

Pickwick Papers – Edition 25 – Term 3 – Feb 2025

Welcome from James Passmore (CEO)

It has been so good to finally see the dark, damp days of early January changing into brighter, sunnier weather towards the end of this term!

It has been a pleasure to spend time in schools across the Trust again this term and see how engaged and involved the children are in their learning.

Have a wonderful half term holiday and fantastic break – I look forward to seeing you in Term 4.



Successful SIAMS at Winterslow CE Primary

On 23 January 2025, Winterslow CE Primary School had a routine SIAMS inspection. SIAMS inspections are carried out in all church schools to provide an evaluation of the impact of the school's distinctively Christian vision and flourishing.

The inspector praised the school for its strong and deeply embedded Christian vision, which she said “inspires a rich and inclusive curriculum, which has been carefully crafted to place pupils’ needs at the centre”.

The report celebrated Winterslow as a “happy school where pupils and adults flourish” and noted that “a culture of compassion and wellbeing is at [its] heart.” The inspector highlighted the “deep and shared understanding of spirituality” at the school, noting that “opportunities to pray and reflect in worship are cherished by pupils and adults”.

Well done and thank you to Mrs Malcolm, all the staff, children and governors at Winterslow for your hard work and dedication to the children and families you serve.

To read the full report, click [here](#).

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](#).

Parent Survey – click link

As a Trust we are keen to hear from parents/carers about what's going well and what could be improved further across our schools and communications.



Please help by using the QR code or click on the [link](#) to our Trust-wide parent/carer survey (5mins)

Trust Growth - possible new schools

Following on from my communication to you before the summer holidays, I can now confirm we have gained approval from the Regional Director at the Department for Education to undertake formal consultation with six fantastic schools who are keen to join our Trust. If all goes well with the consultation, we will be welcoming the following schools in April / May this year:

- All Saints, Bishops Caundle, North Dorset
- Gomeldon Primary School, Salisbury
- Princecroft Primary School, Warminster
- St Andrews CE Primary School, Laverstock, Salisbury
- Winterbourne Earls CE Primary School, Salisbury
- Woodford Valley Primary Academy, Salisbury

Schools we're hoping will join April 25

- 21 schools
- 23 sites
- 3 hubs
- 4500 pupils
- 600 staff
- church and community

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Trust Conference

We are looking forward to our annual Trust-wide conference for leaders and teachers, which will take place at Corsham Primary's Broadwood Site, on Friday 14 Feb this term.

Colleagues from across all our schools will come together through a series of workshops, and focus on the themes of SEND, Behaviour and Inclusion.

As well as a keynote from Shahana Knight (TPC Therapy), colleagues will explore strategies for meeting the needs of all pupils through our curriculum, learn about adaptive teaching methods, and consider how best to scaffold effectively in maths.

Workshops also include sessions on resilience, working with parents of children with SEND, learning about dyslexia and supporting disadvantage.

Parent Webinars

[Resilience for Learning and Well-being](#)

[Helping your child with anxiety](#)

[Digital Parenting](#)

North Wiltshire Hub



South Wiltshire Hub



North Dorset Hub



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