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BLUE KITE BULLETIN

Welcome to The Blue Kite Bulletin Issue 1 of 3 for the academic year 2026-2027.

We hope you all enjoyed Term 1 and have embraced all the changes that inevitably come with the start of a new school year.

At The Blue Kite Trust, we are very proud of every one of our twenty-seven schools. We have schools from many backgrounds including some who have been sponsored, others who chose to convert from local authority control, standalone academies choosing to join our Trust and others entrusted to us as other Trusts have closed. As part of the process of growing we have become a Mixed Multi-Academy Trust, with free schools, faith schools and academies all collaborating successfully whilst maintaining their own distinctive identities. We work tirelessly, both in the background and within the schools, to make sure each performs at its best for the children and the families within their communities.

In this Bulletin we will remind you of some of the activities taking place at Trust Level to make sure our schools are well supported and able to provide the best possible opportunities for all children. This support includes experts in the field of safeguarding, school effectiveness, Early Intervention and family support, health and safety, initial teacher training (ITT), school governance and the provision of Trust-wide enrichment opportunities for children.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is at the heart of everything we do. Across Blue Kite, we work closely with schools to provide expert advice, ongoing staff training, quality assurance and strategic oversight. This commitment is strengthened through annual external safeguarding audits and effective partnership working with local authorities, health services, the police and other agencies, helping schools maintain robust systems, respond to emerging needs and protect pupils. Alongside this, our children's Safeguarding Curriculum is designed to give pupils the age-appropriate knowledge, skills and understanding they need to recognise risk, seek help and make healthy, informed decisions. Together, these approaches ensure that every child learns in a safe, supportive environment and that families can have confidence that children's safety and wellbeing remain our highest priority.



Disadvantaged Pupils

We are committed to helping every child succeed, regardless of their background or circumstances. Through Trust-wide collaboration, professional development and the sharing of best practice, we support schools to remove barriers to learning and improve outcomes for disadvantaged pupils. Our approach helps schools provide targeted support, widen opportunities and ensure that all children can fully participate in school life, achieve their potential and thrive both academically and personally.



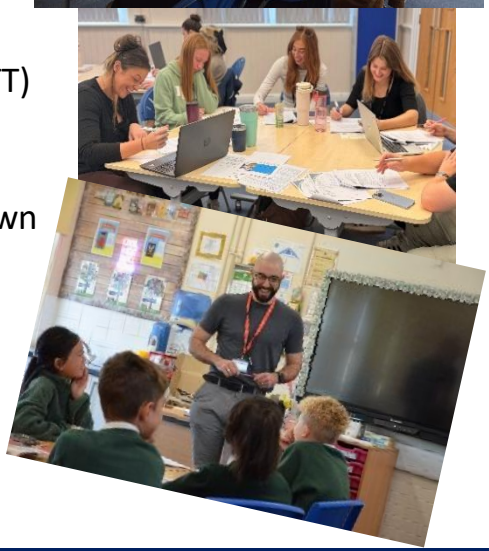
Most of this work happens in the schools, supported by our Directors of Education, Trust Leaders of Education, our Special Education and Disability Needs Coordinators (SENDCOs) and those who lead on challenging disadvantage within schools. Where even further support is needed, we also have two educational psychologists, employed by the Trust, who work closely with all schools to provide solution focused approaches, to ensure we can deliver the best possible provision for all children. This poster may help you understand the work of the Educational Psychologists.

School Effectiveness and Improvement

Every Blue Kite school benefits from the support of a strong network of educational professionals committed to helping children achieve their very best. Through school reviews, professional development, curriculum support, leadership coaching and the sharing of best practice across our family of schools, we help school leaders continually strengthen the quality of education and provision for pupils. This collaborative approach ensures that schools are never working alone and that every child benefits from the collective expertise, knowledge and experience available across the Trust.

Inspire Professional Development





At The Blue Kite Academy Trust, we invest in the people who work in our schools, because we know that excellent professional development leads to excellent experiences and outcomes for children. Through Inspire Professional Development, we support teachers and school professionals at every stage of their careers – from those beginning their journey into teaching through our Initial Teacher Training (ITT) programme, to supporting Early Career Teachers (ECTs) throughout their two-year induction and providing National Professional Qualifications (NPQs), alongside our own Trust led programmes on Quality Teaching and Leadership, for colleagues to develop their expertise even further.

This means our schools have access to high-quality training, professional learning and specialist expertise, helping our staff to continually develop their practice and ensure that children benefit from the very best teaching and learning.

Lighthouse is an Early Intervention service supporting children and their families within the Blue Kite Academy Trust schools. Lighthouse has Family Workers, Inclusion Workers, Educational Psychologists, an Education Welfare Officer and a Play Therapist. They work in many different ways - sometimes directly with children, sometimes with parents and carers. They also offer regular workshops, courses and 1:1 advice sessions – please speak to your child's school for more information if you feel you, or your child, may benefit from Lighthouse support. Our Family Foundations parent programme runs termly - the course is always popular so please make sure you book in advance by emailing Lighthouse or connecting with us on Instagram… lighthouse_bluekitetrust … *https://www.instagram.com/lighthouse_bluekitetrust/*

We love running the programme and parents/carers love attending – *some quotes here*…

- *"Thank you for the opportunity to attend this course, it was insightful and I hope to use the knowledge gained on my little one as he grows – I know better now."*
- *"My son will now read a book at night- this has never happened before!! This was as a result of using choice."*
- *"This course has been full of useful tips that are achievable. Becky and Gayle are lovely and have made the group feel calm, happy and safe."*
- *"All topics were useful – the parenting manual, everyone should attend. Simple techniques to put into practice have been very effective."*



Parent Workshops and Parent Advice Sessions run throughout the year. Schools will update you on these events, or you can follow Lighthouse on Instagram for more information.

We also hope to set up parent clubs across our schools this year – crochet, walking, games to name a few – keep an eye out at school for more information.

Governance

The Blue Kite Trust is supported by dedicated Members, Trustees and Governors, all of whom volunteer their time, skills and expertise to help the Trust and its schools thrive. Each Blue Kite school has a Local Governing Body comprising staff, parents and members of the local community. Through regular meetings and school visits, governors provide support and challenge, helping to ensure that schools are safe, inclusive, well-resourced and able to offer a rich range of learning opportunities for all pupils. By monitoring and evaluating the work of the school, governors make an important contribution to its continued success. This is a rewarding and highly valued role and if you are interested in becoming involved, in the first instance, please contact the Headteacher for further information.

The Trust Head of Governance is also available if you need further assistance in exploring this role either in your child's school, or indeed within another Blue Kite school.

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School Support with Estates and Operations

Looking after our buildings

The Blue Kite Team works behind the scenes to ensure every school provides a safe, welcoming and well-maintained environment where children can thrive. Our Estates Team leads on major projects and improvements that keep our buildings fit for the future. Recent investment includes new specialist SEND facilities at Oaktree and Robert Le Kyng primary schools, developed in collaboration with Swindon Borough Council, to increase much needed specialist provision. Building refurbishments and upgrades across the Trust are also improving comfort, sustainability and learning environments.



A safe environment for those with allergies

The safety of our families, staff and visitors remains at the heart of everything we do. Benedict's Law has strengthened the expectations placed on schools to protect children with allergies. All Blue Kite Schools now have KITT allergy emergency packs in place and, together with staff training, further strengthens support for those with allergies.



Providing free school meals

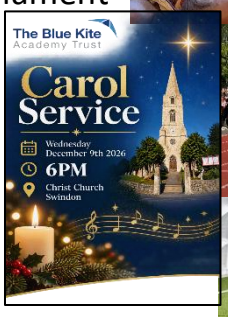
Our school office and catering teams have been working closely with families to identify pupils eligible for the expanded free school meals offer to ensure that all eligible pupils have access to a nutritious, high-quality meal each day.

Enrichment Opportunities for Children

You will already be aware, from previous Bulletins, that we provide an extensive range of opportunities and experiences for children across the Trust, where children get to collaborate, perform or compete with children from other Blue Kite schools.

This year alone we have:





- The Blue Kite Pupil Parliament
- London Trip to The Houses of Parliament
- Outdoor Learning Week
- The Debating Competition
- The Blue Kite Games
- School Well-being Audits
- The Maths Challenge
- The Art Gallery - Public Exhibition
- Auditing Children's Voice
- The NFL Flag Football Tournament
- The Blue Kite Poetry Workshops and Poetry Slam
- Assemblies about The Project Gambia Schools *(linked to this year's charity)*
- The Blue Kite Christmas Carol Service – *9th December – Christ Church - 6pm*





Our Family of Schools ... alphabetical hyperlinked logos

The Blue Kite Academy Trust

Abbey Meads Community Primary School
Beechcroft Infants' School
Brookfield School
Christian Malford Church of England Primary School
Colebrook Infant Academy
Covingham Park Primary School
Even Swindon School
Believe, achieve, inspire
Greenmeadow
Lawn Primary & Nursery School
Lethbridge CE (VC) Primary School
Oaktree
Ruskin Junior School
St. Leonard's CE Primary Academy
St Peter's C of E Academy
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South Marston C of E School
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