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## CEO SPACE

### PRAYER

Lord God,  
We give thanks for our Trust family  
and for the guidance, fellowship, and  
shared vision experienced during our  
strategy day this week.  
Help us to walk boldly in the direction  
you have set before us. May your  
wisdom direct our steps, your love  
anchor our decisions, and your grace  
enable every child and staff member  
in our care to flourish and experience  
life in all its fullness.  
Unite us in courage, creativity,  
friendship and service as we work  
together for the good of our  
communities.  
Amen.

It's been a week of vision, faith, and  
inspiration across the Trust!

We began with our annual Strategy Day,  
coming together to set a clear, hopeful  
direction for the future of St Barnabas.

Midway through the week, we gathered for a  
moving Commissioning Service at Truro  
Cathedral, grounding our shared mission in  
community and faith.

To round off a brilliant week, I joined the  
School Improvement Team for a trip to  
Waterstones—gathering fresh ideas and  
fantastic new resources to inspire our young  
readers!

Have a great weekend  
Sean

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



Joining our academy trust as a volunteer offers a  
rewarding opportunity to shape the future of our schools  
and make a lasting impact on our young people. At the  
governance level, we welcome Members to act as  
guardians of the trust's ethos and vision, and Trust Board  
Directors to provide strategic oversight, financial  
stewardship, and educational accountability. At the local  
layer, Local Governors play a crucial hands-on role in  
supporting individual schools, ensuring community  
engagement, and monitoring local priorities. Whether you  
bring expertise in finance, HR, strategy, or simply a  
passion for improving children's lives, we would love to  
welcome your skills into our governance community.  
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## STRATEGY DAY 2026

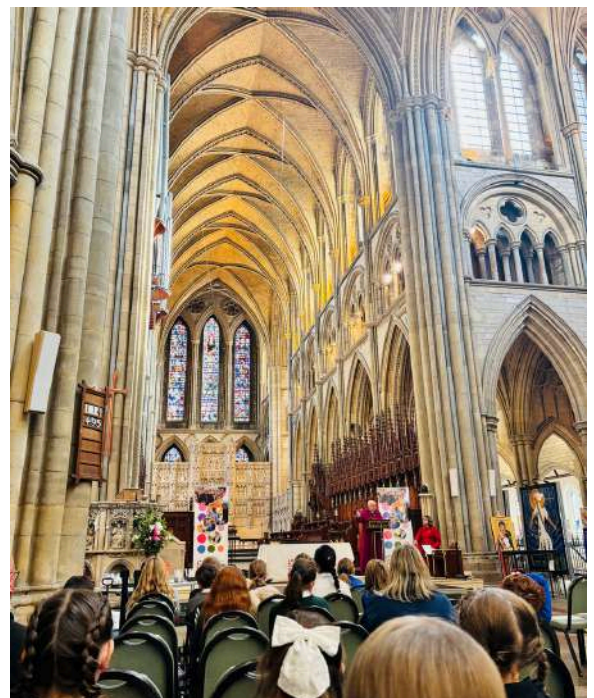


This week, our Members, Directors, Chairs of Local Governing Bodies (LGBs), and Executive Team gathered for our annual Strategy Day. It was a fantastic opportunity to evaluate our progress against our five year plan and map out our ambitious new focus areas for the year ahead. Filled with focused, high-quality discussion, shared fellowship, and big aspirations, the day reinforced our clear vision for the future of St Barnabas MAT and the children, families, staff and communities we serve.

## COMMISSIONING SERVICE AT TRURO CATHEDRAL

On Thursday, students from Church of England schools within the Diocese of Truro gathered at the beautiful Truro Cathedral for the annual special Service of Commissioning.

Planned and led by the students themselves, the service was a wonderful way to give thanks for and celebrate the hard work of everyone in and around their schools. We were delighted to be a part of it.



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## AHOY, MATEYS! TALK LIKE A PIRATE DAY

Shiver me timbers! Schools across St Barnabas MAT traded their everyday classroom chatter for "Arrr's" and "Ahoy's" as we celebrated International Talk Like a Pirate Day! Pupils and staff dived headfirst into the high-seas fun—enjoying pirate-themed literacy activities, creative crafts, and plenty of swashbuckling adventure. It was a fantastic day of fun, imagination, and lively learning for all our young buccaneers!



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## ST MARTIN'S WILD WARRIORS!

This week at Wild Warriors St Martin's, the children have been immersing themselves in the wonderful world of Stick Man!

They had a fantastic time crafting their very own Stick Men and listening to Julia Donaldson's classic story. To top off the adventure, they even made—and devoured—their own "Stick Man sausages!" (Although we're not entirely sure what Stick Man and his family would think of that particular menu choice!)



## ST GERMANS WOODLAND ADVENTURE



The children of St Germans took to the woods for an exciting outdoor adventure, discovering the magic—and responsibility—of fire! From mastering the art of safe fire-starting to learning essential outdoor safety rules, our young explorers showed incredible focus and curiosity. A fantastic day of hands-on learning in the great outdoors!



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