

SPRING NEWSLETTER

Thursday 2nd April 2026

Dear Parents/Carers and Staff,

We've come to the end of a packed Term 4 which has included many exciting events across our schools, including ending this week with lots of Easter celebrations. Please read on for some important information, a reminder of some of the MAT and school events over this term and a few of the many highlights shared from each of our schools below.

Attendance



Attendance is a major concern nationally which schools across the country are working hard to improve – this is the same for our schools where attendance is lower than it was pre-pandemic.

Good attendance at school ensures that our children achieve the best they can academically and it supports stable friendships, mental health and wellbeing. Our schools monitor their attendance internally, we review attendance as a MAT and via our Education Welfare Officer. The Local Authority and Department of Education also monitor attendance and how our schools tackle low attendance or persistent absences.

In extreme cases this includes attendance meetings / contracts, fines and court action. Kaleidoscope schools do not authorise any term time holidays.

If you need support in this area then please contact your school.

Term 4 MAT Events

KMAT Spelling Bee 2026

Huge congratulations to our amazing Spelling Bee participants from across Kaleidoscope. Everyone did a fantastic job representing their schools and year groups.



NSSPEA Dance Festivals 2026

These events have started and will continue after the Easter break. Becket were the first of our schools to perform and they wowed the Playhouse audience with performances based on themes. Well done Becket!



World Book Day 2026

As always, our schools outdid themselves in terms of their effort and sharing their love of reading with some amazing costumes and brilliant activities celebrating reading.



Staff Development



You may be aware that there are many changes to education that have started this academic year or are coming soon. Our schools have been working hard to prepare to implement these and plan for those due in the future.

It is a busy time, with changes including a new Ofsted Framework, Education White Paper and new SEND proposals. Many of these reforms will have significant changes to how we operate as schools. One of the themes running through the White Paper is that Multi-Academy Trusts and their schools should be working in collaboration with other partners to improve the local offer for our children and families.

I am pleased that although Kaleidoscope Multi-Academy Trust is relatively small, we are very engaged with working with many Local Authority Working Parties/groups, the Diocese, charities and other regional groups. In this way we aim to play a role in shaping our local area for the better.

Our staff training has included a focus on developing our pedagogical approach, Maths, Foundational Knowledge in English and preparing for the national changes detailed above.

Ashcombe



Ashcombe were so grateful to have Pappadoms and Aisha's food charity provide every pupil and staff member a free meal in January as part of Ramadan celebrations.

The school hosted "Superhero Day" celebrating the life of Austum Newcombe. This day saw real life heroes coming into school to share information about their jobs.



Ashcombe's Got Talent was again another success seeing 12 finalists chosen to perform. Congratulations to Elsie in Year 6 for her incredial Ariel Hoop performance.



Fundraising for the Defib Legacy Programme in loving memory of Liam and Austin for the local community is ongoing – please [visit here](#) for information/donations.



The school look forward to new playground equipment being installed very shortly!

Becket



Becket are thrilled that their After School Girls' Football Club has been honoured with the Equal Access School Award by the Barclays Girls' Football School Partnerships. This prestigious recognition celebrates our school's commitment to providing equal opportunities for girls in sport, particularly in football.



The school hosted their annual Active Wear Day! Pupils arrived in their bright, sporty and active outfits—so much colour, energy and enthusiasm was shown throughout the entire day.



Pupils & Mrs Whiting travelled to London to proudly represent the school at the prestigious National Modeshift Awards. The school was recognised for its outstanding commitment to promoting walking, scooting, wheeling and sustainable travel within the community!



Christ Church



Christ Church celebrated KMAT Spelling Bee winners in Years 4 and 5!



The school had over 30 amazing participants in the Young Voices Choir in Birmingham.

The school celebrated with an Easter Performance and Service at the local Church. Forest School sessions have continued.



Pupils look forward to some exciting upcoming trips in the Summer Term, including Year 2 heading to the SS Great Britain!



Crockerne Primary hosted a very powerful St Giles Trust Assembly.



Crockerne

The school hosted some fantastic ITT students in KS1 and found this to be such a privilege to support future teachers!



OPAL continues to go from strength to strength and has transformed the school's outdoor provision. Book Week was a huge success including the Friends of Crockerne Cronka bar event seeing the whole staff team coming into school as Oompa Loompas!



Visits to Watercress Farm and Year 5 & 6 Boatbuilding Trips took place with thanks to support from Bristol Port. 18 pupils also represented the school at the Portishead Swimathon on Saturday 21st March, raising money for the charities supported by The Rotary Club. Great teamwork and super swimming!



Hutton



Well done to Hutton's amazing performers who took part in the local Pantomime "Peril in Panto Land" performing at the Village Hall to over 450 people in 5 shows across 4 days.



A group of pupils attended Becket for a multi skills event and celebrated a fantastic 3rd place – plus they even broke the record for hitting 10 pins with ten separate balls, amazing effort!

KS2 classes enjoyed days out at Mendip Activity Centre, they took part in Caving, Tobogganing, Low ropes and Mission impossible.

Y4 began their outdoor sessions with Mrs Drinkwater making some fantastic dens!



The school also hosted a super Rocksteady concert with some super musicians showcasing their talents and pupils took part in the "Big Walk" for Comic Relief, smashing their 1000 mile target!



OPAL Play continues to be a huge success at St Martin's and even more so with the arrival of sunnier weather at break and lunchtimes!

Upper KS2 enjoyed a fantastic visit from the Explorer Dome.

The school have participated in a number of incredible sporting events including their very own Curling Tournament, NSSPEA Swim Festival, KS1 Multi-Sports and a Gymnastics Festival.

The school Dance Group celebrated GOLD at the Highbridge Dance Festival.

Years 3 & 4 enjoyed a fantastic visit to Ashford Water Centre and the school are well underway with their WOW! Walk to School Challenge.

Looking ahead to next term, Year 4 look forward to their overnight camp and Year 6 will complete their Bikeability certification.



Worle Village



Worle Village celebrated World Book Day with Family Assemblies, the POW Big Book Giveaway and Wonky Bars! The school hosted a PINS Parents Carer Forum on ADHD. Red Nose Day saw the whole school wear read and fundraise for charity. The school also enjoyed a Zactiv (Gladiator Steel) visit.



The school came away with a fantastic 6 medals from the Highbridge Festival for Poetry and Reading and silver medals from both the Highbridge Dance Festival and Music Festival for the amazing singing from the School Choir!



They also celebrated a Grade 5 achievement from EHO following kitchen improvements made.

Pupils have had the opportunity for some great trips including; Bristol Zoo, Wessex Water and Forest School visits.



Leavers & Thanks

Christ Church say goodbye and thank you to Mrs Sommers-Burrows (Year 2) – although she was only with the school for a year, she has had a huge impact and supported with staff wellbeing and even arranging games for the team!

Ashcombe say a sad goodbye to Mrs Tincknell from their Governor team after relocating. She served the board and community with distinction over the last year, the school thank her for her time and contributions.

Huge thanks, as always to our families, staff teams, governance volunteers, PTA's and other volunteers and communities for supporting our schools over this term!



Thank you for your support for our schools over this short but busy term. I would like to wish you all a restful Easter break. We look forward to welcoming pupils back for the Summer Term on Monday 20th April 2026.

Yours sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Simon Marriott.

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