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Welcome from the CEO

"So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness." Colossians Ch 2 vs 6,7

Dear Parents and Carers,



As we approach the finish line of this academic year, using these words written by St Paul, we are encouraged to build our lives on our faith in Jesus and to overflow with thankfulness. As a family of schools, we are especially grateful for a full summer season of cultural events which have allowed our community to gather en masse. Our schools have been a hive of activity with sports days, school trips, jubilant trust wide Jubilee celebrations and much more. We would like to thank all those involved in the planning, preparation and facilitation of these activities for our pupils. We would also like to thank our parents, carers and local communities for their ongoing support and commitment. All our schools have been delighted to share some fabulous pictures from these wonderful events on Social Media, our school websites and in this edition of our ODBST summer newsletter.

Throughout the year there have been a plethora of good news stories across all our schools. Our children have benefitted from art exhibitions, special community contacts, forest school activities, art projects, fundraising, and the excitement of a new school imminently joining the ODBST (a special welcome to Speen C of E school). In a year that has still been so changeable we have been immensely proud of all the academic and wider achievements of all our pupils.

Three of our schools were inspected by Ofsted this academic year and continue to retain their "Good" rating. Pupils and staff truly shone through, and I have felt privileged and proud to be part of the process. Hearing all the positive comments about our wonderful schools has been heart-warming.

This is a liminal time of year: we recently welcomed into our schools children who will start with us in September 2022, while at the same time bidding our Year 6's in our family of schools an emotional farewell. It has been a pleasure to see our pupils flourish and develop and we wish them well on their journey through secondary school.

As this is our last newsletter of the school year, we would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge everyone's hard work through what has been a very busy, although still at times a challenging year.

Finally, I wish all our pupils, their families and our staff a very well-deserved, relaxing summer break!

With best wishes,

Sulina Piesse

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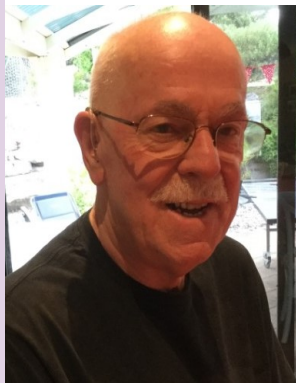
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A Message from Malcolm Peckham, Chair of Trustees



I would like to say, as I have now stepped down from the Chair after 3 years, what a privilege it has been to work with such dedicated professionals at the ODBST.

The Staff and Trustees at ODBST are fully committed to improving standards and opportunities for all our children and continuously strive for excellence. Above all, it is all those who work directly in our schools who are the real heroes, ably supported by thoughtful, supportive and hardworking governing bodies.

To see children learn and grow in confidence is very special. It may not always be respected outside the education world but teachers are very special people. I look forward to seeing how the Trust continues to flourish in the future.

Chair of Oxford Diocesan Bucks School's Trust

Everyone at the Oxford Diocesan Bucks Schools Trust would like to extend their warmest thanks to Malcom Peckham for all of the support that he has provided during his term as Chair of Trustees. His leadership has been invaluable and we wish him well for the future.

The Oxford Diocesan Bucks Schools Trust are thrilled to welcome our new Chair of Trustees, Michael Mill.



I am delighted to be appointed as the new Chair of ODBST.

I have been a trustee for a year. I moved back to High Wycombe having been Director of Education for Carlisle Diocese for nearly ten years. I also set up the diocesan MAT and was its first CEO. Prior to that I spent twenty years working for Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire local authorities and have a good understanding of the context and challenges faced by our local schools.

I have been impressed by the work of the ODBST team and its Trustees and all the structures that are in place to support our special family. I look forward to helping to take the trust forward in an exciting stage of its development and visiting your school soon.

On behalf of the Members and Trustees I also want to thank you for all your hard work through the year and wish you a well earned and relaxing summer holiday.





What has been happening at Chesham Bois this term?

After having to cancel their trip last year, Year 5 finally made it to Woodrow High House. They had a great first day. Some groups completed the nightline course whilst others tackled the low ropes course, archery and team challenges. They then had lots of fun at the campfire and enjoyed toasting marshmallows! During their second day, they had the opportunity to complete the traverse challenge and practise their archery skills. All of the children enjoyed making dens and learning how to make fires! To finish off their trip, they enjoyed a class disco in the cellar. Year 4 also had a wonderful 3 days at Woodrow, full of smiles, laughter and lots of mud! The children overcame many challenges and gave everything a try including high ropes and survival skills during bush craft. It was a fantastic 3 days. The children all behaved exceptionally, and most importantly, had the time of their lives!



We also held our school sports week. First, we had a visit from Little Missenden for our Mini Olympics event. This event was designed to introduce the children to their first Sports Day whilst giving them a chance to meet and compete with another school. Both sets of children were fantastic. Our Second event was a rugby taster day where we were joined by Edem, a future rugby star in the Wasps Rugby Academy. All the children took part in some rugby skills training and games.



A surprise activity during sports week was the Girls' Year 3 & 4 County Football Finals. Our team, Millie, Lina, Quinn, Maya, Ruby, Chloe, Emily, Monique and Alice were fantastic; the FA coaches at the event couldn't believe that only three of them play football for teams outside school. Quite remarkably, the team finished third overall-well done girls! Both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 ended Sports Week by having their Sports Day. The weather was beautiful! All the children competed to the best of their ability and worked fantastically with their teams. The team of captains and vice-captains led their houses with aplomb -true role models all of them.



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What has been happening at Christ the Sower this term?



Chess club offered children the opportunity to be introduced to the strategic game of chess and practise learning how to win and lose in a sporting manner. In the words of one child, "when I first joined chess I was not that good. After more weeks of practice, I became better. Later on in chess we started a round robin and it came down to me and another child. He won but it was still really fun. Later, I entered the under 12 Megafinal regional chess competition. It was cool and really good and I would try again."

The children got to play different people from different age groups at school. Some chose to widen their competition to others in their age and gender group from around the region in the UK's largest junior chess competition. They did really well winning some, drawing some and, inevitably losing some games. However, they all enjoyed taking part.



Christ the Sower were also thrilled to have Alyssia Jacobs, their Year 2 teacher, selected to represent keyworkers as part of the Jubilee pageant. This was a tremendous honour.



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What has been happening at Curzon this term?



Earlier this year, our Year 5 and 6 School and Eco Councillors were set the challenge of improving the environment. They researched and presented a range of ideas, which were put to a vote. The winning project was to reduce single use plastic in lunchboxes. The Councillors then wrote letters to parents and held an assembly to launch the project with the rest of the school. Each class is now being challenged to reduce their plastic waste the most with School and Eco Councillors judging this each day.

The children and staff really enjoyed the Jubilee celebrations before half term. Everyone dressed up in red, white and blue and it was wonderful to share lunch together on the playground. We were very grateful to Countess Howe for visiting in her capacity as Lord Lieutenant to the Queen. She chatted to the children in their classrooms and delivered a fascinating whole school assembly.



Our Curzon school fete was a super success this year. It was lovely to gather together our community again with everyone working together to make this a lovely day out.



This term Year 6 have enjoyed their residential week away at Paccar and a fun day at school, another class had a fabulous day out at Tiggy Winkles wildlife hospital and Class 4 will be carrying out fieldwork at the River Misbourne this week. By the time we end for the holidays, every class will have enjoyed an educational visit this term.

We ended this term with a fantastic leavers' production of Treasure Island. This production was a resounding success with super singing, amazing acting and cheesy jokes! It was a perfect way to celebrate our wonderful Year 6 pupils.



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What has been happening at Elmtree this term?

Healthy living week

The children have had great fun during healthy living week here at Elmtree. They learnt all about fruits and vegetables and how to eat healthier. They also learnt that it is really important to look after our teeth and exercise thanks to our A-Life visit. It was so great to be able to welcome lots of parents into the classrooms with our Reception class creating fruit kebabs and



collaging a healthy dinner plate with the grownups. The children in Nursery and Year 1 really enjoyed learning about the importance of eating healthy food, exercising, looking after teeth and sleeping.



A huge well done to the children, parents and EFF for their amazing efforts in this year's carnival. It was so lovely to see everyone out in the sunshine having fun! The children's costumes were brilliant -very creative. In fact, we were so successful that we came home with the Deputy Mayor's Award.



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What has been happening at Great Horwood this term?



At Great Horwood School we were absolutely delighted and honoured to be able to welcome The Right Reverend Steven Croft, Bishop of Oxford to our End of Year leavers service where he presented our values wristbands and Trophies.



Our service was based around our school vision of 'I am the vine, you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit'. John 15:5. Year 6 selected their favourite hymns of 2022 - The Lord's my Shepherd and Across the lands, highlighting the need to love and respect everyone around us and the environment. It was wonderful to see the grape vine (called Brian!) belonging to Reverend Mark that he showed us last year as a small twig and how it had grown and flourished just like the children at Great Horwood School. We all gave a gasp as he cut off a branch to demonstrate how it was no longer connected to the vine and would wither and die. We remembered that at Great Horwood School we are all connected as one big family and love each other and this was reflected in the children's own memories and prayers, written especially for the service. We have included some of the prayers below.



Dear God,
In your holy name we thank you for helping us to bear the luscious fruit of knowledge on our branches, fed by the nutrients of friends and help and support from teachers. Over the years, you have seen us flourish and grow in our sanctuary that we call Great Horwood School. Thank you for helping us to show our values of love, perseverance and respect in all that we do and accomplish. Amen

Lucas Year 6

Dear God,
Please help us to grow and flourish as we depart to new soil, in our different schools. Help us to be watered with knowledge and joy, allow us to be sweet and not sour for we are branching and rooting ourselves in new experiences. Although we may branch off from the vine as we grow and change, we are still firmly attached to your vine of joy, memories, love, friendship, which all create the individual identities we hold today. This vine and its branches will never falter or fail, for we are one and are all loved. Amen

Rehan Year 6

Dear God,
Thank you for helping us to grow and develop during our time at Great Horwood. Thank you for helping us to show our school values, of love, perseverance and respect, to everyone we meet, everywhere we go and in everything we do.

Thank you. Amen

Tayla Year 6

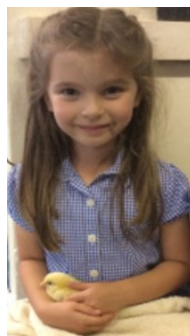
What has been happening at Longwick this term?



Our Year 1 class had an amazing, but very tiring, trip to Legoland yesterday. The trip was linked to their learning in Science and English. The day could not have been timed better, as they literally came back into school just a few minutes before the end of the day. Tired legs in school today from the adults and children as there was a lot of walking involved. Thank you to Miss Foster and the team for arranging and accompanying them on such a wonderful experience.



Our Reception children had an end of the day surprise. Miss Barter came to visit the children with some recently born chicks who were just five days old. The children showed great care when stroking and handling the chicks. All of the children enjoyed having cuddles with the chicks and were fascinated to see the shells which the chicks had hatched out of.



We were incredibly lucky last Friday with the weather being the perfect temperature for all things sports related. It looked as though rain was going to interrupt us in the afternoon, but I am so pleased that it blew over and did not dampen anyone's spirits. The children were fantastic and showed our Christian Values in their team events and throughout the day. Thank you again to Miss Foster for organising the day and the staff for their support in making it so successful. Well done again to PINE House for winning the Sports Day Cup!



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What has been happening at Padbury this term?

It has been lovely to continue our enriched curriculum with visits out as well as visitors in. This term we were able to hold a Father's Day stay and play. The children sang songs, shared gifts they had made and then enjoyed time playing together.

Forest school has continued with children making medals, spinners using bow saws and hand drills. We have also learnt to tie knots and use these to make shelters. This term we have also been able to acquire an allotment for the school. The children have already been busy digging the ground over, harvesting strawberries and planning their growing calendar for 2022/23! This will form part of the Global Citizenship award we will be working towards next year.

During the week of the Jubilee we were fortunate enough to join with Christ the Sower and Great Horwood school to have a shared singing experience, singing songs the Queen enjoys as well as some powerful anthems. The children loved joining their voices together but also enjoyed the opportunity to meet children of the same age from different schools.

Last week saw our first French Breakfast. Sycamore class, Year 5 and 6, invited their parents to the café, taking their orders, serving them their breakfast and thanking them for coming. All in French! The children loved the opportunity to practise their skills while the parents thoroughly enjoyed the croissants, pastries, teas and coffees!



Real memories were made this term however for our oldest class as they were able to attend their first residential visit. Hudnall Park in Hertfordshire was the location. The children took part in a river study, a Chiltern walk and then a range of outward-bound activities such as low ropes, zip wire, go karting and lots more. Not only did they learn a huge amount in a short space of time but they also conquered fears of sleeping away from home, developed relationships and increased their independence no end!



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What has been happening at St John's this term?

Year 1 were very excited about their school trip to Bekonscot Model Village. We joined in with an interactive workshop, which was led by Bekonscot. The children looked at similarities and differences between toys from today and toys from the past.



Year 2 had a fabulous time at the seaside. When we got to West Wittering we learnt about keeping ourselves safe at the beach from the lifeguards and then we had a walk along the beach. After our walk, we had lunch with an ice-cream and went for a paddle in the sea. To end the day, we all had a play on the beach, some enjoying a game of frisbee or football and others creating sand sculptures.

Years 3 and 4 enjoyed a Japanese themed day. In the morning the children learnt how to count to ten in Japanese and made a family of origami whales. After break, the pupils were shown a clip from the classic Japanese TV show 'Takeshi's Castle' and took part in an obstacle course inspired by the show - they did get a little bit wet but not as much as Mr Norton and Mrs Harrison! In the afternoon, Hannah from Year 5 and her mum delivered a talk on Japanese. Emma from Fresh Start Catering created a wonderful Japanese tasting menu for the children to try. The day was an amazing way to end our geography topic on Japan!

Our Reception children had their first school trip to College Lake Nature Reserve. They started their day with a story in the story barn and then went on a nature walk using their senses. They then played a game using shelter, water, air and food to reinforce what they had learnt. When they returned ready for lunch they found their bears all set up ready for a Teddy Bears Picnic. We have also been able to offer the opportunity to participate in Balanceability sessions to all our Key Stage 1 and Reception pupils. It is the UK's first and only accredited 'learn to cycle' activity programme for children from the age of 2½ years. The aim of the sessions are to help pupils develop their basic balance bike control and handling skills and prepare them for riding a standard two wheeled bike unsupported.

Finally congratulations to all our Year 6 children who WON the in the Year 6 Games at Princes Risborough Upper School and have also been away at their residential trip to Whitemoor Lakes.



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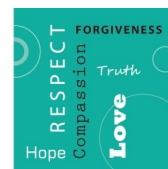
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What has been happening at St Mary's Aylesbury this term?

It has been another exciting term at St Mary's CE School.

As part of our 'Wow Week' curriculum enrichment events this term, we focussed on Pakistan and looked at 'Carnivals around the world'. These special weeks enabled us to celebrate the culture, customs, languages, food among many other areas of a particular country, religion or festival. It is great to have the children from different heritages share their culture with their peers.



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Both Year 4 and Year 6 had successful residential trips. All the children (and staff) that went away had a brilliant time. Residential trips enable pupils to experience activities that they may not have tried before and really face their fears. It is truly wonderful to see them all grow in confidence as well as see them work together to support and encourage each other.

We ended the 1st half of the Summer term with a great week of Platinum Jubilee celebrations and learning 'fit for the Queen!' culminating in a special whole school Jubilee lunch on the field. As part of the week's events the children all learnt the National Anthem and before we all ate our lunch the whole school sang out loud - it sounded beautiful and a lovely afternoon was had by all.

We were blessed with the weather for the EYFS, Key Stage 1, Year 3 & 4 and Year 5 & 6 Sports Mornings. This year we were able to invite parents and carers to watch the children demonstrate their sporting prowess. Organised with precision, as always, the events went really well and the children all tried their best to win points for their houses.

All the additional enrichment activities go alongside the amazing learning opportunities that the fantastic teaching staff plan everyday. Their dedication and commitment ensures that the pupils of St Mary's 'shine as lights in the world'.





What has been happening at Thomas Harding this term?

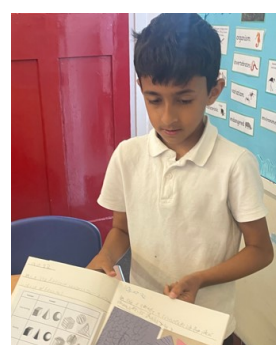
We were super excited to have 3 teams in the Finastra International Hackathon at the start of the summer term. The pupils all worked with a (software engineer) mentor to create a financial product that will make the world a fairer place. The three teams created really different products, one that encouraged companies to reward peaceful countries, one that helped to save turtles, and one that supported African farmers to use their resting land to generate solar energy that could be used by the local community or sold at a profit for the farmers.

We took part in Chesham's annual Carnival for the first time this year since Covid. The preparations were long, with children attending carnival club for many months to prepare the decorations for the float. The theme was 'Reduce, Reuse, Recycle' and the finished float was a sight to behold, with literally everything made from recycled materials and hand-crafted by our children. Miss Betts, Miss Davies, and Miss Capocci, along with a few key parents, all worked so hard to make the day the success that it was. On the day lots of our staff attended and all of the Carnival club children travelled through the streets of Chesham on the float. We won the 'Sponsors Choice Award' and could not have been prouder of our school. Well done everyone!



Our Year 6 children all travelled to Woodrow in June for their annual residential (the first in 3 years!). The children all impressed the adults with their resilient approach to the challenges and without exception, every single child exceeded our (and their own) expectations of what they were capable of. As always, behaviour was exemplary and everyone had a wonderful time, climbing, hiking and pushing themselves to break out of their comfort zones. Well done Year 6!

We hold an art fortnight every year and this year, our theme was 'One World', celebrating artists and art from around the world, as well as embedding the values of equality, tolerance, and respect for all living beings. During the two weeks, we have been participating in a number of art projects centred around 'The Arrival' by Shaun Tan. There have also been external workshops, including an Indian Folk-Art workshop for Years 3 and 4, and a charcoal drawing workshop for Years 5 and 6. We also organised a textile workshop to be run by Chiltern Hills art students for selected children in years 5 and 6.



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What has been happening at Woodside this term?



Despite many challenges relating to COVID, Woodside has had a very successful academic year. Children participated eagerly in learning, which was reflected in their end-of-the-year results. Well done to all the pupils and staff!

Our school prides itself on providing a vast array of extra-curriculum experiences for our children to participate in. This year was no exception. Year 6 went on their residential trip and we were able to take part in a number of sporting events including athletics, archery, softball, ultimate frisbee and tag rugby.



We were able to arrange numerous outings related to topics studied including when Year 4 studied British artist Andy Goldsworthy and created their own nature art and sculptures in our school woodland area. One is even a portrait of the Queen celebrating her Platinum Jubilee.



The children were also treated to a performance of a Midsummer's Night Dream by the school's PTA. The children thought it was very funny.

As Headteacher of the school, I would like to say a huge thank you to all our staff for their dedication and hard work. I hope that you all will have a well-deserved summer break. Boys and girls- enjoy your summer break, rest and play and come back in September ready for another exciting academic year!

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A little word from Speen

Speen CE Infant School are delighted to be at the final stages of joining ODBST, planning to be welcomed into the family on 1st September, which would be a great way to start the academic year. Governors expressed a keen interest in joining the MAT when it first began in 2017. We believe it to be the best decision for our pupils and staff and have been privileged to be included in ODBST's quality training over the last two years. We are firm believers in the benefits of schools working together in partnership and already count St John's CE School as our sister school, as our pupils continue their school journey there for their Key Stage 2 education.

For those who don't know us, Speen CE School is a small infant church school situated in the heart of our village community, judged to be Good by Ofsted and SIAMS with an outstanding judgement for RE. With a pre-school on our beautiful site, our love of outdoor learning takes every pupil for learning outside for weekly Forest School sessions. We love singing and have also just performed our traditional annual country dancing at the local village fete.

Jacque Coles,

Headteacher,

Speen Church of England School



Our Jubilee celebrations



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Padbury and St John's awarded GOOD by OFSTED

Padbury were very pleased to welcome Ofsted into their School at the beginning of the Summer Term. The visit led to a report which highlighted some of the special things about the school.

'This is a friendly, welcoming school. Leaders know pupils and their families well. They want the best for all pupils. Leaders have ensured that the school's values of love, courage, respect, hope, fellowship and trust are at the heart of the school. Pupils thrive in this atmosphere of care. They feel happy, safe and valued. Parents are very positive about the school. All those who completed the Ofsted online survey, Ofsted Parent View, would recommend it.'

'Leaders have high expectations of pupils. This helps all pupils to thrive and achieve well. Staff encourage pupils to be responsible, caring and ambitious. Systems such as 'fill my bucket', where pupils collect a 'bucket' of positive thoughts about themselves, encourage positive thinking. Pupils want the best for everyone. They celebrate each other's successes and are inspired by each other.'

Their chair of governors noted '*What the report does encapsulate is the tremendous ethos that runs throughout the school. The Inspectors were clearly struck by the Padbury "family" and the way in which the school's values are at the heart of everything they do.*'

St John's were also visited by OFSTED this term—on the 27th and 28th of April. The inspectors noted that St John's was a happy and inclusive community, and that Leaders insured that pupils achieve well in school and become active participants in the wider community.

'Leaders support pupils to be confident and resilient and to develop strength of character. They provide opportunities for pupils to be responsible. This begins in Reception where children serve as "special helper" of the day. Pupils know their views are valued.'

'Leaders have developed an ambitious curriculum . Leaders plan for pupils' vocabulary to develop progressively . Teachers make sure that pupils remember and apply the knowledge they have already learned.'

Well done to Padbury and St John's!



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News from the Shared Services Team

School Improvement

As we come to the end of another busy year in our schools, we know just how hard everyone has worked and how proud our schools are of their staff and their children. Behind the scenes there has been a continued focus on making sure that all of our schools are delivering the best that they can and we know that our ODBST children have enjoyed many successes. I have been into almost every school since January 22 to work alongside leaders and teachers and have been humbled by the enormous amount of work that has gone on, despite the many challenges all of our staff have faced over the last few months. The ODBST continues to empower our unique schools and I look forward to our continued success.

This July marks the end of an era for the ODBST as we say a fond farewell to David Cousins. David was the inspiration behind the ODBST and in October 2017 he opened the doors for the first set of schools to join the Trust that he had worked so very hard to establish. Since those early days of three schools, thanks to his unrelenting drive for growth and development the Trust has grown to eleven schools with more ready to join us during the next academic year. David is passionate about improving the lives of our ODBST children and never loses sight of the children at the heart of our ODBST family. He is driven by a relentless determination that all schools should be the best that they can be whilst underpinning his deep rooted Christian beliefs and a high regard for morale purpose and well-being. We will all miss David but we wish him well as he starts a new chapter in his own life and hope that he is able to spend more of his time doing the things he loves away from work; enjoying his own family life, his garden and walking to name but a few.



Human Resources

Staff Survey

Last term we let you know we were planning to carry out a staff survey and I am pleased to confirm that this has now taken place.

We received 167 responses with all schools and the shared services team represented. There was a good split of employees that have been with the Trust since the start and those that have joined more recently with a fairly even split of responses from both teaching and support staff.

This was the first time a Trust wide survey had been carried out and we are grateful to all staff that participated and shared their views and ideas to help us shape the ODBST as we move forward. The full results are being analysed and will form the basis of activities carried out by the well-being ambassador group in 2022/23 to better support both our staff and children across the Trust.

Sarah Rowe, Director of HR



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Operations Update

Since our last newsletter, every ODBST school has commenced using Bromcom as its Management Information system (MIS). This has been a challenging time as everyone has had to get to grips with new processes. Already, schools are reporting to the Trust that this new system is both saving money and their time as it carries out actions the previous system could not.

Please look out for when your school starts using the parent app called My Child at School (MCAS).

This allows easy communication between school and home. Parents will be able to see their child's attendance alongside other features such as payments. Please feel free to look at this guide if you want to know more: [MCAS Parent Guide \(bromcom.com\)](#)

All the schools in the Trust have worked tirelessly to ensure this change has occurred without disruption to your children's learning. Alongside this, the new Broadband and telephone (VOIP) systems are also all in place.

Health and Safety Inspections

Every year all ODBST schools receive a Health and Safety Site inspection from Oxfordshire County Council Health and Safety Department. This year the results continue to be high with all schools being graded with either an Outstanding or Excellent grade which reflects a pass mark of over 91% with 3 schools achieving 100%. A brilliant achievement and this certainly reflects the care and concern our schools show for their children, parents, staff and visitors when it comes to health and safety.

Thank you and well done to all our schools!

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Trust Well-being Ambassador Group News



Mindfulness is the ability to be fully present; aware of our surroundings, what we are doing and how we feel. It is a useful tool for coping with stress and anxiety allowing you to feel grounded and de-escalate feelings of overwhelm. Mindfulness can help to bring your mind back to the present and away from the “what if’s”. Working through an exercise can help you to calm your mind, slow your breathing and heart rate and gives space for you to acknowledge how you are feeling. One exercise that can help with coping with feelings of overwhelm is the Five Senses:



5 Things you can see. Begin with identifying 5 things you can see. It could be shapes of clouds if you are outside, fingerprints on the windows or perhaps items on your desk.

4 Things you can feel. Think about what you can feel starting from your head down to your toes. Can you feel the label from your shirt? Do you have a hot cup of tea in your hand? Can you feel your watch on your wrist or a ring on your finger? Can you feel your toes in your shoes?

3 Things you can hear. Next, spend a moment listening to the sounds around you and isolating 3 different ones. In school there is often the sound of children playing, phones ringing or perhaps the noise from outside.

2 Things you can smell. Can you smell your shampoo or perfume? Or perhaps it's the lunches cooking or freshly cut grass?

1 Things you can taste. Finally, what can you taste? Is it your toothpaste or have you just had something to eat or drink?

Using this technique can help you to regain control of your body and mind when overwhelm and anxiety creeps in.

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What training do we have coming up for our schools next year?

We have been finalising our training calendar for next year and have some wonderful sessions on offer for our Teachers and Governors.

September

- 14th Employee File Training and BROMCOM assessment training
- 20th Modern Foreign Languages Leader Network
- 22nd SENCO Leader Network
- 28th Whole Class Reading session with Susie Spolander
- 29th Music Leader Network

October

- 4th Science Leader Network
- 6th English Leader Network
- 12th Employee lifecycle, HR admin Training and Whole class Reading session
- 13th PP session
- 18th EYFS Leader Network

November

- 3rd ODBST Leadership Conference
- 8th ECT Session
- 10th Aspirant Leader Network
- 16th Governor Induction Training
- 22nd History Leader Network
- 24th SENCO Leader Network
- 28th Difficult Conversations with staff
- 30th TA Quality Standard

December

- 1st OFSTED updates
- 6th Geography Leader Network
- 7th Monitoring your School



ODBST

“Empowering our unique schools to excel”



Each of our schools has a unique character of its own and we will work to ensure that this vision embraces all our pupils and adults, regardless of background and belief. We empower our schools to deliver a broad, enriched and exciting curriculum, coupled with a shared zest for life and learning.

We aspire for every pupil and adult to ‘experience life in all its fullness’ ([John 10:10](#))



Our inclusivity value will be seen in action when our differences become our strength and achievement.
“**Our differences are our strength as a species and as a world community**”
Nelson Mandela



Our community value will be seen in action when pupils and adults are learning, loving, achieving and flourishing together.
“**The minute we become an integrated whole, we look through the same eyes and we see a whole different world together**” **Azizah Al-Hibri**

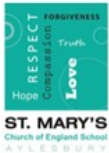


Our service value will be seen in action when pupils are seeking the common good in all that they do.
“**The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others**” **Ma-hatma Gandhi**



Our empowerment value will be seen in action when our pupils are able to say, ‘I am special because..... and I am learning to excel at.....’
“**There is no gate, no lock, no bolt that you can set upon the freedom of my mind**” **Virginia Woolf**

St Marys CE Combined School



Ofsted: Good
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website: https://www.st-marysayersbury.bucks.sch.uk/

Chesham Bois CE School



Ofsted: Outstanding
email: Office@cbschool.co.uk
website: www.cheshamboisschool.co.uk

Curzon CE Combined School



Ofsted: Good
email: office@curzonschool.com
website: www.curzonschool.co.uk

Thomas Harding Junior School



Ofsted: Good
email: office@thomasharding.bucks.sch.uk
website: www.thomasharding.org.uk

Christ the Sower Ecumenical School



Ofsted: inadequate
email: school@ctsmk.org.uk
website: www.cts.milton-keynes.sch.uk

St John's CE Combined School



Ofsted: Good
email: office@stjohn.bucks.sch.uk
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Woodside Junior School



Ofsted: Good
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Longwick CE Combined School



Ofsted: Good
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Great Horwood CE Combined School



Ofsted: Good
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Elmtree Infant and Nursery School



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