



# HEADLINE NEWS



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## A message from Rebecca Meredith

Season's Greetings and welcome to the latest edition of the Headlines Newsletter - the last one of Autumn Term and 2024! With Christmas approaching, it's almost time for a well-deserved winter break. In the past few weeks, I've thoroughly enjoyed attending or hearing about all the various winter performances in schools. Today, I had a wonderful time at the Trust-wide Performing Arts Festival hosted by Robert Shaw Primary School and am looking forward to the next one at King Edward Primary School later this week. There's something incredibly magical about the voices of young children singing, especially during the Christmas season. Our schools have continued to put in tremendous effort over the past year, and I feel incredibly proud of each one – thank you all for your unwavering hard work and dedication to our children. This year, we've warmly welcomed new schools into our family, and in the New Year, we look forward to those patiently waiting to join us.

Allow me to take this opportunity to wish you a joyful Christmas and a very Happy New Year.



## Stories of the month

### HOLGATE WELCOMES HIGH SHERIFF OF NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

Children and staff at Holgate Primary School were delighted to welcome a distinguished guest this month, as Nick Rubins, the High Sheriff of Nottinghamshire, came to talk to them about mental wellbeing. They discussed how sport can benefit mental health, and the High Sheriff told them all about his career - the children were fascinated by his badges and sword! He also encouraged them to aim high, saying, "I was once like you... anyone can become the High Sheriff and do good work in their community."

### BREADSALL RECEIVES SILVER MENTAL HEALTH AWARD

Congratulations to Breadsall Hill Top, who have received an upgraded reaccreditation for mental health from a Bronze to a Silver Level - testament to the dedication of the staff and particularly Raine Hart, Pupil & Family Support Manager. The award, given by the Carnegie Centre of Excellence for Mental Health in School, said, "The community see mental health as a golden thread through everything [they] do... with staff working hard to nurture strong and appreciative relationships between home and school."

### PARKDALE PRIMARY JINGLE-JOGS FOR CHARITY

We are INCREDIBLY proud of our children at Parkdale Primary who, at the time of writing, have raised over £1,400 with their Jingle Jog - more than doubling their target. The Parkdale children and staff all jogged wearing their best Christmas outfits in aid of War Child UK, a charity that supports children living through unrest and uncertainty. One class teacher said the children held hands throughout the jog and helped and supported each other - well done to everyone for thinking of others in need at this time of year.



## Sneinton C of E Primary

Sneinton had a lively and successful Christmas Fayre this month, featuring crafts, delicious refreshments and even live music. Wonderful to hear of such fantastic support from parents and carers, who helped with craft sessions and contributed cakes and other food.



## Abbey Hill Primary & Nursery

The Abbey Hill team have started to work closely with a charity called Bags for Help, to make sure that every child in the community can enjoy books and reading at home as well as at school. As a result of their efforts, every local child will be gifted a brand new book, and many will also be gifted toys. A lovely way to work within the community!

## Bagthorpe Primary School

There has been so much talent and Christmas spirit displayed in performances across the trust, including at Bagthorpe Primary, where children brought families together for a magical and joyful re-enactment of the nativity.



## Lawn Primary School

Lawn Primary held a Christmas concert at their local church, where children sang and shared Christmas readings. How wonderful to see all families come together to enjoy celebrating kindness and togetherness, whatever their religious beliefs.



## All schools

This year, all our schools have come together to celebrate this festive season in style! Children and staff embraced the festive spirit on Christmas Jumper Day, wearing their most colourful and creative knitwear to raise money for the Save the Children charity. A fantastic effort from all involved!



## Transform Applied

One of Applied's key events was the Operations Managers network, which brings together all staff central to the effective running of a school to share expertise and build relationships between schools. The group problem-solved together, shared their role-specific knowledge, and offered and received support.

# Education news updates

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## Children missing from education

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