



Pickwick Papers – Edition 27 – Term 5 – May 2025

Welcome from James Passmore (CEO)

I'd like to say a huge well done to all the children learning and working across all the schools in our Trust, but particularly to our fabulous Year 6s who sat their end of primary school SATs tests last week – I know your hard work and engagement in your learning will pay off and stand you in good stead for the next stage of your education at secondary.



Have a lovely May half term – see you all in Term 6.

Dyslexic Friendly Award at Winterslow

Winterslow CE Primary School has been awarded the Dyslexic Friendly Schools accreditation mark. The award goes to educators that can demonstrate they provide high quality education and practice for dyslexic individuals.

The assessors found a 'strong sense of community and ethos' across the school with a 'foundation of trust and nurturing relationships'. The Inclusion Manager, Kirsten Groth, was praised for her dedication and hard work in empowering the whole school community. The school has 'embedded the message about the positive attributes of those with dyslexia including being creative thinkers and problem solvers'. This has helped 'pupils feel empowered and see dyslexia through a positive lens'.

'Adults working with children demonstrate skilled adaptive teaching and the use of assistive tech forms part of quality first teaching. Interaction between adults and children reflect high expectations, and the patience, support and scaffolding staff provide enables pupils to feel valued and the best they can be.'

Train to Teach with us

Do you know someone who is keen to become a teacher? We can help! We have partnered with the [OTT SCITT network](#) to train teachers through Pickwick.

We have training hubs in Corsham (North Wiltshire) and Salisbury (South Wiltshire) and our strong network of schools enables us to provide school placements which are local to trainees. We offer primary and secondary, and both full and part time routes. Find out more [here](#).

Pickwick Growth

Following on from my communication to you in the last edition of Pickwick Papers, I am delighted to inform you that Princecroft Primary, St Andrews CE Primary and Winterbourne Earls CE Primary successfully concerted on 1 May 2025.

Our Trust now has 21 primary schools over 23 sites and 3 hubs.

We now have the privilege of educating 4500 children.



Greentrees Primary School is Outstanding

On 23/24 April 2025, Ofsted carried out a routine inspection at Greentrees Primary School, near Salisbury. We are all delighted that the inspection team found the school to be strongly Good for quality of education, and Outstanding in ALL other areas of the framework. A huge well done and thank you to everyone working, learning and supporting at Greentrees for your hard work and dedication for the children over many years.

Quotes from the Greentrees inspection report:

- “The school instils the values of kindness and curiosity in all aspects of school life.” “The school is highly inclusive and pupils thrive.”
- “Pupils act with exceptional thoughtfulness and understanding towards one another.” “Children are immersed in learning as ‘artists’, ‘mathematicians’, or ‘scientists’.
- “A plethora of leadership roles means pupils actively participate in shaping the school [and its] culture.”
- “The school has designed an ambitious and coherently sequenced curriculum.” “Knowledge and vocabulary [...] are explicitly linked.”
- “Children make a strong start to learning to read in the early years. They keenly recite the sounds and words.”
- “The school is effective in identifying pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND). The Resource Base is an integral part of the school. Teachers [...] ensure there is appropriate support and adaptation to support pupils with SEND.”
- “Parents speak highly of the communication they have with the school.”
- “Leaders at all levels share a determined vision. They are aspirational for pupils. Governors and Trust leaders know the school extremely well.”
- “Leaders are proud to share their expertise and skills with colleagues beyond the school.”
- “The school threads the design for the personal development of pupils expertly throughout the curriculum. Pupils flourish as a result. Pupils take an active role in the local community, bringing together groups.”

Pickwick website



We are delighted to launch our new Pickwick Academy Trust website. For more information about who we are and how we work please visit:

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