

# TrustEd Schools Talk



## Oldbury Wells Appoints Headteacher

We are thrilled to share that Oldbury Wells School are welcoming their new head, Mr. Adam Walker from September 2025. We are keen to see the developments that he will bring. Mr. Walker, has kindly introduced himself below:

*'I'm Mr. Walker, and I will be the proud new Headteacher of Oldbury Wells School from September 2025. I come with 20 years of experience in education, working across a broad range of secondary schools serving diverse communities. I am deeply committed to supporting students in their learning journey and helping them achieve their full potential.*

*First and foremost, I am a teacher of English, Geography, and History. My most recent senior leadership experience was serving as Vice-Principal at a high-performing school in Dudley. Throughout my career, I have had the privilege of leading in senior roles, overseeing pastoral care, special educational needs provision, teaching and learning, and curriculum development.*

*I firmly believe in the power of high standards and ambitious expectations. With the support of the entire community, we will foster a culture of excellence at Oldbury Wells. I hold a Master's Degree in Expert Teaching, and my vision is to cultivate a curriculum that inspires—empowering students with the knowledge, skills, and confidence to thrive in their education and beyond.*

*Outside of school, I am a married father of three, Director of a Royal Air Force Association charity, and a proud supporter of Wolverhampton Wanderers. I look forward to building strong relationships with students, parents, and the wider school community as we work together to create the best possible opportunities for our young people.'*



**Introducing Mr. Walker**

## TrustEd ECT and Training Conference

On Thursday 10th April TrustEd held its first Early Careers Teacher (ECT) and trainee conference at Church Stretton School. Thank you to Mr Wood for hosting us. The day focused on three key areas: behaviour management and promoting positive attitudes to learning; adaptive teaching and assessment for learning strategies. Jo Evans and John Parr enjoyed working with the ECTs and trainees from across our primary and secondary schools. Thank you to everyone who attended for your positive contributions and willingness to get involved with the activities.



**The ECT and Trainee Teachers at the ECT conference at Church Stretton School.**

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## TrustEd Parliament 'Goes Green'

As from 31st March it became legislation that any establishment that has 10 or more employees MUST separate their waste products and recycle. Our Student Parliament has been tirelessly investigating and working towards a solution for the Trust and its schools.

Therefore, each school has been provided 4 large recycling bins for the different waste:

- General waste
- Mixed dry recycling
- Paper and cardboard
- Food waste

Thanks to the commitment of all involved, each school will also have smaller bins for the same separate waste that staff and students will be expected to use.

Pupils in all of our schools have been part of assemblies about their role in helping the environment by separating their waste and to help them understand what is allowed in each bin. The Student Parliament from each school will be placing posters in corridors.

Several of our schools have also received education on 'Earth Day', which was on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025. Earth Day aims to remind us of the importance of sustainability (looking after the planet well now and for future generations) and conservation (protecting natural ecosystems).

Earth Day 2025 specifically is focusing on reducing pollution (especially plastic pollution), renewable energy, and taking better care of our wonderful planet, so the timing of this really helped the Parliament's drive on recycling.

Mrs Bell

TrustEd Parliament Co-ordinator



*A recent meeting with the student council at Castlefields Primary and Mrs Godden, CEO, to discuss helpful environmental changes and the new recycling bins.*

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## TrustEd Champions

### TrustEd Champions Shine in 'Poetry by Heart' Celebration

On Friday 14th March, the TrustEd Champions programme hosted its second celebration event — the inspiring 'Poetry by Heart' competition, held at Oldbury Wells School. Over 70 students from 8 of our 9 schools came together for a morning filled with creativity, courage, and a shared love of poetry. The atmosphere was electric as pupils took to the stage to recite poems they had carefully learned and practised. It took real bravery to perform in front of their peers, and every participant rose to the occasion with confidence and enthusiasm. This event was all about helping students discover that poetry isn't something to be feared — it's something to be enjoyed, explored, and celebrated.

We were delighted to welcome special guest Kate Innes, a published poet, who added an extra sparkle to the morning. Kate not only performed her own beautiful work but also offered students valuable insights and practical tips on how to write and recite poetry. Her presence was both inspiring and informative, helping to show our young performers what's possible with passion and perseverance.

The aim of the event was simple: to cultivate a love of poetry in a fun, accessible and engaging way, while building confidence and encouraging students to step outside their comfort zones. And it's safe to say — mission accomplished.

We are incredibly proud of all our students for their hard work, resilience, and willingness to give it a go. Their performances were a testament to the dedication they've shown throughout the Champions programme, and we can't wait to see where their journey takes them next.

A huge thank you to everyone who helped make the day such a success, notably Mrs Roberts from Oldbury Wells - and of course, to our brilliant students who made it so special

Mr Farish



*Oldbury Wells Pupils attending the Poetry competition.*



*Castlefields receiving their certificates from Kate Innes*



*Guest speaker, Kate Innes, welcoming pupils to the celebration event*



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### TrustEd Champions Celebrate Shropshire Through Art

The TrustEd Champions programme continued its journey on Friday 21st March with its third event — a stunning Art Gallery exhibition hosted at St Leonard's School. With the theme "Shropshire Unveiled: From Hills to Heritage in Every Stroke", the event brought together artistic talent from six of our Trust schools, showcasing creativity from EYFS all the way through to Key Stage 4.

The variety and quality of artwork on display were nothing short of incredible. Students used a wide range of mediums — from watercolour and pencil to mixed media and collage — each piece reflecting their own unique perspective on the landscapes, landmarks, and stories of Shropshire. Whether it was a peaceful hilltop scene or a bold interpretation of a local building, every entry captured something special.

We were honoured to welcome three special guests to the exhibition: Bridgnorth Mayor, Ian Wellings, and local artist siblings Tim and Ian Bingham. Not only did they help to judge the competition, but the Bingham brothers also generously donated prizes for the winning artists in each age category. Their involvement added a professional and celebratory touch to what was a truly memorable morning. A huge thank you goes to Mrs Meredith of St Leonard's for her brilliant coordination of the event, and to Raven Studios in Shrewsbury for kindly loaning the easels that helped bring our pop-up gallery to life. Congratulations to our talented winners:

- EYFS – 'Sheep on a Hill' by Emelia, St Leonard's School
- KS1 – 'The Ironbridge' by Eliza, Yr 1, Castlefields School
- KS2 – 'The Town Hall in My Dreams' by Ella, Yr 6, St Leonard's School
- KS3 – 'The Caradoc' by Agatha, Yr 9, Church Stretton
- KS4 – 'St Mary Magdalene Church' by Grace, Yr 10, Oldbury Wells School

Each winning piece was a true celebration of Shropshire's rich heritage and natural beauty, done to all our incredible young artists — your work inspired, impressed, and brought joy to everyone who attended!

Mr Farish



*Emelia from St Leonard's.*



*Eliza from Castlefields.*



*Agatha from Church Stretton.*



*Grace from Oldbury Wells.*



*Ella from St Leonard's.*

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## TrustEd Sports Alliance

Spring term 2025 has been another jam packed; fun filled term for the Trusted Sports Alliance (TSA) team! Our programme has involved the following:

### PE teaching:

The TSA team of 10 deliver high quality PE lessons for early years, KS1 and KS2 pupils across 28 primary schools in east, south and central Shropshire. Primary schools select a service for ½ day p/week or a full day p/week of teaching from a qualified PE specialist through TSA to deliver all aspects of the curriculum from dodgeball to gymnastics and everything in between.

Teaching staff also support schools by delivering after-school provision, leadership training and staff training whilst in each school across the year.



*Pupil getting involved in a TSA event.*

### Leadership Training:

TSA staff deliver sports leadership training to primary and secondary schools across over 60 schools in all 3 geographical areas. In primary schools this involves staff delivering 'Playleader', 'Bronze Ambassador' or 'Leadership Academy' opportunities for upper KS2 pupils. This training equips pupils with the necessary leadership skills and qualities such as organisation, communication, teamwork to deliver multi-sport activities at lunch/break times and plan, organise and run mini-intra-school competitions across the year.

In secondary schools this training consists of training secondary students in KS3 and 4 to be able to volunteer supporting primary school competitions and festivals at secondary sites across the year. In many cases, this also involves students receiving an official qualification through the Leadership Skills Foundation Level 1 Qualification.



*Demonstration of amazing leadership skills by pupils.*



*Pupils getting involved in the recent netball event.*



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### Staff training

The TSA team plan and deliver a large-scale programme of staff training for primary and secondary staff across the year. Some training takes place on school sites such as whole school CPD for primary staff covering aspects such as educational gymnastics, swimming according to each school's needs or larger centrally coordinated training such as School Games Mark application training for PE leads. TSA have also delivered training suitable for secondary staff such as RFU T1 rugby – the RFU's new version of touch/semi-contact rugby and LUSU training for staff working with young people with physical needs in PE.



*Pupils at a recent netball event.*

### Competitions, events and festivals!

Across each calendar year TSA plan and manage 7 different primary school event calendars across different geographical areas in south, east and central Shropshire. Each calendar consists of 20 – 45 events across the year including events which target certain groups of young people such as Inclusion events and SEND specific events through to more competitive events which link into the county School Games Programme. Primary schools can choose to attend whatever events they choose in line with their level of service. Events cover an extremely broad menu of activities from orienteering to football and everything in between!

TSA also manage a calendar of secondary events across all 3 areas targeting KS3 and KS4 students with many of these also linking into the county School Games Programme.



*TSA Netball event in which the local primary schools participated in.*