

RoundUp

Summit Learning Trust News



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Welcome

A huge thank you to our parents, carers, families and communities for supporting our academies to achieve so much with our learners this academic year.

2025 – 2026 has been another very special year for our Trust family. The year started with our schools and college having collectively achieved their best academic outcomes overall, ever. The year finishes with all data indicating that this summer will see achievement improving yet again at Early Years, primary, secondary and sixth form. These outcomes mean better life chances for our Summit learners and I thank all of my colleagues for their ongoing endeavour. We are blessed to have so many brilliant people work with our children and young people, and this strong academic performance can give our families huge confidence in the levels of expertise of teachers and educational support colleagues. Our entire Summit family remain acutely aware of the importance of these results to each of our children and young people in terms of giving them life chances to have happy and successful futures.



We look forward to receiving the nationally delayed SATs results around the time we break up for the summer, and to sharing our Year 11 and Year 13 results in September 2026. Ahead of these, huge congratulations to our learners, and also to the expert teachers and support colleagues who have prepared them for these assessments. It was amazing to see how hard everyone worked leading up to and during these times.

This academic year has seen us receive further validation of the strong offer we provide. Ofsted has visited Pegasus Primary School and Yarnfield Primary School. Following these we have received very strong reports, detailing the very high quality levels of education and care at our schools, and how well they are all led.

Summit Learning Trust, our schools and our college have received multiple, national awards for among other areas, learner achievement, quality of teaching and support, attendance, inclusion, wellbeing and for the positive impact our work has on our communities. Congratulations to our entire Summit family on these amazing achievements.

During the whole of 2026, our academies are collectively involved in fundraising for our Trust charity, Kids' Village. Thank you for your support as we have comfortably surpassed our £10,000 target, and have already achieved over £20,000. This work will go some way to helping those with the greatest need in our communities. As we move into the next academic year 2026 – 2027, we look forward to further raising the profile of the amazing Kids' Village Charity with our children, families and with other schools and colleges.

This edition of the Roundup gives a small snapshot into some of the achievements at our Summit academies, and it has been a pleasure to see the work that takes place day in, day out with our children and young people. Our Summit Base Camp programme continues, and this provision serves as the foundation to enable all learners to continue making strong levels of academic progress. We have widely shared our offer with other schools and colleges beyond Summit, and they are now offering similar initiatives to their families.

The next academic year will be the most exciting one ever for our family, as we expect to welcome new schools to our Summit family, and we work to develop new and exciting opportunities for our children, young people and our Summit colleagues. I look forward to sharing this news with you as it arises.

Thank you all for your ongoing support for your child's school or college. Have a happy and healthy Summer.

Vince Green
Chief Executive Officer

Open Evening

Monday 7th September 2026
6:00PM - 8:00PM

Activities on the Day Include:

- Hands on workshops
- Meet our Senior Leaders
- Tour our School

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Open Evening

Wednesday 9th September 2026
6:00PM - 8:00PM

Activities on the Day Include:

- Hands on workshops
- Meet our Senior Leaders
- Tour our School

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Lyndon School
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Open Evening

Thursday 10th September 2026 | 6:00PM - 8:00PM

Activities on the Day Include:

- Hands on workshops
- Meet our Senior Leaders
- Tour our School

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Cockshut Hill School
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#NothingButTheBest

Kids Village Fundraising Continues across our Trust

Summit Learning Trust and their family of schools have raised £21,813 for the charity 'Kids' Village'.

Our schools, College and Trust, based in the Solihull and Birmingham areas nominated the charity as our official charity partner for the 2025/26 academic year with all schools in the trust helping to raise money to fund building a respite holiday village for critically ill children and their families.

Representatives from Summit attended an event at Hilton St George's Park in Burton-on-Trent, where charity fundraisers, partners and sponsors were thanked for their financial support and updated on the progress of Charlotte's Kids Village Uk. The charity is hoping that families will be able to stay at Charlotte's Kids Village from next summer. The respite holiday centre is named in memory of a child who passed away from a brain tumour aged 11 and whose family contributed significantly to the project.

Vince Green, CEO at Summit Learning Trust said:

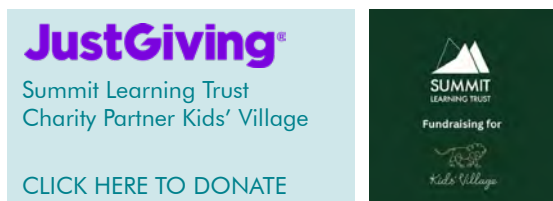
"I was privileged to attend the Kids' Village Charity event on behalf of the legends from across Summit Learning Trust, who have been working to support this incredible cause. What the Kids' Village team have done so far, in a short period of time, is truly inspirational, as Charlotte's Kids Village starts to take shape."

"I would like to thank everyone so far who has contributed to our fundraising efforts: we may not be able to change a diagnosis, but together we can create moments of joy, care and togetherness. I strongly encourage others in our region and beyond to support and advocate for this life-changing project."

Katrina Cooke, CEO Kids' Village said:

"We are incredibly grateful to everyone at Summit Learning Trust for their phenomenal support over the past 12 months. Every pound raised is helping with the construction of our first site, Charlotte's Kids' Village in Staffordshire. As the UK's first holiday village exclusively for critically ill children and their families, the village will open to its first families in 2027. We cannot thank the pupils, staff and wider school communities enough for believing in our vision and helping make this possible."

Our schools who are raising money from Summit Learning Trust are Cockshut Hill School, Lyndon School, Ninestiles, an Academy, Solihull Sixth Form College, Erdington Hall Primary, Kineton Green School, The Oaklands Primary School, Pegasus Primary School and Yarnfield Primary School.



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£21,813
raised of £10,000 target by
306 supporters

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Strong Sense of Community

As we reflect on this term, it is clear that it has been one defined not only by achievement, but by a strong and growing sense of community, resilience and ambition across all aspects of school life. From the outset, there has been a collective commitment to high standards, most notably seen in the continued improvement in attendance, which has risen above 90%. This reflects the shared efforts of learners and staff members in building consistent routines and a positive culture for belonging and learning.

Enriching Experiences

Throughout the term, learners have benefited from a wide and varied programme of enrichment opportunities designed to bring learning to life and broaden horizons. Experiences such as the Formula 24 engineering project, theatre visits and sports partnerships have allowed learners to apply their skills in real-world contexts, while newer opportunities, including the Padel Development Day, have encouraged them to step beyond their comfort zones and engage with wider pathways and aspirations.



Sport and competition have played a significant role in building confidence, teamwork and school pride. From football success at a competitive level to inclusive house competitions and a vibrant Sports Day, learners have consistently demonstrated determination and a strong sense of belonging. These experiences have been complemented by leadership opportunities, with learners taking on key roles within the school, supporting events, leading assemblies and acting as ambassadors both within school and in the wider community.

Examinations and Future Pathways

This term has also been marked by important milestones. Our Year 11 cohort approached their examinations with maturity and resilience, culminating in a memorable leavers' assembly as they prepare for the next stage of their learning journey whether that be further education or training. Similarly, Year 10 learners gained valuable insight into the world of work through their work experience placements, developing confidence and transferable skills that will support their future pathways. Year 10 tackled their first mock examinations with impressive maturity and focus, a clear sign of readiness to achieve academic success during their final year at Cockshut Hill School.

Alongside these achievements, there has been a continued focus on personal development and inclusion. Through assemblies, learner-led contributions and whole-school initiatives, learners have explored themes such as identity, respect and belonging, reinforcing a culture where every member of the community feels valued. Opportunities to work with younger children, welcome new learners and contribute to sports leadership and Trust-wide events have further strengthened this sense of responsibility and pride.

Final Weeks of Term

The final weeks of term have exemplified the resilience and vibrancy of the school community. Despite significant challenges posed by extreme heat, learners and colleagues adapted with positivity and determination, ensuring that key experiences continued wherever possible.

In particular, the exceptional performance of our learners involved in the ballet project at Symphony Hall demonstrated outstanding dedication and professionalism, reflecting the strength of our creative partnerships. This was matched by the outstanding talent on display in our production of Little Shop of Horrors, where performances across both evenings captivated audiences and showcased the confidence and creativity of our learners.



Beyond the stage, learners have continued to excel in a wide range of settings. Learners representing the school at the Invictus Games embodied resilience, teamwork and pride, while others played a key role in catering for the school's summer community event, delivering a professional and highly praised experience. A series of Geography fieldwork visits further enriched classroom learning, providing valuable real-world insight, while Culture Day on the final day of term brought the school community together in a celebration of diversity, identity and belonging.



As the term draws to a close, there is a strong sense of momentum and optimism for the future. With new learners preparing to join Cockshut Hill school, current learners continuing to seize opportunities and success being recognised, this term tells the story of a school that is ambitious, inclusive and firmly focused on ensuring every learner can achieve, thrive and flourish.



Erdington Hall Primary School
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At Erdington Hall Primary School, excellent attendance remains a key priority because every school day counts. We encourage all children to attend regularly and arrive on time so they can make the most of every learning opportunity, build strong friendships and fully engage in school life. We maintain high expectations for attendance and work closely with families to support children in developing positive attendance habits.



We are delighted to see attendance continuing to improve across the school and are proud that our attendance remains above the national average. This reflects the commitment of our children, families and staff to ensuring that children are in school, ready to learn and achieve their best.

Good attendance plays a vital role in academic success, confidence and wellbeing. To recognise this commitment, Year 6 children enjoyed a special reward trip to Edgbaston Stadium following their hard work during SATs week. They were joined by 30 other children who demonstrated excellent attendance and dedication to learning. To earn their place, children produced a written or illustrated piece inspired by their interest in cricket, showcasing both creativity and enthusiasm.

Maths Success at Erdington Hall

We are incredibly proud of our children's outstanding achievements in Mathematics this year. Through hard work, determination and a positive attitude towards learning, children across the school have demonstrated excellent mathematical understanding and fluency. Mathematics is a key part of our curriculum, with a strong focus on mastering number facts and developing confidence in problem-solving.

A key factor in this success has been the children's commitment to learning their times tables. Many children have become true **Times Tables Rock Stars** experts, regularly practising and improving their speed, accuracy and confidence. Their enthusiasm for Times Tables Rock Stars has helped to build strong foundations in Mathematics and support success across the wider Maths curriculum.

Looking ahead, we are excited to begin implementing **Ark Mastery Mathematics** across the school from September. This approach will further strengthen mathematical understanding, reasoning and fluency, whilst continuing to develop the expertise of both our learners and teachers. We are confident that this next step will build on our already strong outcomes and help even more children achieve excellence in Mathematics.

We are delighted with these achievements and look forward to seeing our young mathematicians continue to thrive.



**Mathematics
Mastery**

NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe

Children across the whole school were led in assembly by Ant and Dec from NSPCC about Speak Out Stay Safe. Following this, Year 2 and Year 5 recently took part in the NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe workshops. The sessions helped children learn about their right to feel safe, how to recognise when something is worrying them, and the importance of speaking to a trusted adult if they need support.

Throughout the assembly and follow-up workshops, children were engaged, thoughtful and eager to participate. They listened carefully, asked insightful questions and contributed positively to discussions. The interactive activities encouraged children to think about ways to stay safe, build confidence and understand that they are never alone if they have a worry or concern.

The NSPCC staff praised the children for their excellent behaviour, enthusiasm and maturity during the sessions. We are incredibly proud of how Year 2 and Year 5 represented our school and embraced the important messages shared. The workshops provided valuable learning experiences and helped reinforce our commitment to ensuring every child feels safe, happy and supported.



'Eggsellence' in Nursery

Our Nursery children recently embraced our school's 3 Rs (Be Ready, Be Respectful and Be Resilient) while caring for a brood of chicks. From watching them hatch to helping care for them as they grew, the children showed great kindness and responsibility. Saying goodbye was not easy, but they demonstrated real resilience as the chicks moved on to loving homes with volunteer families from our school community — who are now enjoying plenty of fresh eggs.



Library and Reading News

Our love of reading continues to grow at Erdington Hall Primary School. Children have thoroughly enjoyed exploring the many new books in our library, helping to foster a love of reading and inspire curiosity.

We are especially proud of our Year 1 children, who achieved fantastic results in their Phonics Screening Check. An amazing **83% of children met or exceeded the expected standard**, with some achieving a perfect score of **40 out of 40**. Their hard work, enthusiasm and growing confidence have been wonderful to see. Their success reflects the strong reading culture throughout the school, and we look forward to watching their love of reading continue to flourish.

Following its recent refurbishment, the library has become a bright, welcoming and inspiring space that children are excited to use. Designed with the grandeur of the **Bodleian Library in Oxford** in mind, it reflects our aspirations for every child at Erdington Hall to achieve great things. At the same time, elements inspired by Hogwarts bring a sense of creativity, imagination and adventure, making the library a magical place to read and learn.

We have also been delighted to welcome parents into the library for workshops delivered by Compass, providing valuable opportunities for families to engage with and support their children’s learning.

This passion for reading is also having a positive impact on writing across the school. We are delighted that **78% of Year 6 children achieved the expected standard in writing**, with external moderators agreeing with teachers’ assessments and complimenting the high-quality work taking place at Erdington Hall. We are also seeing increasing numbers of children achieving **greater depth** in writing, which we know is a result of the strong connection between a love of reading and the development of confident, skilled writers.

We are so grateful for the continued support of parents and carers in encouraging reading and writing at home—every page and every story makes a difference.



The National Year Of Reading

This year, we have been proud to celebrate the National Year of Reading and inspire a love of books across our school. A particular highlight has been the opening of our wonderful new school library, which provides an inviting space for children to explore new authors, discover exciting stories and develop a lifelong passion for reading.



We have also introduced our exciting book vending machine, which has been a huge hit with learners. Children can earn the opportunity to choose and keep a brand-new book, recognising their enthusiasm, effort and achievements in reading.

Summer Fair

A huge thank you to everyone who helped make this year's Summer fair such a fantastic success. The event brought together children, families, staff members and friends of the school for an afternoon filled with fun, laughter and community spirit.

Thank you to the generosity of our community and the hard work of our staff members, volunteers and PTA. We are incredibly grateful to everyone who attended, donated prizes, volunteered their time or contributed in any way to making the day such a success. We are already looking forward to next year's event.



Visit To The Mayor

Our school council were lucky enough to hold their final meeting of the year in Solihull Council's chambers. They were honoured to meet the Mayor, Sardul Singh. After the meeting they were able to ask questions and try on the robes. The school council have also received a certificate from the mayor which will be proudly displayed in school.



Enriching Trips

Our learners have enjoyed some fantastic educational visits recently.

Reception had a wonderful day at the Butterfly Farm as part of their Creep, Crawl and Wriggle topic. Year 1 had a fantastic trip to Kingsbury Water Park and the children showed excellent observational skills while exploring the environment.

Year 2 stepped back in time with an exciting visit to Warwick Castle and explored the impressive grounds. Year 6 visited Whitemoor Lakes for their residential and took part in lots of activities including canoeing, fire lighting, high ropes, archery and orienteering. All the children showcased incredible resilience, determination and teamwork to overcome challenges or fears.



Sporting Success

A team of our Year 5 and 6 Girls represented the school in a Trust rounders competition. The girls demonstrated excellent teamwork and communication skills, securing a well-deserved second place.

All of Year 6 attended Solihull Borough Sports competition on Monday. Everyone took part in a range of athletics events, including sprint and long-distance running, triple and long jump, javelin and shotput. Our learners showed great resilience and positive attitudes even in the hot weather conditions. A special shout out to Laila and Praise for achieving top 3 results in shotput and the sprint.

Year 4 took part in their cricket festival and were split into two teams and competed against other schools in the borough. The children showed great sportsmanship and Kineton Green even came away with the 'Spirit of the Games Values' award for it - scoring perfectly on each value. Despite the heat, they stayed really positive and had a brilliant day.



Vibrant Vocal Fiesta for Local Primary Schools

A group of talented learners from Lyndon School took centre stage on the 6th May 2026 as they hosted a lively Vocal Fiesta, welcoming primary schools from across Solihull. The event marked the first in a series of musical celebrations planned for the summer term, bringing together young performers in a shared love of singing.

Participating schools included St Margaret's Primary School, Valley Primary School, and Kineton Green Primary school, whose vocalists joined Lyndon learners for an afternoon of collaborative music-making and community engagement.

Lyndon's vocal group delivered a confident and polished programme, performing popular hits such as Titanium by Sia and David Guetta, Set Fire to the Rain by Adele, and Stand Up by Cynthia Erivo. The performance also featured inspiring mass choir pieces, with Lyndon learners and their primary counterparts joining voices for 'Permission to Dance' and 'If You Believe', creating a powerful and unified performance.



Sicily

On their recent trip to Sicily learners gained first-hand experience of the landforms and features associated with various topics learnt at Lyndon including volcanoes and their associated features such as lava, fissures, river landforms, settlement, globalisation and geopolitics and gained first-hand experience of different churches and cathedrals associated with the Catholic faith.

Learners used snowmobiles to traverse up Mount Etna and were greeted with spectacular sites associated with this composite volcano. Learners saw first-hand the main and secondary vents and were able to use their sense to experience the smells and sounds associated with this environment.

A boat experience was provided to allow learners to fully experience coastal landforms such as Caves, Arches and Stumps in Aci Trezza. A fantastic experience for all.

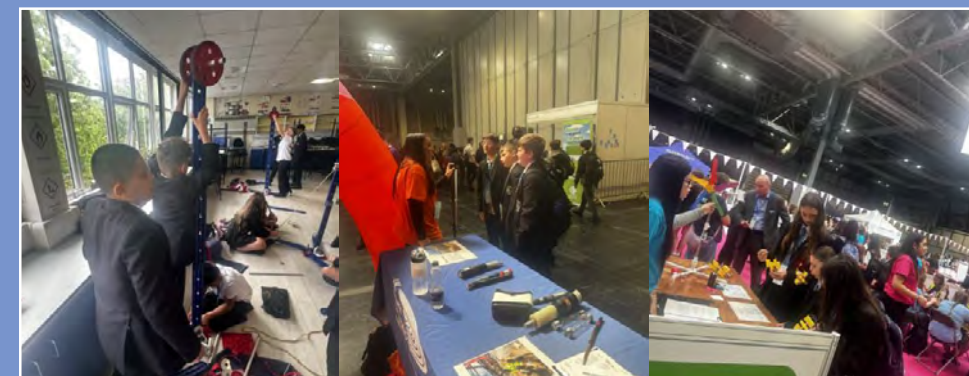


World Environment Day

Learners celebrated World Environment Day on the 5th June 2026 through engaging workshops led by civil servants from the Department for Energy Security. Learners explored key environmental issues while developing important character virtues such as responsibility, respect and resilience, reflecting on the role they can play in creating a more sustainable future.

BIG Bang STEM Trip

Fifty Year 7 learners from Lyndon School enjoyed a fantastic trip to the Big Bang Fair at the NEC. Learners explored exciting hands-on STEM activities, engaged with industry experts and discovered real-world science applications.



The day was a huge success, with learners demonstrating Lyndon's character virtues through their excellent behaviour, curiosity and enthusiasm, leaving inspired about future opportunities in STEM.

Learners Experience Magical Paris Trip

Forty learners from Lyndon School enjoyed an unforgettable cultural and creative trip to Paris combining iconic sightseeing with a touch of Disney magic.

The adventure began with a breathtaking scenic cruise along the River Seine aboard the famous Bateaux Mouches. As the boat glided through the heart of the French capital, learners were able to take in some of Paris's most renowned landmarks. Highlights of the tour included Les Invalides, the Musée d'Orsay, and the world-famous Louvre Museum, as well as the Concorde Obelisk and the historic Paris City Hall. The majestic Notre-Dame Cathedral stood proudly along the riverbanks, while the sight of the Eiffel Tower provided an unforgettable moment for many of our learners.



The trip wasn't just about sightseeing. One of the most exciting aspects came with an early morning start, as learners took part in an exclusive workshop led by a professional Disney Cast Member.

In this unique experience, learners were taught a performance of I Just Can't Wait To Be King from The Lion King, specifically choreographed and arranged for the Disney Parks. Adding to the excitement, learners were granted behind-the-scenes access to rehearsal spaces typically reserved for performers. This rare opportunity allowed them to see where professionals prepare for shows and even use the space themselves, creating memories that will last a lifetime.

Camping Adventures

What an incredible few days our learners have had at Biblins Youth Campsite.

We were thrilled to take 65 learners away for an unforgettable residential adventure, and what an amazing experience it was. Throughout the trip, learners embraced every opportunity to challenge themselves, make new friendships, and create memories that will last a lifetime.

The action-packed itinerary included paddle boarding, mountain biking, archery, a hike up Symonds Yat, and a walk to Monmouth. One of the highlights of the trip was our fantastic Sports Day, featuring an exciting obstacle course and a scavenger hunt, with plenty of teamwork, determination, and laughter on display.

When they weren't taking part in outdoor adventures, learners enjoyed spending quality time together playing card games and board games, creating a brilliant atmosphere throughout the campsite.

Each evening was the perfect way to end the day, with everyone gathering around the campfire to enjoy hot chocolate, tasty treats, and plenty of camp songs. There were countless belly laughs, stories shared, and unforgettable moments that brought everyone together.

We are incredibly proud of all learners for their enthusiasm, resilience, and positive attitudes throughout the trip. They represented the school brilliantly and embraced every challenge with smiles on their faces.

A massive thank you goes to all the staff members and our incredible dobbies - our fantastic learner leaders - whose hard work, enthusiasm, and support made this trip possible. From organising activities and encouraging learners to helping create such a fun and welcoming atmosphere, they played a huge part in making the experience so special. We are incredibly grateful for everything they did to make this unforgettable adventure come to life.

It was truly a trip to remember, filled with adventure, friendship, laughter, and memories that our learners will treasure for years to come.



Archery Fun

Ninestiles, an Academy welcomed Jamila Bi, Archery GB's Legacy Co-ordinator, on June 22nd to host a competition as part of Project Rimaya, an initiative to encourage participation in archery amongst Muslim communities.

Ninestiles was one of the founding schools on the project and contributed to the project previously receiving a Highly Commended award at the 2024 British Muslim Awards.

The club at Ninestiles is coached by our Vice Principal, Chris Guerin, who is also a qualified archery coach, and is open to learners from Years 7-10.

Learners enjoyed meeting Jamila and learning about archery opportunities outside school, as well as competing against each other. All learners received Archery GB certificates for their scores in the competition, and the Gold Badge was won by Sama in Year 8, who took first place after winning four rounds of matches. Our learners are looking forward to further competitions against other schools next year.



Young Carers First Aid

In June, we held a First Aid session for our Young Carers, providing them with a valuable and practical learning experience. During the session, young carers were taught essential first aid skills, including how to respond to emergencies, treat minor injuries, and help someone who is unconscious. They also learned the importance of staying calm, assessing a situation safely, and knowing when to call for emergency assistance. The training greatly helped build our learners' confidence and prepared young carers to support family members, friends, or others who may need first aid. Overall, the session was informative, engaging, and gave our young carers useful life skills that they can apply both at home and in the community.



Lord-Lieutenant Visits to Recognise Amelia's Outstanding Kindness

We were delighted to welcome the Lord-Lieutenant to school to recognise the remarkable actions of nine-year-old learner Amelia Walsh.

Amelia was initially nominated for the Young Active Citizen Award by The Oaklands Primary School (former school) after independently choosing to donate around 30 Christmas presents to children living in a local care home. She wanted every child to experience the happiness and excitement of opening a present on Christmas morning, particularly those who may not have family members able to provide gifts.

Her thoughtful act of generosity demonstrated exceptional empathy, kindness and social responsibility. By using her own possessions and money to help others, Amelia ensured that vulnerable children within the local community were not forgotten during the festive period.

Following her successful nomination, Amelia was selected as a winner of the award. The Lord-Lieutenant visited Pegasus Primary to personally recognise her achievement and presented her with a certificate and medal. Staff and children were incredibly proud to share this special occasion with her.

Amelia's generosity reflects the very best of the Pegasus community and shows that, regardless of age, everyone has the ability to make a meaningful difference to the lives of others.



New Nursery Provision Opening at Pegasus

We are delighted to be opening a new nursery provision in September 2026, extending the school's offer to children from the age of two.

The nursery will be located within a dedicated wing of the academy and will include separate, purpose-designed rooms for children aged two to three and three to four. The new environment is being carefully developed to provide exceptional facilities, high-quality learning experiences and a safe, welcoming space in which young children can flourish.

Children will benefit from an ambitious early years curriculum, delivered by skilled and experienced staff members who understand the importance of these crucial stages of development. The provision will support children's communication, language, physical development and personal and social skills, while developing the confidence and independence they need for the next stage of their education.

The opening represents a significant investment in the local community and forms part of Pegasus Primary School's commitment to providing exceptional education and support for children and families from the earliest possible stage.





The Oaklands Primary School
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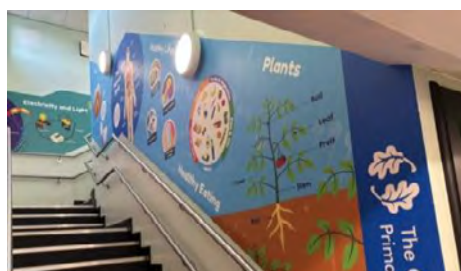
Curriculum Wall Wraps

We are excited to unveil our new curriculum wall wraps, uniquely designed to reflect and enhance our History and Science curriculum. These vibrant displays celebrate key knowledge, significant individuals, important events and scientific concepts that children encounter throughout their learning journey.

More than decorative features, the wall wraps are purposeful learning tools. They help reinforce vocabulary, support retrieval of prior learning and encourage children to make meaningful connections across different projects. By placing curriculum knowledge at the heart of our learning environment, children are continually immersed in high-quality educational content beyond their classroom lessons.

The displays also showcase the ambition and breadth of our curriculum, creating engaging spaces that inspire curiosity and discussion. Whether exploring ancient civilisations, influential historical figures or the wonders of the natural world, children have regular opportunities to revisit and deepen their understanding.

We are proud of these exciting additions and look forward to seeing how they enrich learning, spark curiosity and support learners in developing secure and lasting knowledge across the curriculum.



Meet our School Mascot Oakley...

Memorable Experiences

This term, our learners have enjoyed a rich programme of educational experiences that have brought learning to life beyond the classroom. From exciting historical workshops that immersed children in the past, to practical first aid training that developed valuable life skills, every experience has helped deepen understanding and build confidence. Visits to science museums inspired curiosity and wonder, allowing learners to explore scientific concepts through hands-on activities and real-world exhibits. Environmental studies provided opportunities to investigate the natural world, develop a greater appreciation of sustainability, and understand the importance of caring for our planet. These memorable experiences have enriched the curriculum and created lasting learning opportunities for all.



Engaging, purposeful and awe-inspiring Early Years

Our Early Years provision provides children with an exceptional start to their educational journey through a nurturing, ambitious and engaging curriculum. Grounded in a strong understanding of child development and informed by evidence-based practice, learning is carefully planned to build secure foundations for future success. High-quality indoor and outdoor learning environments encourage exploration, independence and creativity, while skilled adult interactions extend thinking and deepen understanding. A strong focus on communication, early reading, writing and mathematics ensures children make excellent progress. Combined with positive relationships and strong partnerships with families, our Early Years provision enables children to thrive academically, socially and emotionally.



Ofsted Inspection

Following Ofsted's visit in May, we are delighted that Yarnfield achieved the **'Expected Standard'** in achievement, attendance and behaviour, curriculum and teaching, and leadership and governance. We were also awarded the **'Strong Standard'** in early years, inclusion, and personal development and wellbeing.

Inspectors recognised the positive learning environment at Yarnfield, noting that children enjoy learning from the moment they arrive each day and praising children's excellent behaviour throughout the school.

The report highlighted a number of key strengths, including:

- **A wide range of enriching experiences, from performing on stage to visiting Parliament, helping children discover and develop their talents.**
- **Meaningful leadership opportunities that build confidence, responsibility and independence.**
- **A strong start for our youngest children in a welcoming and nurturing early years environment.**
- **Childrens' high aspirations and belief that their potential is limitless.**
- **Exceptional pastoral care embedded throughout daily school life.**
- **A commitment to ensuring every pupil leaves well-prepared for future success.**
- **Engaging and inspiring lessons that make learning interesting and enjoyable every day.**

The report celebrates Yarnfield as a school where children thrive academically, personally and socially, supported by a caring community and ambitious leadership.

At Yarnfield Primary School

"The youngest pupils have a positive start and adults help them to thrive in a welcoming and vibrant environment"

Ofsted 2026

Early Years - Ofsted graded **'Strong Standard'**





Yarnfield Primary School
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Sponsored Walks – Charity Fundraising

Our whole school community is coming together to support our Summit Charity, Kids Village, a fantastic organisation that provides holiday opportunities for families affected by childhood illnesses.

Children across the school are taking part in sponsored walks, with every step helping to raise funds for this wonderful cause.

Year 5 and Year 6 have already completed their challenge of walking to Kineton Primary School, while Year 3 and Year 4 have already completed their walk to Oaklands Primary School.

We still have more exciting walks to come, with Early Years set to walk around the school MUGA, and Years 1 and 2 preparing for their walk to Ninestiles.

Together, our children will walk thousands of steps, demonstrating determination, teamwork and community spirit while raising money to support families who need it most. We are incredibly proud of everyone taking part and thank our families for their generosity in supporting this important cause.

We look forward to totalling up how much has been raised and celebrating the incredible support shown by our school community for this worthy cause.

Enhancing Our School Environment

Over the Summer Term, we have continued to make further improvements to our school environment. Our corridors now feature vibrant new wall wraps and beautifully decorated stairways, which are showcased in the photographs below.

These exciting additions have already helped to brighten and enhance our shared spaces, creating an engaging and inspiring atmosphere for our children. As children move around the school, these displays support their learning, celebrate our curriculum and values, and contribute to a positive and welcoming environment for everyone.



2025/26 Excellence Rewarded

Solihull Sixth Form College celebrated student success this term at their annual Awards Evening at Renewal Solihull.

The College was honoured to host Deputy Lieutenant of the West Midlands Lieutenancy David Clarke and his wife Mrs Nicky Clarke at the event, as well as the Mayor of Solihull Councillor Sardul Singh Marwa MBE JP. They were present to offer their support to sixth formers, who were being recognised for their efforts and achievements in both academic and extra-curricular settings. Natalie Queiroz, Victims Advocate West Midlands Police & Crime Commission, handed out the prizes to learners and gave a moving speech at the end, in which she gave three pieces of advice to learners, based on the challenges she has overcome.

Awards were given for each of the A level, BTEC or T level courses that the College offers. Staff members faced difficult choices, as they were asked to select just two young people for recognition per subject. A range of young people were also honoured for extra-curricular achievements, including sporting success, exceptional progress and representation of Student Council. Shirley Lions were also in attendance at the event and handed out prizes for volunteering.



Five Outstanding Service awards were also handed out to staff members who are retiring this year. Michael Rennie (Business), Allison Sayer (Humanities) and Julie Watts (Social Sciences) were recognised for their service to the College. Joining them was Vice Principal Janice Hamilton, who has given 29 years of service to the College, and Maggie Allwood, who has dedicated 49 years to our College.



Careers & Higher Education Fair 2026

Universities, employers and apprenticeship providers descended on Solihull Sixth Form College at the end of June for the 2026 Careers & Higher Education Fair, offering Year 12 learners the opportunity to get a head start on their post-college plans.

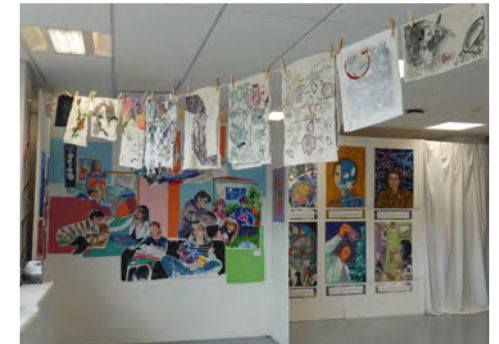
In what is one of the biggest careers fairs in the region, exhibitors took over the Sports Hall and Studio, with more than 80 stands for learners to visit, including universities such as Aston, Manchester, Newcastle, Nottingham and Warwick. They were joined by employers such as British Airways, Barclays Bank and Jaguar Land Rover.

A programme of over 50 talks saw visiting speakers come in to talk on a range of topics from Aerospace Engineering and Medicine to Criminology and Construction. Almost 1,500 bookings were made to attend careers talks, as Year 12 learners made the most of the opportunity to explore their post-College options.

Visual Arts Exhibition

Artists at the College celebrated a year of hard work by showing their artwork at the 2026 Visual Arts Exhibition.

A private view took place in June with friends, family and staff members invited to get a first look at the portfolios of work created for our A level and BTEC Art & Design courses. The artwork included paintings, drawings, sculpture, graphics, photography and fashion design pieces.



Awards were also handed out at the exhibition, including a Star of the Department prize for the student who has shown the greatest overall attitude and commitment, as well as four Independent Learner prizes and awards for the best live brief projects in each Visual Arts pathway.

Charity Rounders Match

Staff went head-to-head in a charity rounders match at the end of term. One team was captained by Assistant Principal Richard Hammond and the other by Assistant Principal Trevor Irving.

The match raised money for the College's Team Gambia volunteer project and it was great fun for all concerned too. Team Trevor came out on top with a 43-41 victory.



Outstanding Achievement Annual Awards Evening

Summit Learning Trust has hosted its annual awards evening at the prestigious Great Hall, University of Birmingham, bringing together learners, families, staff and distinguished guests to celebrate the exceptional achievements of children and young people from across the trust.

The annual celebration recognised the hard work, dedication and success of more than 350 learners, highlighting excellence across all curriculum areas and celebrating the many ways young people contribute to their school communities.

Alongside curriculum awards, each Summit Learning Trust academy presented two special honours: the 'Above and Beyond Award', recognising learners who have demonstrated exceptional commitment, resilience or kindness, and the 'Community Citizen Award', celebrating those who have made a positive difference to their school or wider community.

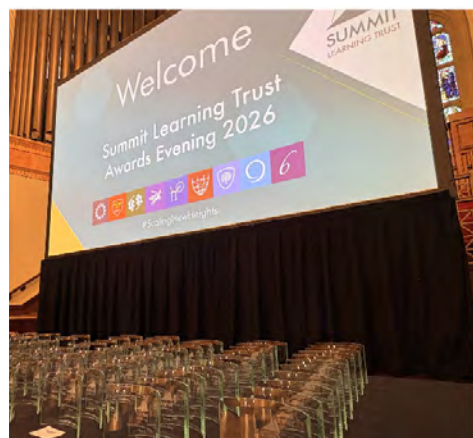
The evening also featured a special musical performance from a learner at Ninestiles, an Academy, with Izabella Swanson delivering a memorable rendition of Don't Rain on My Parade.

Summit Learning Trust was honoured to welcome Afzal Hussain DL, representing the West Midlands Lieutenancy, who presented the awards to learners in recognition of their outstanding accomplishments.

The awards evening reflects Summit Learning Trust's commitment to ensuring every child has the opportunity to achieve their potential and be recognised for their unique talents and contributions.

Vince Green, CEO at Summit Learning Trust, said:

"Our learner awards evening is one of the highlights of the year. It is a wonderful opportunity to recognise not only academic excellence, but also the resilience, compassion, creativity and determination shown by our young people every day. We are incredibly proud of every learner celebrated this evening and grateful to the families, staff members and communities who support them on their amazing journey."



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