

The KET Newsletter

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Welcome from the CEO

It has been a super start to 2025 in schools across The Key Educational Trust.

This Newsletter showcases some of the exciting opportunities our young people have enjoyed so far this term.

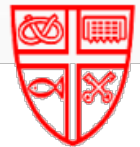
As I visit the schools, it really is wonderful to see just how much children are enjoying their learning and the lengths their teachers go to in order to give them the very best experience. There is a real ambition that children will achieve their very best in all that they do.

If you are unfamiliar with our schools and would like to know more then please click on the links to the websites below.

I hope everyone enjoys their half-term break.



Mr. Chris Wright
CEO - The Key Educational Trust



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Christ Church Academy



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Spring Term Antics

A team of Year 7 & 8 pupils were chosen to represent our school in the 2025 **First Lego League Tournament** at Newcastle College. After months of writing a presentation to solve a real world problem and programming their robot to complete their challenges they had the opportunity to showcase their skills against 20 midlands schools.

The children performed admirably to gain a top 6 finish but sadly didn't win to progress to the nationals. Amazingly they did receive the core values trophy for the best representation of the Lego core values!



We had a fantastic time welcoming Beverley from **Lichfield MusicShare** to our school! Our pupils were absolutely inspired by the energy, talent, and passion she brought to the session. Pupils loved finding their voices and making music as a group—such a joyful and empowering experience! Thank you, Beverley, for sharing the joy of music with us!



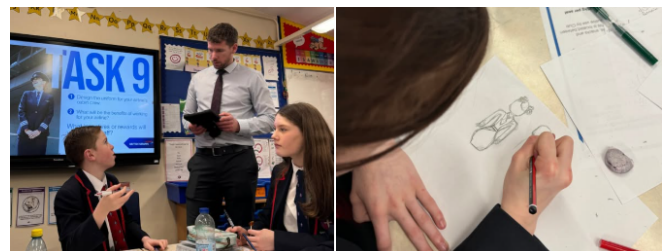
Movement Day 2025 was a huge success, and the PE department was buzzing with energy as students embraced a day of movement, challenge, and fun.



We were delighted to welcome back ex-pupil Hannah Mellor, who has gone on to make a name for herself as a gymnast and dancer in London. Her inspiring journey captivated our students, showing them just how far dedication and passion can take you!

Adding to the excitement, the incredible Kinetic Heights team amazed us all with their breathtaking aerial skills!

Year 8 pupils had an exciting day competing for a spot in the **National Careers Finals**. This year's challenge, organized by the Inspirational Learning Group and sponsored by British Airways, provided a fantastic opportunity for students to showcase their skills and talents.



As part of the British Airways – Future Airline Challenge, teams explored the world of international travel by creating a new subsidiary airline to sit alongside the CityFlyer and EuroFlyer brands. It was a fantastic way for them to develop their creativity and problem-solving skills.

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Some of our **Year 7 Sports Leaders** went to Clip and Climb on Friday to support and help run the Year 3&4 climbing challenge.

For some, this was their first experience in leading an event, what great ambassadors for the school. A huge well done everyone!



☀️ Children's Mental Health Week 2025 ☀️

We were proud to support Children's Mental Health Week in school! This year's theme **"Know Yourself, Grow Yourself"**, encouraged children to express their feelings and build confidence.

Throughout the week, we took part in activities to encourage pupils to embrace self-awareness and explore what it means to them. This will help them grow and develop resilience to cope with what life throws at them. 💕💕



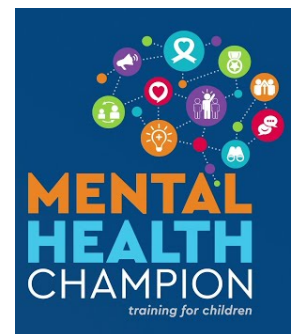
🏆 CUP FINAL WINNERS!!! 🏆



We are absolutely beaming with pride here at CCA.... our Y6 football team have gained **FIRST PLACE** in the **EFL Utilita Kids cup** – beating an impressive 42 teams!! They now go onto represent Stoke City FC against other EFL teams in the regional competition in March. Good luck boys!!

Mental Health Champions

We're proud to announce an exciting new initiative at CCA. We have partnered with One Goal, the UK's leading provider of mental health champions training for schools, to equip our KS2 pupils with the skills they need to become Mental Health Champions. One Goal has trained thousands over pupils across the UK, empowering children and young people to take charge of their mental health. Their expert-designed programmes cover stress management, emotional regulation, mindfulness, and much more. Pupils learn practical techniques to boost their own wellbeing and look out for peers who may be struggling. Our KS3 pupils will completing a similar course during the summer term.



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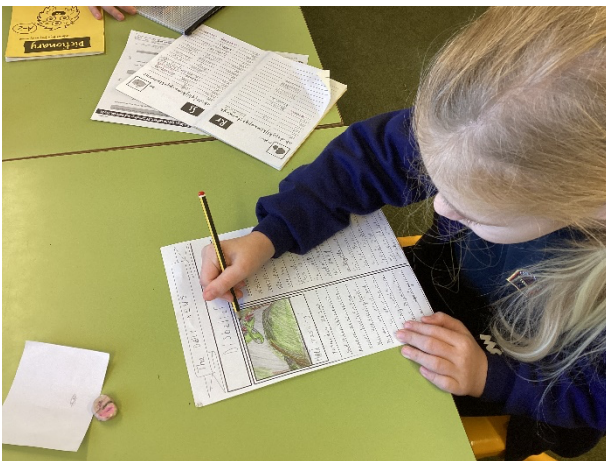
Christ Church First School



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Be the best you can be in God's beautiful world

On our return from the Christmas break, the children have settled back into school and are working hard in all year groups.

In Year 4, the children have been learning about life as an evacuee in WW2 in both English and history and have written some poignant poetry based on the air raids.



In Reception, the children have been reading, "The Tiger Who Came to Tea," and have been working on recounting the story.

The children also completed a topic on Lunar New Year and enjoyed dressing up, creating wonderful crafts and sampling Chinese food.



Our Mini Explorers toddler group has grown in popularity and they have enjoyed reading book such as "The Tiger Who Came to Tea," and having tea with a tiger. They also enjoyed Lunar New

Year with a range of activities and crafts.



Mrs Graham has completed training on how to deliver balance bikes and ready to ride sessions in school and we are awaiting delivery of new balance bikes for EYFS as part of the scheme. We can't wait to get started on using the bikes and teaching children to ride.

A group of children in Year 3 went to Clip and Climb in Stone to enjoy a morning of climbing as part of a personal challenge project run by SSSP. They took part in a range of activities supported by sports leaders from Christ Church Academy. The children learnt the value of teamwork and resilience as they had to step out of their comfort zones and face their fears to complete the tasks.



The school was also recognised by the Girls' Football School Partnership as an Equal Access School, which is great news as many of our girls enjoy playing football both inside and outside of school, so it was nice to get this award to display following our participation in the girls' football tournament last year.



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Hand in hand Learning together

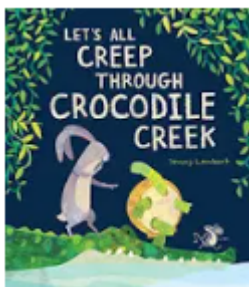
It has been a busy start to the Spring term at Oulton First School. This is a snap shot of class activities.

EYFS

Class 1 have been learning about Lunar New Year. To celebrate they made their own paper lanterns to decorate the classroom. They have also been enjoying the Chinese restaurant role play.



Pupils have also been enjoying the new story 'Let's all Creep through the Crocodile Creek.' The new outdoor equipment was the perfect obstacle course to role play the journey of the tortoise, rabbit and mouse!



KS1

Class 2 pupils are enjoying their new topic – Titanic. They ordered a timeline of when the disaster happened and then explored why. Art has also been linked to this topic of Titanic with a focus on structures. This term pupils made paper structures which will eventually become a structure of the Titanic.



KS2

Class 3 have been focusing on dragons this half term. They have written dragon poems, job adverts and Viking dragon tamer descriptions, as well as using pastels to create dragons' eyes. They are looking forward to sculpting dragon eyes and making dragon head sculptures with eyes that light up when they have completed their electricity topic.



Forest School

Year 1 and Year 2 pupils have been experiencing forest school this half term using the school grounds and Kibblestone International Scout Camp.

St Mary's, Mucklestone.



Life Cycles

Class 1 and Class 2 were very excited to commence their Science topic on 'life cycles'. To enable the children to fully experience the process we contacted Living Eggs. They arrived with eggs, an incubator and all of the equipment we needed to watch the miraculous process of chicks hatching. The staff and pupils thoroughly enjoyed watching them hatch and the chicks rapid growth. Our kind and capable children fed, watered and cared for the chicks. We learnt so much – a very memorable science topic! Mrs Jackson was so attached to the chicks, she has taken the females home and will be looking after them as adults and hoping to share the eggs they lay and giving us regular updates on their progress!



Pudding and Pie

The children have really enjoyed learning all about food technology in Design and Technology. We have been making pizzas, healthy snacks, dips and dippers and a range of sandwiches. Pudding and Pie visited St Mary's for an interactive cooking session. The children implemented so much English, Maths and Science to make delicious chocolate orange snowballs. We have some very keen bakers in our school, who measured, sieved and stirred with real expertise. The children are keen for Pudding and Pie to return to lead a lunchtime cookery club. Ready steady bake!!!



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St Peter's, Caverswall



Swimming Pool

Back by popular demand, we have had the swimming pool onsite again this half term. The children have said it's like getting in a hot tub, although no members of staff have tried it yet!! It is clear to see that the children really enjoy the small group lessons and have made excellent progress in their swimming. Not to be left out Reception and Nursery have been in too.



Additionally, Rowan class had parents in to explore a range of Egyptian activities. Scarab beetles were painted, sarcophagi made and teddies mummified. It was great to see the children sharing all their learning with their parents. Parents definitely got stuck into all activities.



Head Boy and Girl Assembly

This half term the head boy and girl set out to give the rest of the school a lesson in how to keep themselves fit and healthy. This is following on from all the work we have done in PE, PSHE and through assemblies. They did a magnificent job talking about what we can do to keep healthy; drink lots of water, eat 5 fruit and vegetables a day, have less screen time. They also shared a range of sporting activities the other children could take part in. They had children up from the audience to model these skills. It was a great assembly.



Our assembly themes this half term have been friendship, rule of law and keep healthy through sports.

KS2 Egyptian Events

Our Ingmar class led an assembly on their Egyptian learning. It was full of singing, dancing and facts about the Egyptian Gods, pyramids and buildings as well as the river Nile.

