



As the summer term draws to a close, I find myself reflecting on what truly makes us, as a Family of schools stand out—and more often than not, it's *inspiration*.

Inspiration is not just a value we talk about at the Children First Learning Partnership; it's the pulse that beats through everything we do. It's in the tireless creativity of our staff, who continue to find new and exciting ways to ignite curiosity in our children. It's in the children themselves, whose resilience, imagination, and joy constantly remind us why we're here. And it's in the curriculum we design with such care—full of opportunities that stretch minds, build confidence and create happy children.

This term, I've seen inspiration in action—from classrooms buzzing with ambitious projects to staff teams collaborating across our schools to enrich learning experiences. Our curriculum has gone beyond knowledge; it's sparked aspiration. It's enabled our children to explore, dream, and thrive in spaces that celebrate every single one of them as individuals.

To our staff: thank you for being the daily source of inspiration for our children and each other. Your commitment is what transforms ideas into impact. To our children: you continue to inspire us with your energy, your voice, and your potential. We are endlessly proud of who you are and who you're becoming.

And to our families and wider community: thank you for joining us on this journey and for supporting a partnership where *Inspiring Excellence Together* is more than a motto—it's a mission.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy summer break. Let us return renewed and ready to be inspired—and to inspire—once again in September.

Mrs A Rourke CEO

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Farewell to Mr. Anderson After 22 Remarkable Years

After 22 years of outstanding service, we bid a fond farewell to our much-loved Headteacher, Mr. Brian Anderson, as he retires from Springhead Primary School.

Mr. Anderson has been a pillar of our school community, leading with kindness, integrity, and an unwavering commitment to every pupil, parent, and staff member. Under his guidance, Springhead has grown into a nurturing and inspiring place for 'working together to achieve our best'

We thank Mr. Anderson for his years of dedication and wish him all the best in his well-earned retirement. He leaves behind a legacy that will be remembered for years to come

Congratulations to our ECT's

Miss Olivia Kelly at Reginald Mitchell Primary School and **Miss Fern Massey** at Knypersley First have successfully completed their 2-year Early Career Teacher induction period.

Well done to **Castlechurch** and **Kingsfield** who have successfully achieved the Eco Schools Green Flag award. The award recognises schools for their commitment to environmental education and sustainable practices encouraging children to take action on climate change.



After 18 years of commitment, we bid farewell to our well-respected Deputy Headteacher, Mrs. Janet Anderson, as she retires from Springhead Primary School. Mrs Anderson has played an instrumental role in shaping the values and cultures that define the school. We will miss Mrs Anderson's wisdom, good humour and steady presence in the corridors and classrooms. As Mrs Anderson embarks on this well-earned retirement, we wish her happiness, health and exciting new



Farewell to Mrs Shenton marking the end of an era!

After 19 years of dedicated service, Oxhey First School is bidding a sad farewell to one of its most respected and long serving governors. Mrs Shenton has played a vital role in shaping the school's direction, supporting staff and ensuring the best outcomes for generations of pupils. Her leadership and commitment has helped to guide the school through significant changes, always with the children's best interests at heart.



Celebrating the CFLP's very own Inspirational Woman!

Abigail Rourke, CEO of the CFLP was invited to the Victoria Centre in Biddulph on the 17th May 25 as part of the celebration for Inspirational Women, Past, Present & Powerful from the region. Abigail is a visionary and inspirational leader who has poured her heart into every school, every classroom and every community she has served. She is an experienced Headteacher, A National Leader of Education and an Ofsted Inspector. Since becoming a Headteacher in 2005, she has led the schools with an Ofsted category of RI (Requires Improvement), to Good and achieved Outstanding in three of her other schools too. More recently being Oxhey and Knypersley First School. With over 30 years of dedicated experience, she now provides strategic leadership to many other schools. She has an MSc in School Effectiveness and has recently achieved her National Qualification of Executive Leadership. As a Passionate Educational Leader, Abigail has always led with purpose. She has work tirelessly to create opportunities, break down barriers and ensure that every child, regardless of background, is seen, heard and empowered to succeed.



KNYPERSLEY FIRST SCHOOL NEWS



A Colourful End to the Year!

Knypersley First School has once again shown the true strength of its community spirit through some truly fantastic fundraising efforts! The highlight of the term was without doubt our joyful and energetic *Rainbow Run*, which raised a staggering £2,900 for our PTFA, an incredible achievement that will make a real difference for our children. A heartfelt thank you goes out to our dedicated staff, enthusiastic children, supportive families, and of course, our phenomenal PTFA, who work tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure every opportunity, resource, and event enriches the lives of our learners. Together, we are creating something truly special.

Mrs Swift: A Legacy of Kindness and Care

After 30 remarkable years of dedication, warmth and wisdom, we bid a fond farewell to Mrs Swift as she begins a well-deserved retirement. Her extraordinary communication skills, her generous spirit, and her unwavering support for every colleague have left a legacy that will be felt for years to come. We thank her from the bottom of our hearts for the care and kindness she has shared with our school community. Here's to fun, sun and the start of many new happy memories!

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KINGSFIELD FIRST SCHOOL NEWS

Kingsfield in the Community

Being located in the heart of Biddulph town centre, Kingsfield First School places great importance on building strong links with our local community. We believe that these connections help our children develop a deep sense of belonging, responsibility and empathy, while enriching their learning through real-world experiences.

This year, our pupils have proudly taken part in a variety of community events, including the Remembrance Parade, the Learners Forum at the Town Hall and the Biddulph Festival Parade. During the festive season, our choir spread joy and goodwill through carol singing at Tall Oaks Care Home and Sainsbury's.

Our talented young artists contributed beautiful clay tiles to a mosaic chair-a lasting symbol of creativity and collaboration for future generations. We also joined a local initiative to promote sustainable travel, working alongside the Town Mayor to encourage greener choices and active lifestyles.

In recognition of our commitment to global citizenship and ethical values, we were honoured to receive the Biddulph Fairtrade Award-an achievement that reflects the heart and spirit of our school community.



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OXHEY FIRST SCHOOL NEWS

Enriching the Curriculum and Enhancing Practice

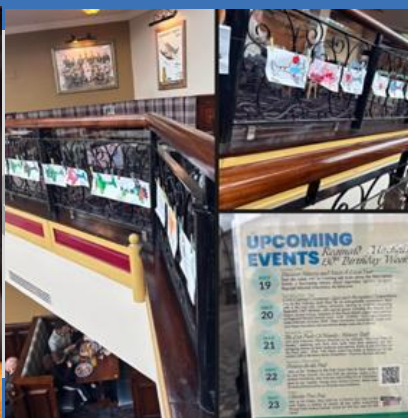
This year, we have embraced six projects to enrich our curriculum and enhance practice as we strive for continuous improvement. Through the **Schools Games Mark**, we have promoted physical activity and competitive sport, fostering teamwork and resilience among our pupils. The **Primary Science Quality Mark** has supported us in enriching our science curriculum; promoting curiosity, critical thinking and a love for discovery. Our commitment to sustainability has been reflected in our pursuit of the **Eco Schools Green Flag Award**, educating and encouraging environmental responsibility and empowering our pupils to look after the planet and make a difference. Additionally, our achievement of the **Entrust Music Mark** highlights our dedication to providing high-quality music education, nurturing creativity, confidence and a lifelong appreciation for the arts. We have taken part in an **EEF Research Project** focussing on the impact of interactive reading sessions. By engaging in this project, we have contributed to current research and strengthened our evidence informed approach to teaching and learning in the early years. Furthermore, we are committed to strengthening links within our community, particularly with our feeder nurseries, and have promoted communication and language development through nursery rhyme initiatives. These projects collectively demonstrate our commitment to delivering a well-rounded, forward-thinking education for all!



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THE REGINALD MITCHELL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS



Operation Spitfire as part of the Stoke-on-Trent 100th Centenary

As part of Reginald Mitchell's birthday on the 20th May, the school participated in designing spitfire pictures for Wetherspoons in Hanley. Mr Anderson-Pugh and Mrs Rourke were also invited to celebrate the *'The Legacy of Reginald Mitchell'* at the Spitfire Gallery at the Potteries Museum and Art Gallery, Stoke-on-Trent, where they got the chance to listen to key note speakers including Reginald Mitchell's great nephew.

Congratulations to Mrs Bassett who successfully completed her NPQLT and Mr Anderson-Pugh who successfully completed his NPQH. Both participants would like to thank the CFLP trust for support with the time taken to complete the course.



Also this term Reginald Mitchell have had a wonderful time complementing the curriculum with our personal development offer such as health and sports week and careers week, which have been a huge success!

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CASTLECHURCH PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS



CastleChurch In bloom

Castlechurch have been working really hard on their Eco school bid. CastleChurch pupils have all taken part in a litter picking challenge and held a design a mini garden competition, learning about the planet and the impact that humans have on it and the need to protect it for the future in the process. Following the work on the Eco school bid, CastleChurch are now applying for the Eco schools Green Flag accreditation award.



Born to run!

In the Summer term the KS2 children at CastleChurch attended athletics events at Rowley Park sports stadium. The main events concluded with CastleChurch's elite athletes taking part in the Staffordshire District Athletics. The children were up against 12 different schools from across the district and they didn't disappoint! CastleChurch made several finals and even made it onto the podium in two of the events. The children showed amazing sportsmanship and camaraderie, cheering one another on from the stands. We are extremely proud of all the children that represented the school

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SPRINGHEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS



Summer of Sports

The children have enjoyed taking part in our summer of sports. Each child has been put into a team and can earn points over the term, these points are added to the points at sports days and we announce the overall winning team on the last day of term. The children have taken part in the sports activities with enthusiasm and shown a wonderful sporting spirit.

Bee Active came into school to deliver an inflatables experience for the children. They have also trained the year 5 children ready for them to become Playleaders next year.

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Shakespeare sharing

All children at Springhead, from nursery to year 6, shared their Tempest performance with families and friends. The audience walked around the different performances and watched eight in total. We loved reading the comments which parents left such as:

"A wonderful experience! Your hard work has shone through. I could hear every word and I now understand the story of The Tempest."

"Amazing actors and actresses. Your timing and effort were a joy to watch."

"Very good. Some budding actors in the school. They gave it their all and seemed to be enjoying themselves very much. Always impressed with what the school achieves."

Year 5 also performed their scene from The Tempest at The New Vic Theatre alongside other local schools.

Last week, some practitioners from The RSC visited Springhead to capture some of our sharing event on film! They also filmed a lesson and some interviews with staff and children. They were very impressed with the children.

MARLFIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS



Community Events

This year, Marlfields Primary School has been proud to strengthen our ties with the local community through a wide range of exciting outreach activities. From showcasing our enriched curriculum to raising funds for school improvements, our pupils and families have truly embraced the spirit of togetherness.

Our talented school choir opened *Congleton Party in the Park* with a beautiful performance, sharing songs they've learned in choir club with a live audience. Meanwhile, our young athletes represented us brilliantly at *Congleton Town Sports*, demonstrating teamwork, determination, and true sportsmanship.

Raising school funds

Our newly formed PTFA has been a driving force behind several fantastic events, including our first Easter Bingo, whole school discos, and a hugely successful Summer Fair. These events have not only brought joy to our school community but also raised valuable funds to support our brand-new school library.

We strive to maintain this wonderful sense of community to ensure it becomes something that defines Marlfields in the future.



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Estates Strategy and our commitment to reducing carbon emissions

The Children First Learning Partnership has implemented an estates strategy focusing on **School Investment**, ensuring **safe and secure buildings**, creating **schools fit for purpose** and using **strategic procurement** to maximise value for money, ensuring long term sustainability and enhancing operational efficiency of our school estates. Our estates strategy recognises and respects the unique identity and needs of each school within the trust. We are thrilled to announce a major step towards sustainability at Springhead Primary School – installation of solar panels on the roof! This exciting initiative not only reduces our carbon footprint but also provides a hands-on learning opportunity for students to explore renewable energy in action! The new solar panel system is expected to generate a significant portion of the school's electricity needs, lowering utility costs and helping us to reinvest in educational resources. It's a win for the environment and a win for our community! Our Eco Teams are looking forward to learning more about solar power and tracking our energy savings in real time!

Cyber Security

We're proud to share that Oxhey First School has officially achieved the **Cyber Essentials qualification** – a nationally recognised standard for cyber security. This certification demonstrates our commitment to protecting sensitive data and ensuring a safe digital environment for students, staff and families. The remaining six schools in our trust actively working towards achieving Cyber Essentials certification by the end of 2025 with robust plans in place to enhance their cyber security practices. This collective effort reflects our dedication to staying ahead of digital threats and fostering a culture of online safety across all our schools.



Welcome to Mrs Kate Proffitt at Oxhey

Mrs Proffitt is the newly appointed Head of School at Oxhey First School. Mrs Proffitt is always keen to embrace educational research in the pursuit of excellence and passionate about developing a buzz for learning. Having successfully taught for over 22 years, 9 years as a Deputy Headteacher, Mrs Proffitt knows first-hand the importance and value in ensuring all pupils benefit from an exciting, purposeful and rich curriculum.



Welcome to Mr Ashley Jones at Springhead

Mr Jones is a newly appointed Headteacher at Springhead from September 2025. He started his teaching career in Ashbourne, Derbyshire, before moving to Milton Primary Academy in Stoke-on-Trent and later assuming senior leadership positions as Assistant Headteacher, Deputy Headteacher and latterly as Head of School. With a passion for curriculum design, Ash has extensive experience providing support to Primary schools across the county focusing specifically on primary science, curriculum and assessment.



Huge congratulations to the staff for their hard work in achieving the Schools Games Mark this year.

GOLD – Knypersley, Kingsfield, Marlfields & Reginald Mitchell

SILVER- Oxhey.

A fantastic achievement!



After 20 wonderful years at Oxhey First School, we say a heartfelt thank you and goodbye to **Mrs. Squires**, who is retiring this term.

Mrs. Squires has been a calm and trusted presence in the classroom and a cherished colleague to staff. Her warmth and dedication will be truly missed.

We wish her all the very best for a happy and relaxing retirement



Goodbye and Good Luck to Mrs. Goodyear

We say a fond farewell to **Mrs. Goodyear**, who is moving on to pastures new after making a significant and lasting impact across the CFLP Trust. Since its formation in 2019, Mrs. Goodyear has been a dedicated and inspiring leader—both as a headteacher and as Director of SEN—championing inclusion and supporting children, staff, and families with warmth and commitment.

Her passion, vision, and care will be greatly missed, but we wish her every success and happiness in the exciting journey ahead.

Thank you, Mrs. Goodyear!



End-of-Year Goodbyes and Best Wishes

As we come to the end of another school year, the Children First Learning Partnership would like to take a moment to say a heartfelt **thank you and goodbye** to all the staff who are leaving us this summer. Whether you are retiring, relocating, or moving on to new opportunities, we are so grateful for the care, dedication, and passion you have brought to our schools. You have made a real difference, and you will be truly missed.

We also want to send our very best wishes to all our **Year 4 and Year 6 pupils** who are moving on to middle or high school. This is an exciting new chapter, and we are incredibly proud of everything you've achieved. Remember to carry with you the values, friendships, and confidence you've built during your time with us.

News Gallery – a look back across the year!



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