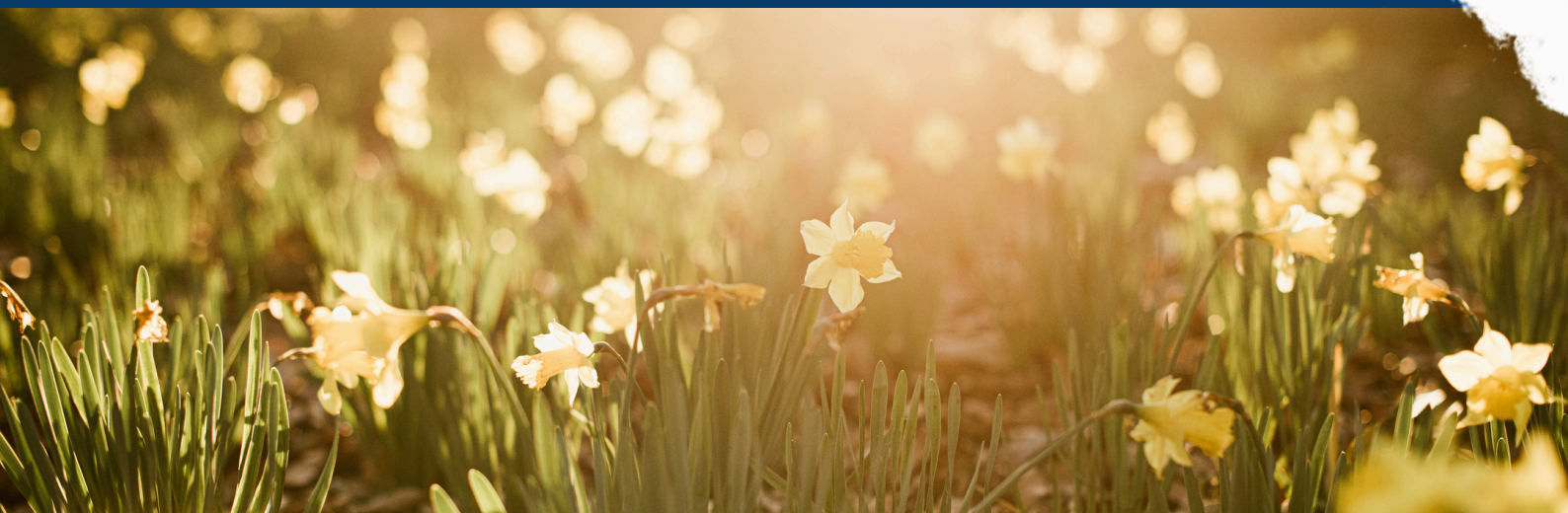


SSLP Spring Newsletter



April 2025



Welcome to our Spring newsletter. The sunny weather over the last few weeks has certainly helped to lighten the mood and give us a sense that it won't be too long until summer is here.

As a good number of you will know we have had some of our most challenging times over the last few terms. The loss of staff and ex students has weighed heavily on us all and has been difficult to process. However, a word that I put a lot of emphasis on across our schools is "family" and the meaning of this has truly shone through in the way that as a collective community we have all been there to support each other and more widely across our families in each of our schools. A strength of our organisation is that we are interconnected, providing a unique learning journey for our children but it does also mean that we feel things more deeply than just within our own school walls.

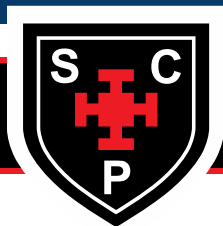
I am very grateful to and very proud of the staff and students of the partnership for the way they have responded to such challenging times.

We have also had two inspections in two of our schools this term. The SIAMs inspection of Bilbrook Middle School can be read about elsewhere in the newsletter. We also had Ofsted inspect Lane Green First School a few weeks ago and whilst I can't reveal the official outcome of the report as yet because it hasn't been published, I'm happy to confirm that we are very pleased with the way that the two days of inspection went.

Have a fantastic Easter break.

Alun Harding
Executive Headteacher

News from across Our Schools



St Chad's CE (VC) First School

Living Streets Campaign

St. Chad's are doing well in the Living Streets campaign. Each day the children log their journeys to school and we monitor how active these journeys are. The information is collated with the number of active journeys and the regularity of entries. We are very pleased to see our position on the leader boards for Spring 2025.



Staffordshire & Stoke on Trent Leaderboard	
1.	Richard Wakefield CofE Primary, Staffordshire
2.	St Chad's CofE (VC) First School, Staffordshire ★
3.	Burton Fields School, Staffordshire
4.	Christ Church CofE First School, Staffordshire
5.	All Saints CofE Academy Denstone, Staffordshire
6.	St Peter's CofE Primary School, Staffordshire
7.	Foley Infant School Academy, Staffordshire
8.	Woodcroft Academy, Staffordshire
9.	Kingsfield First School, Staffordshire
10.	Bramshall Meadows First School, Staffordshire

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Midlands Leaderboard	
1.	Yew Tree Primary School, Sandwell
2.	Richard Wakefield CofE Primary, Staffordshire
3.	St Chad's CofE (VC) First School, Staffordshire ★
4.	Burton Fields School, Staffordshire
5.	Christ Church CofE First School, Staffordshire
6.	All Saints CofE Academy Denstone, Staffordshire
7.	Bentley Heath CofE Primary School, Solihull
8.	The Deanery CofE Primary School, Birmingham
9.	Timberley Academy, Birmingham
10.	Belle Vue Primary School, Dudley

SPRING 2025 #WOWTopTen

World Book Day 2025

We had so much fun celebrating World Book Day. St. Chad's was full of book characters!



Year 1 – Exploring Senses



Year 1 have been enjoying exploring their senses. It was trickier than they thought to match smells to the correct crisp flavour. They were all very brave at their taste testing, however lemon was not a favourite!

News from across

Our Schools



Lane Green First School

A Term Full of Geographical Adventures!



This term at Lane Green First School, pupils have been busy becoming explorers, geographers, and investigators as they've taken part in an exciting geography-focused term. Across the school, children have been diving into new topics that have sparked curiosity, encouraged big questions, and brought the wider world into the classroom. It's been wonderful to see just how much the children have engaged with their learning – their enthusiasm has truly been infectious!

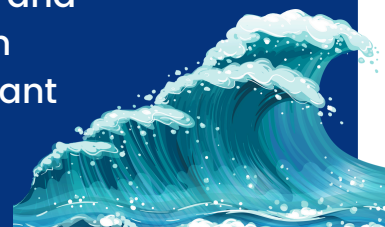
Year 1 – Bright Lights, Big City

Our youngest geographers in Year 1 have been learning all about life in a bustling capital city. From exploring London landmarks like Big Ben, the Tower of London, and Buckingham Palace, to understanding the role of the monarchy and how cities are different from rural areas, the children have been fascinated by their learning. They've enjoyed virtual tours, map work, and even imagined what a day in the life of a Londoner might look like!



Year 2 – Coastline

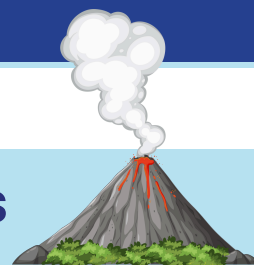
Year 2 have been delving into the wonders of the British coastline. They've explored the physical features that make coastal landscapes so unique – from sandy beaches and towering cliffs to rock pools and headlands. The children have also looked at the important role the coast plays in leisure and the economy. Beach safety, tides, and how humans interact with coastal environments have all been discussed – and some brilliant model lighthouses and posters have made their way into classrooms!





Lane Green First School

Year 3 – Rocks, Relics & Rumbles



In Year 3, pupils have been exploring the dynamic and sometimes dramatic world beneath our feet. They've learned all about different types of rocks, how fossils are formed, and the structure of the Earth itself. The children have been particularly captivated by the power of volcanoes and earthquakes – producing some incredible artwork and written explanations that show just how much they've absorbed. Their sense of wonder and curiosity has made this unit a real highlight!

Year 4 – Misty Mountain, Winding River

Year 4 have taken on the challenge of investigating the water cycle, rivers, and mountain ranges – and they've loved it. They've been developing their map-reading skills, following the journey of a river from source to mouth, and exploring the impact that these geographical features have on people and places. Their work has been both thoughtful and detailed, showing a real depth of understanding. The classroom displays are full of incredible diagrams, river models, and personal reflections.



Across all year groups, the children have shown a brilliant level of engagement with their geography learning. They've asked deep questions, made thoughtful connections to their own experiences, and taken real pride in their work. It's been a joy to see them thinking like geographers – observing, comparing, investigating, and drawing conclusions.

As the term draws to a close, we couldn't be prouder of how our pupils have embraced this journey around our world. We can't wait to see where our learning takes us next!

News from across Our Schools



Bilbrook CE Middle School



Statutory Inspection of
Anglican & Methodist Schools

SIAMS Inspection Success

We are delighted to share the wonderful news that Bilbrook CE Middle School has been awarded the top grade in our recent SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) inspection, held in March. This outstanding achievement is a true testament to the dedication, values, and community spirit that shine throughout our school.

Key Highlights

The inspection highlighted many strengths that we are incredibly proud of. Here are just a few of the key points from the report:

✨ Living Our Vision

The Christian vision to "let your light shine" is not just a motto – it's a way of life here at Bilbrook. It guides everything we do and reflects the needs of the community we serve, helping both pupils and adults to grow in confidence, compassion, and character.

📖 An Inclusive and Inspiring Curriculum

Our curriculum is shaped by our vision and is inclusive for all. Every child is celebrated for their uniqueness, and as a result, pupils genuinely enjoy learning here at Bilbrook.

💖 Caring Relationships and Wellbeing

Positive relationships are at the heart of our school. We care deeply for each and every member of our community, and this is reflected in our strong provision for emotional, physical, and mental wellbeing – allowing everyone to thrive.

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Bilbrook CE Middle School

✚ Religious Education that Broadens Horizons

Our RE curriculum is thoughtfully designed and well balanced. It gives pupils a rich understanding of Christianity as well as other faiths and world views, encouraging empathy, curiosity, and respect.

🙏 Collective Worship that Inspires

Pupils and staff alike value the time we spend in collective worship. Our school worship team plays a vital role in planning and delivering meaningful sessions, which helps deepen spiritual development and brings us together in reflection and celebration.

**“LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE”
(MATTHEW 5:16)**

We couldn't be prouder of our staff, pupils, and wider school community for this achievement. Thank you for your continued support – and let's continue to let our lights shine brightly together.

Wishing all our families a joyful and restful Easter,

Bilbrook CE Middle School Leadership Team



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Perton Middle School



Team Snapwire Wins Regionals!



On 12th March, the Perton Middle School Robotics Team - Team Snapwire - took their robot to the First Tech Challenge Regional Championships in Birmingham. After months of preparation and dedication, the team were very successful and after winning all of their matches, ended up winning the event!

They are now through to the National Championships which will take place in the Copper Box in London in June. Congratulations to all involved!

Year 5 Explores Chester Zoo

On 22nd January, Year 5 braved the cold for a day at Chester Zoo, enhancing their Science and Geography studies. They saw lions, jaguars, elephants, and more, with a highlight being the butterfly house and bat cave—though not all students were fans of the low-flying bats! The students engaged fully with the activities and represented our school commendably. In the words of one student, 'That was the best trip ever!'



SEND Coffee Morning



Our SEND department hosted a coffee morning this week for parents/carers

of autistic children. The Autism Inclusion Team shared advice on strategies, particularly around sleep, and provided time for parents to connect and share experiences. Based on positive feedback, we plan to hold more SEND coffee mornings in the future.

For more support, contact the Staffordshire Autism Inclusion Team.

News from across Our Schools



Codsall Community High School

PTI Leadership Award



We are proud to announce we have been awarded The PTI Mark Leadership accreditation as part of our continuing professional development for:

- Determining the vision and values of our school
- Defining educational success
- Leading with integrity and authenticity
- Collaboration with a national network

High School Musical

During February, Codsall saw it's first school production for 10 years of High School Musical – a fantastic show entertained audiences on both nights.



Cake Sale

Our Valentine's cake sale raised over £300 for Birmingham Children's Hospital.



Easter Egg Raffle

An Easter Egg has been kindly donated for a charity raffle, with all proceeds going to Mind.

Entries are £1 each via ParentPay, and students with 10 positive conduct points will receive a free entry.

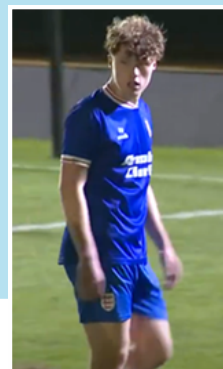
The draw will take place before the Easter holidays, and the winner will be notified in due course.



Student Success

One of our Year 13 Football Academy students, George L, was selected for the 2025 U18 ESFA England Schoolboys National Squad.

George made his England debut in January, when England played Australia Schoolboys in a friendly fixture at Keys Park in Hednesford.



Our students had an incredible insight into the world of Health and Social Care through our Sixth Form WOW Day held in February.