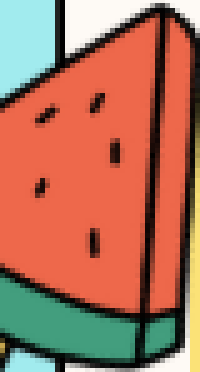


CEO Letter Summer 2 2026



Well, we have officially reached the end of another incredible academic year and I want to take a moment to look back, reflect, and say a massive, heartfelt thank you to all of you.

This final, vibrant half term has been absolutely buzzing with energy. Looking back, it is incredible to see how much has been achieved together over June and July. Here is a look back at the wonderful memories and milestones that made this summer term so wonderful.

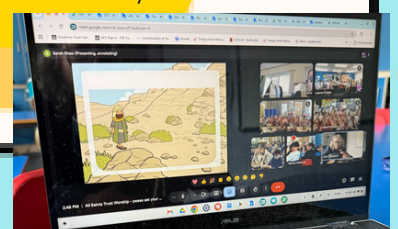


All seven of our Trust schools came together for an unforgettable Greenpower electric kit car race day. Our young engineers and designers raced 14 custom-built electric cars on the grid, proving what fantastic team players.

All Saints Worship Squad



Our schools came together simultaneously for a wonderful online Trust Worship led brilliantly by our All Saints Worship Squad. Gathering around the theme of Peace, the children did a fantastic job planning and leading us through songs, prayers, scripture, and thoughtful discussion questions. Thank you, Worship Squad, for bringing our trust community together so beautifully!



A massive, heartfelt THANK YOU to Dr Ant Allen for leading such a tremendous Greenpower event. He is running in the Great North Run this September for "Get Kids Going!" which is a youth disability in sport charity. We are so grateful for his extensive volunteering, passion and expertise for our whole Trust and such opportunities are so special due to dedicated people like Ant. You may wish to donate to his just giving page. Thank you in anticipation. <https://www.justgiving.com/page/antallen>

EYFS training

Anna Coleman Harris and Kathryn Powles led a wonderful training session for our Headteachers and I. We came together for a brilliant, focused training session diving deep into EYFS expectations, aligning our vision and understanding for the OFSTED framework and mapping out some incredibly exciting plans for the future. Thank you!

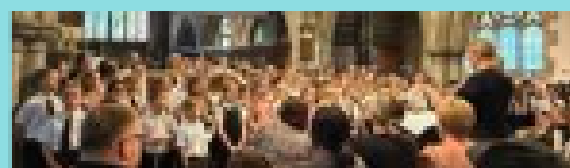


Our EYFS Pig the Pug traveling tales project continued its exciting journey across our schools, moving from St Mary's to Anson and then Anson to All Saints. The children showed off amazing housebuilding, colourful collar designs, and fantastic cards, proving how beautifully they share their learning across our Trust.



Children from Years 3-6 demonstrated spectacular sportsmanship at our annual Trust Cross Country tournament, where The Howard triumphantly took home the trophy. Meanwhile, our high-energy Trust Spelling Bee showcased brilliant focus and determination, featuring a historic double-victory for Anson (KS1 & KS2) and top spots secured by The Howard (KS1) and Mary Howard (KS2).

We enjoyed a spectacular 5-school weather-themed concert at St Mary's, where the children brought "the power of the thunder and the joy of the sunshine".



We also proudly carried forward our rich heritage during The Howard's traditional May Queen Celebrations, complete with maypole dancing, crowning, and a community BBQ.



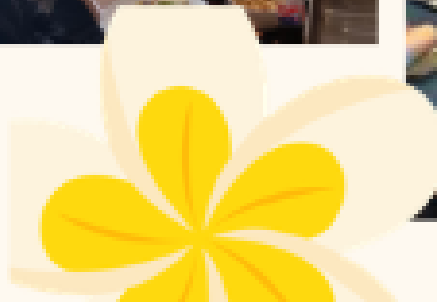
Our traveling Pig the Pug project has had some wonderful new adventures recently, journeying from St Mary's to Anson, and then on to All Saints! The project book is filling up beautifully and looks fantastic.

Here are a few highlights from my recent visits:

- St Mary's: The children spoke brilliantly about their splendid work, which included safely using a saw to build a truck for Pig, making tie-dye cushions, crafting bones, and enjoying outdoor play. A special well done to the pupils who traveled with me to Anson to proudly share their learning with friends there!
- Anson: A huge thank you to the staff and children for hosting Ralph and me. It was incredible to see the immense hard work put into your Pig the Pug text. The children shared their experiences beautifully, and their excitement was truly infectious.
- All Saints: When we arrived, the children spoke with incredible confidence, acting as fantastic teachers to us all—they should be so proud of themselves! Thank you for listening so beautifully. I can't wait to hear how the afternoon mind-mapping sessions went as you plan your next activities.

We are already looking forward to our future trips, which will involve taking some of our pupils over to The Howard! Thank you to all of our amazing staff and children for making this project such a roaring success.

Reaching across borders, pupils from The Howard returned from an unforgettable French exchange trip to our twin village, Awoingt, putting their classroom language skills to real-world tests.



SPELLING BEE – all 7 schools, two hubs! What a phenomenal afternoon of high-energy spelling brilliance! Our school hubs came together for an intense competition, and our children absolutely blew us away with their focus and determination. Hub 1 (All Saints, Anson, St Mary's): A historic double victory for Anson, who took home the crown for both the KS1 and KS2 events!

Hub 2 (Richard Crosse, The Howard, Mary Howard, St Andrew's): The trophies were shared after some fiercely contested rounds. The Howard clinched the KS1 title, while Mary Howard stepped up to take the KS2 trophy!

A massive thank you to our wonderful families for your fantastic support and home practice, and to our brilliant staff for organizing such a smooth event. Most importantly, a huge well done to all the children who took part—you showed wonderful sportsmanship and were absolutely fabulous!



Incredible Summer Productions! Ralph and I have had the absolute privilege of sitting in the audience for our annual trust school productions, and the energy this year was unmatched! Huge congratulations to our five schools for their fantastic shows:

All Saints: Gigglebox, Anson & Richard Crosse: Robin Hood, St Mary's: Alice in Wonderland and The Howard: Rockefeller Cinderella. The children blew us away with their stage confidence, clear speaking, and show-stopping musical numbers. The Mease also did us proud at Tamworth's arts celebration! A massive thank you to our wonderful staff for their endless patience and hard work behind the scenes, and to the families who came to support. These are memories the children will treasure forever!





We couldn't be more proud regarding our school reviews which are a vital part of our commitment to excellence, enabling us to corroborate our high standards and directly share the very best educational practices across our entire trust.

I am incredibly proud of the findings. There were brilliant highlights and distinct positives across the board. More than anything, being in our schools with other leaders and Governors over the last few weeks has reinforced what makes our trust so special: it truly feels like a family where we are all supported by one another.

The image above captures a fantastic pupil voice session at All Saints, a perfect example of our standards and community in action.



Alongside our recent school reviews, our Directors and Members have been hard at work ensuring our trust remains strong, safe, and strategically forward-thinking. We recently held both our Directors' meeting and our mid-year Members' meeting. These meetings are vital for tracking our progress, and focused on several key areas such as standards in areas such as the curriculum and attendance, reviewing our long-term vision, checking our financial health and oversight, while planning crucial investments into our school buildings and estates to create the best possible learning environments. Additionally, rigorously reviewing our policies and practices, which remain our absolute top priority to safeguard every child. All of this crucial oversight is driven by our Directors and Members, who are all volunteers. We are incredibly grateful to them for their immense commitment, time, and the invaluable professional insights they bring to our trust family. **If you are interested in Directorship, please do contact me for an informal discussion.**

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This message offers just a snapshot of what is happening across our trust and so do view your school blogs for the wonderful experiences and opportunities for your child/ren

While this message is directly to you, our families, we must take this moment to offer our profound **gratitude to our wonderful staff**. Tight resources, changing demands, and the physical exhaustion of education can make it a demanding but wonderful job. They have showed up every single day, supported one another, and kept a smile on their faces for your children. Their dedication, resilience, grit, and grace ensure our children don't just learn, but truly live through these incredible experiences. We are endlessly thankful for everything they do.

To our families, thank you for turning out in full force on the sidelines to cheer our children on, for helping them practice at home, and for your unwavering partnership.

To our brilliant children, especially our Year 6 leavers who worked so hard through their assessments, productions and leavers services, remember that you are so much more than a test result. Your teamwork, resilience, and bright minds shone brighter than the sunshine this term.

Have a Wonderful Summer!

Whatever your ideal summer looks like, we hope you find it! Thank you for your partnership, your passion, and your commitment to our community.

Have a wonderful, safe, and family filled summer.

**With deepest gratitude,
Charlene and Ralph
and our whole Trust!**

