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PRAYER

Dear Lord,
Thank you for the beautiful world around us and for the chance to learn and grow together every day in our schools.

Please bless our classrooms with laughter, our playgrounds with friendship, and our hearts with kindness. Help us to be good friends, to lift each other up when we are down, and to always try our best in everything we do.

Keep our families, teachers, and communities safe under your care, and help us to share your love and light with everyone we meet.

Amen.

CEO SPACE

It's been an incredibly productive and forward-focused week as we lay the foundations for the future of our trust family. My time has been focused on budget setting alongside strategic planning to ensure our schools are exceptionally resourced and fully prepared for the upcoming academic year. By aligning our financial health with our high educational ambitions, these vital steps guarantee that every child across our schools will continue to receive the highest quality of education in a thriving environment. I was delighted to end the week by spending a wonderful day collaborating directly with the members of The Learning Academy Partnership (South West), reflecting on our shared values and celebrating the brilliant work happening across our county.




Have a wonderful weekend.

Sean

FROM SCHOOL TO SURF: MR RICHARDS ON CHANNEL 4



Catch Mr Richards on Channel 4's Dom Chinae's Cornish Workshop, where his surf lifesaving quad bike gets a clever upgrade from The Repair Shop star himself to keep the Cornish sand out.

[Watch it here](#)   



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FROM OLD TRAFFORD TO OLYMPIC GOLD: OUR SPORTS RESIDENTIAL

Last week, children from across the Trust headed to Manchester for an unforgettable, high-energy sports residential packed with elite athletic inspiration.

The action-began with an athletics session at Birmingham's Alexander Stadium and an educational tour of Old Trafford. The group then tackled a brilliant mix of diverse activities, including BMX and Pickleball at the National Cycling Centre, sledging and luge at the Chill Factore snow centre, and a high ropes course at Go Ape.

A major highlight of the trip was watching the GB Cycling Team train live on the velodrome, followed by an exclusive, private Q&A session with three-time Olympic Gold Medalist, Ed Clancy!



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ST BARNABAS MAT STEPS INTO THE SPOTLIGHT AT THE CHILDREN'S LITERATURE FESTIVAL!

Today, children from St Tudy, St Mabyn, Lerryn, and Berrycoombe schools were warmly welcomed into St Petroc's to kick off the St Austell Festival of Children's Literature. The pupils enjoyed an incredible lineup of guests, including author JJ Arcanjo, who spoke about his fantastic Crookhaven book series (now a CBBC show!), and talented illustrator Rebecca Cobb, who brought her book The Ice Cream Crocodile to life. It was a wonderful opportunity for schools from across the area to come together to share stories, build new friendships, create lasting memories, and—of course—enjoy a visit to the ice cream van together!

The poster features the festival logo, a price tag for £1 tickets, and photos of authors JJ Arcanjo and Rebecca Cobb. It includes text about the festival's theme and a QR code for ticket purchases.



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SCOOPS OF SUCCESS: ST NICS PARTNERS WITH YARDE FARM ICE CREAM!

St Nics pupils have been busy green-fingered growers lately! They have been successfully growing and harvesting their own fruit, which we are now preparing to dry out.

They will be taking their homegrown harvest directly to the Yarde Farms factory to manufacture their very own, exclusive St Nics ice cream flavour. Once it is ready, the children will get the incredibly exciting opportunity to bring it back to school for a grand tasting session.

A huge thank you to Yarde Farm Ice Cream for providing our children with such a fantastic, hands-on opportunity!



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MILLBROOK PUPILS INSPIRED BY RAF EXPERTS AND BUSINESS LEADERS



It has been a high-energy start to the final half-term at Millbrook School!

Key Stage 2 kicked off the term with an incredible aerospace STEM day led by 22-year RAF veteran George Slater. Stepping into the roles of aerospace engineers, our Autumn and Winter classes received a mission briefing before planning, building, and launching rocket prototypes. After refining their designs, a final high-stakes launch determined our engineering champions!

Meanwhile, our Year 5/6 pupils dove into the world of work with an "Apprentice-style" challenge led by Trust Governor, Mrs. Gerry Keating. Working in teams, the children designed their own cafe businesses—calculating everything from menus and floor plans to celebrity launch events. The day culminated in a dragon's den style pitch to local business owners, who were thoroughly impressed by the sophisticated and imaginative ideas our older children presented.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Watch the DFE's attendance video [here](#)

