

Pickwick Papers – Edition 16 – Term 6 – July 2023

Welcome from James Passmore (CEO)

It has been another busy and exciting term in all our schools. It has been so wonderful to see the residential trips, church visits, Year 6 productions and leavers dos, and so much sport taking place across our schools! I had the privilege of attending Gillingham Primary School's Year 6 production called 'The Island that Rocks' – the performances, acting, narration and singing were all exceptional, and the story made us all think about what more we can do to protect and look after the environment. Well done Year 6! Happy summer holidays all!



Review of the year 2022-2023

As a Trust, we are always striving to improve and looking at what more we can do to support schools, but we wanted to take a moment to share some of our successes from 2022-23:

- Successfully transitioned Gillingham Primary School into the Trust as our first North Dorset school
- Embedded a range of new curriculum approaches
- Queens Crescent achieved a strongly Good Ofsted outcome
- Developed a new Environment Strategy, launched lots of eco-activities in schools and have plans in place for solar
- Strong school to school peer review process in place for staff and children, visiting each other's schools
- A range of sports, international, arts and eco-awards
- Launched a range of initiatives to support our most vulnerable learners and developed impactful case studies
- Parent, pupil and staff surveys to ask people's views

Pupil Data Successes

We are hugely proud of everyone learning and working across the Trust, and our end of year pupil outcomes data is really strong.

Our combined Early Years (GLD) outcomes data for the Trust is 73%, and our Year 1 Phonics test outcomes were 83%, both significantly above national and Wiltshire figures.

Our Reading, Writing and Maths combined outcomes for Key Stage 1 are higher than both Wiltshire and national figures. At Key Stage 2, combined RWM outcomes are in line with national and higher than Wilts.

Our schools

Our Trust is made up of nine community and church primary schools across Wiltshire and North Dorset.

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Possible new schools joining Pickwick

Over the last 12 months, we have been talking with two schools in Salisbury and four schools in North Dorset about the possibility of joining the Pickwick family.

Alderbury & West Grimstead CE Primary and Longford CE Primary in South Wiltshire, and Milton on Stour CE Primary; St George's CE Primary, Bourton; St Gregory's CE Primary, Marnhull; and Wyke Primary in North Dorset are currently undertaking due diligence and consultations.

If all goes to plan, these schools will join us on 1 December 2023 and we will operate in three geographically proximate hubs.

The green and white pins represent joining schools.



Parent Webinars

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

[Helping your child with anxiety](#)

[Digital Parenting](#)

Sporting Prowess

It has been another very successful year for our schools in the sporting arena, with Winterslow CE Primary and Queen's Crescent both crowned Wiltshire Champions. There is now much talk of a Trust-wide sporting festival being planned!

Winterslow's Y3/4 quad kids teams won the Salisbury Schools event. Their Y5/6 girls and boys cricket teams reached the Wilts County finals in Trowbridge, with the girls reaching the top 5 and the boys winning the event.

Queen's Crescent's Y5/6 girls cricketers came second in the above event, and the Y5/6 footballers won the Wiltshire Pokemon football tournament. The school's Y6 netball team won the Chippenham Town netball festival, and their Y5/6 tag rugby team won the tag rugby festival.

Pitton Teacher Wins Wiltshire Music Award

Last week, Mr Russell (class teacher and music lead at Pitton CE Primary) and Mrs Wilkinson (HT), attended the Wiltshire Music Education Awards where Mr Russell won the Wiltshire Digital Music Education Pioneer 2023 award. Mr Russell has worked with the children to create, write and record backing tracks and lyrics for their own songs uploading them to online platforms like Spotify. He has also led an after-school GarageBand club.



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