



Pickwick Papers – Edition 14 – Term 4 – Mar 2023

Welcome from James Passmore (CEO)

As we nudge towards the end of another busy spring term, I wanted to take a moment to sincerely thank you all for your support over the last few months – it is much appreciated.



We will continue to keep you updated regarding the talks that are underway between the government and the education unions, and hope a resolution will be found soon.

Have a wonderful Easter holiday and fantastic break – enjoy the sunshine! I look forward to seeing you in Term 5.

Trust Growth – possible new schools

As you may know, Pickwick Academy Trust has grown from four schools in 2017 to nine schools now (see map below for the locations of our schools).

We have set our strategic goal to grow to about 20 primary schools over the next four years, in line with the Government's commitment for all schools to be part of 'strong families of schools' by 2030.

We are developing relationships and undertaking due diligence work with a number of schools around the Salisbury and North Dorset areas, and we are excited about the opportunity of welcoming more schools into the Pickwick family.



Eco-Activities Update

At Pickwick Academy Trust, we are committed to finding ways to reduce our energy consumption and educate our staff teams and pupils on how to save the planet!

We have an Environment Working Party, made up of staff, governors and Trustees, which is focusing on LED lighting replacement and solar panel installations across our estate.

Staff and pupils have met with our catering company to ensure meals are as healthy and environmentally friendly as possible. School councilors have been reviewing eco-activities.

Clerk to Governors

We are recruiting for a Clerk to Governors at Aloeric Primary and Gillingham Primary.

Please email / ask at the school offices for more information.

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Queen's Crescent Ofsted Inspection – Good

On 2/3 February 2023, Ofsted carried out a routine inspection at Queens Crescent School. We are delighted to share that the [report](#) confirms that the school continues to be a 'good school'.

The report states that 'Leaders are ambitious for all pupils, including those with special educational needs' and notes that there is an ambitious curriculum in place 'that builds on knowledge from the Reception Year'.

The Head of School, James Essam, stated that the staff team and governors were 'delighted with the outcome of the report, which reflects the dedication of all the staff and their commitment to providing a fantastic education for pupils at Queen's Crescent'.

The report recognised that the school is "Good" in all five areas of the inspection framework, and highlighted much of the excellent practice that is happening daily across the school.

In their feedback, inspectors commented on the continued excellent practice in the Early Years, the innovative use of technology to support children's progress in maths, the ambitious curriculum, and the priority placed on reading through the use of a strong and effectively taught phonics programme.

Well done to everyone at Queens for a great result and for all your hard work and dedication – it is very much appreciated.

Parent Webinars

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

[Helping your child with anxiety](#)

[Digital Parenting](#)

Our schools

Pickwick Academy Trust is made up of 9 community and church primary schools across Wiltshire and North Dorset and is organised into two hubs.

We have the privilege to be responsible for the education of nearly 3000 children, and we employ over 400 staff.

To find out more about our schools click on the links below:

[Aloeric Primary School](#)

[Corsham Primary School](#)

[Gillingham Primary School](#)

[Greentrees Primary School](#)

[Ivy Lane Primary School](#)

[Ludwell Primary School](#)

[Pitton Primary School](#)

[Queens Crescent School](#)

[Winterslow Primary School](#)

To watch a short video about each school, click [here](#) and select a school from the coloured tab.

Church Schools' Annual Flourishing Walk

Rachel Alderman, our link Trustee for Church Schools Flourishing, invites you to join the annual Church Schools' Flourishing Walk starting at Winterslow Recreation Ground (opposite Winterslow CE Primary, SP5 1RD) on Friday 12 May 2023 at 0900-1200. Parents / carers of children in church and/or community schools are very welcome.



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