interim CEO since January. It's been wonderful getting to know each of our five schools—the staff, governors, families, and of course the children, who are at the heart of all we do.

With three Ofsted inspections taking place, there's been lots of activity, conversation, and reflection which has really helped me to get to know our schools. What has truly stood out is the recognition of how deeply our schools care about helping every child flourish—academically, socially, emotionally, and spiritually. That's something we can all be proud of.

A huge thank you to all our staff for the warm welcome you've given me and for your continued hard work to provide our children with a great education and experiences.

I've also had the pleasure of meeting each of our Local School Board Chairs and many more governors, and I want to say how much I appreciate the commitment, honesty, and care they bring to their roles. Getting to know them individually has been a real highlight as they work together to support our pupils and staff. Across our trust this term, the schools have been buzzing with activity. From KS1 children celebrating Holi and learning about the arrival of Spring, to Viking Day adventures, outdoor learning, poetry workshops, Good Health Week, and all the fun of World Book Day, the creativity and enthusiasm across all five schools has been fantastic.

My favourite moment of the term was the Elements Choir Day at Christchurch. Seeing children from all our schools come together to sing, laugh, worship, and simply enjoy being part of something bigger was really special. It captured everything that is important about our trust community.

As we head into the Easter break after another packed term, I feel very grateful to be leading the trust forward. Thank you to every member of our community—children, staff, governors, parents, carers, and church partners—for all the ways you contribute to enabling us to live out our vision of 'flourishing together in love'. At Easter, we are reminded of the hope, renewal and new beginnings that sit at the heart of the Easter story; so, it's apt to leave you with a verse from Psalms that enables us to celebrate all we have achieved this term.

"This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." — Psalm 118:24

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable Easter.

Vicki Shelley
Interim CEO

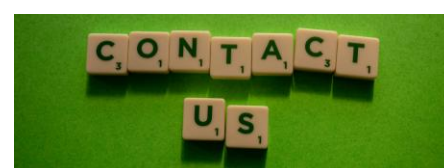
Elements Diocesan Learning Trust

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.



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SCHOOL NEWS

CHRIST CHURCH CofE PRIMARY SCHOOL

'Aspiring together through love'



Visits in and visits out continued in the Spring term, bringing learning to life and encouraging awe and wonder moments.

Vikings arrived in Year 3 this term! Our Year 3 children loved Viking day, taking part in Viking quizzes, studying Viking artefacts and making their own Viking shield



Our Year 4 children enjoyed visiting Severn Valley Country Park to learn more about river features, habitats and how the landscape has changed over time.

Year 5 and 6 children were visited by poet Joshua Siegal. Joshua led a poetry writing workshop for Year 5 and left us with a signed copy of his collection of poems which our children have been enjoying.

We celebrated Children's Mental Health Week, following the theme 'This is my place' as well as Safer Internet Day, learning more about safe and responsible use of AI.

On World Book Day, we dressed up as adjectives and enjoyed celebrating our love of reading.

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION CofE PRIMARY SCHOOL



Learn with love; flourish in faith

It has been a very busy and productive Spring Term at Church of the Ascension Primary School. We were reassured by our recent OFSTED visit that recognised that everyone feels included at our school and that from the time children start school, there is a strong focus on building positive relationships.

Good Health Week was a great opportunity for us to focus on both physical and mental wellbeing. The children had lots of visitors to talk to them about keeping themselves and others, safe and well. The week included a fantastic afternoon trying new hobbies and activities, including arts, crafts, dance and sports.

World Book Day was great fun! We enjoyed the literary orienteering activities and it was wonderful to see all of our children going home with a different book to read, following our Big Book Swap.

Our reception classes have been looking for signs of Spring and have enjoyed being detectives around our school site.



PEDMORE CofE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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



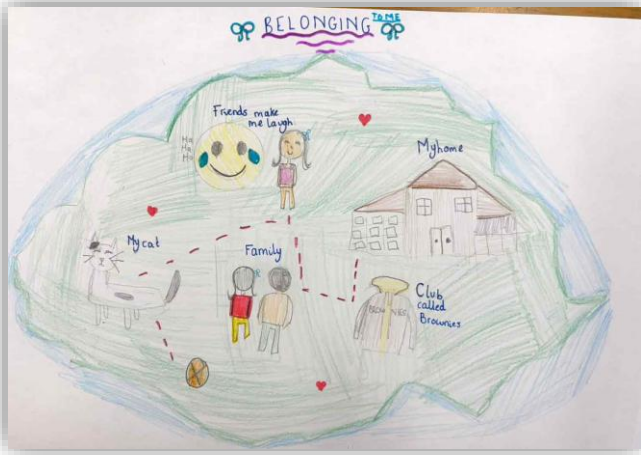
Schools are always busy places and this term so far has been no different!

As part of RE, our KS1 children have been learning about the Hindu festival of Holi, the Festival of Colours. This celebrates the arrival of Spring and the victory of good over evil. Year 1 and Year 2 recreated their own Holi celebration on the school playground.



As part of Good Health Week, children took part in a range of activities, some of them with a focus on promoting good mental health, and what that looks like.

One of the activities was focused around 'belonging' and what that looks like for us as individuals.



We also celebrated World Book Day, with lots and lots of activities taking place throughout the day. One of our favourites is 'Stop, Drop & Read' when we ring the bell and everyone, adults included, have to stop what they are doing and read a book until the bell rings again.

ST MARY'S CofE PRIMARY SCHOOL



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



St Mary's
C of E Primary School

This Spring term at St Mary's has been full of energy, growth and community spirit. Our Spring 1 House Festival focused on gymnastics, with children enthusiastically taking part in workshops before a team from each house was selected to represent them. We love seeing the children's confidence grow through these unique opportunities to work together as cross-year-group teams which align with our learning during Children's Mental Health Week about 'Belongingness.' Football continues to be a real passion across the school, and we are delighted to now have a team competing in a local league. Our Year 4 children have also had the opportunity to enjoy a residential visit to the Pioneer Centre, taking part in lots of exciting outdoor activities.

Our ever-strengthening relationship with the church has also been a highlight; the Monday church choir sessions with Mother Sarah have led to truly remarkable progress in the children's singing.



Through our learning in worship, we have continued to shape our identity as a community: independence and resilience were key themes for the first half of the term, with pupils showing real "bouncebackability" as they worked toward their personal goals. As we move into the second half of Spring, our focus turns to understanding justice, fairness and equity, laying the groundwork for exploring how we can challenge injustice together.

JESSON'S CofE PRIMARY SCHOOL

'BE THE BEST YOU CAN BE.' (School motto)

"I can do all things through Him who strengthens me." (Vision, Philippians 4:13)

At Jesson's, we pride ourselves in the broad range of experiences we provide for our children, so that they can flourish and 'be the best they can be.'

Everything we do is guided by our motto, our vision and our values.

Our school council have been instrumental in promoting our vision and values, providing us with the 'Big Questions' that we ask the whole school each term.

NSPCC's Number Day and World Book Day were fantastic, as always. Children (and staff!) excelled with their outfits and costumes, and all had tremendous fun while learning!



'Meanwhile, our Early Years children experienced the extremes of life, starting with a Dinosaur Workshop, which included fossil hunting and dinosaur identification, and then watching with awe the hatching and growth of ducklings from 'Incredible Eggs.'

Our Pastoral and Mental Health Lead transformed our small hall into a sanctuary of calm for Children's Mental Health Week, with activities to enable children to understand and manage their well-being.

Worship and praise are always part of our school life. Year 3 led our Lent Service for children, staff and parents. We are looking forward to celebrating the great festival of Easter with collective worship led by Clare Soar (with follow-up activities) and culminating in year 5 leading our Easter Service at the end of term.

As always, we are grateful for the many opportunities we have, so we can celebrate our children's achievements, flourishing in the love of God.



Jesson's
C of E Primary School
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