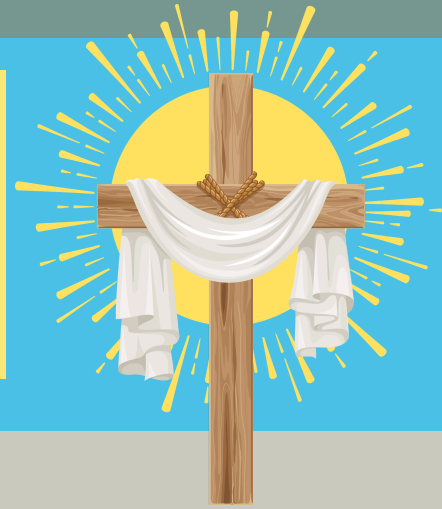




*'For you created my inmost being;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
I praise you because I am fearfully & wonderfully
made; your works are wonderful'*

Psalm 139, 13-14



Every child is unique and treasured by God

You may have noticed media coverage of the Government's recent release of a new Policy Paper which outlines reforms to the schools and Special Educational Needs & Disabilities (SEND) support in England. The reforms aim to ensure that every child can achieve and thrive.

We are pleased to share that our Trust strategy for supporting all children is already very closely aligned with these national changes which focus on identifying needs earlier, supporting children in our mainstream classrooms, and working more closely with specialists—areas we have already prioritised across our schools and are in the process of rolling out.

We use early screening upon entry to our Reception classes, clear support plans, and regular reviews, all developed in increasing partnership with families. We invest heavily in staff training, and we use a range of teaching approaches and are increasingly using technology to make sure every child gets the right help at the right time, with a strong focus on confidence, belonging and wellbeing.

New national expectations include shared standards, digital support plans and closer collaboration between public services. Our systems are already well prepared, and we will continue to strengthen our approach—maintaining our focus on helping every child to feel supported, included and able to succeed. Please be assured of our firm commitment to the endeavours of the new government policy papers and to strengthening the strategy that has already begun within our Trust.



*'I will not forget you! See, I have engraved you on the
palms of my hands' Isaiah 49:15*

Isaiah 49:15

Wishing all our staff and families a happy & holy Easter,

Mrs Charlotte Blanch, CEO, Little Way Catholic Educational Trust



The younger children at **St Catharine's Catholic Primary School**, Chipping Campden, enjoyed a special day celebrating the Year of St Francis. As stewards of creation they tidied the grounds, created nature art, and planted flowers. They made Mother's Day pots, worked together on a seasonal artwork for the hall, and ended with St Francis' prayer outside.



On Friday, the whole school became France for a fun 'French Road Trip'. Children wore red, white and blue and visited classrooms transformed into Paris, Lourdes, the Alps and Calais. Activities included building Eiffel Towers, making clay statues and castles, before enjoying a French concert. *Nous avons passé une excellente journée!*

Oracy is vital for sharing ideas, listening and communicating well. Recently, our pupils were recognised for their strong speaking skills, winning a Mock Trial and achieving first and second place in Rotary Youth Speaks. Alongside the 'Look Who's Talking' competition, these successes highlight the importance we place on confident communication.



We are extremely proud of one of our Year 6 pupils who came in 3rd in the National Primary and Year 7 Cross Country Final 2026 out of the 180 best Year 6 girls in the whole country! In the heats she came first in the cross country county finals, beating not only the children in the race to take first place, but the hare as well! An amazing achievement!



Year 6 pupils at **St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Nympsfield** recently took part in an exciting mock trial in a real courtroom, competing with confidence and teamwork. They developed their understanding of the justice system, communication, and collaboration.



Meeting the local MP and Chief Constable made the day even more memorable. We are incredibly proud of how brilliantly our students represented our school.

British Science Week at St Joseph's was a joyful celebration of curiosity and hands-on learning. Pupils engaged enthusiastically in STEM challenges, showing excellent behaviour, teamwork and problem-solving.

Led by parent volunteers, the workshops brought science to life, with children proudly keeping their creations. We are grateful to all who made this inspiring and memorable week of learning possible.



Students & staff celebrated St Joseph's Feast Day with a joyful whole-school Mass, where pupils read and sang beautifully.

The day reflected St Joseph's values of humility, service and faith. Back at school, children enjoyed a small treat, bringing smiles all round. It was a special celebration of our Catholic faith & identity.



The Catholic School of St Gregory the Great, Cheltenham, celebrated its *90th birthday* this term! To mark the occasion, Bishop Bosco joined us for a special assembly and tea party during which we learned about the history of our school, sang Happy Birthday in sign language, and created our own dances and music to celebrate.

We also welcomed past pupils, staff and families back into school. It was truly a day to remember.



Children & staff from St Gregory's were excited to welcome fellow students from across Gloucestershire, as well as from over 7 partnership Catholic schools in Swindon, to celebrate the visit of the relics of St Carlo Acutis to our parish.

What a joy to be able to share lunch, play together and celebrate this special visit as a wider Catholic community!

We are all very proud of the fantastic fundraising efforts of the students this term. The children have shown incredible initiative and have hand-delivered letters to local businesses for our reading raffle, raising hundreds of pounds.

We also raised £800 from the Cheltenham races and started our own tuck shop, raising £100 in just one afternoon!

All funds will go directly towards opportunities and resources for the children.





The **Rosary School** were delighted to host their very first Parent and Toddler Forest School session in their extensive grounds in Stroud – and what a wonderful start to the new initiative it was!

The session was very well attended, and it was fantastic to welcome so many toddlers and pre-school children onto the school site.

The children enjoyed a magical morning exploring the forest school area - discovering nature, playing, and learning through hands-on experiences.

There was a real sense of joy, curiosity and community as families explored together in such a calm and engaging environment.



Sublime Science came into school for a series of action-packed workshops, too, this term.

The children were amazed by a range of incredible experiments, including slime making, giant bubbles, flying smoke rings and fizzing potions! There was a real buzz of curiosity and wonder as pupils watched, predicted and took part in the experiments.

We've also enjoyed a fantastic fortnight of Interhouse sport, with pupils showing teamwork, determination and encouragement. Key Stage 2 children competed in handball, netball and dodgeball. Key Stage 1 took part in fun multi-skills activities, showing aspiration and love.

Well done to all for their excellent team spirit!





This term, children, parents, families & staff at **St Peter's Catholic Primary School**, Gloucester, came together to share a whole school Big Mental Health Day Breakfast.



Not only did it give everyone a chance to start the day off well, with some good food & company, but money was raised to help local charity, Charlie's, who support families affected by a cancer diagnosis.



The children celebrated their all-year-long love of reading with some extra story-themed fun on World Book Day.



St Peter's Golden Ticket Winners perfected their culinary skills with a workshop at Pizza Express learning to make their own pizzas.

Needless to say, they needed no help with learning to eat them! Chef's kiss!

Little acts, great love, big difference





This term, students at **St Thomas More's Catholic Primary School**, Cheltenham, have been getting to know elderly residents at Monkscroft Care Home during some very special intergenerational music sessions run by the Stand by Me project in Cheltenham.

The year 5 students seized the opportunity to visit the care home to enjoy interactive music workshops which introduced them to new musical instruments, songs - not to mention new friends.

It has been amazing to see the different generations coming together to share songs and laughter. The children started off a little nervous but soon grew in confidence both socially, through chatting to their new friends, and also musically through trying out new instruments and props.



Both the residents and students suggested music that they thought they would enjoy together and a new version of the Beatles' Yellow Submarine, with fresh lyrics written for the group, proving a particular favourite.

The sessions have been a great success, with a real sense of joy and openness. Both the residents and the children sharing how welcome and uplifted they felt after the experience. Bravo!

