

Nominate your teaching stars

Boxing clever at careers event

Welcome Window supports wellbeing

Thanks for everything Tim!





Welcome from our CEO, Richard Gill



Can you believe it?
Just two months ago, we
were in the holiday season and
now we're already halfway
through our first term of 2025!
Time flies when you're making
a difference.

At the core of everything we do are our wonderful children. Every single time we walk through those school doors, they are our inspiration and our purpose. This newsletter is packed with heartwarming stories that showcase just how much we care.

Stockland Green School has been awarded ADHD Friendly School status by the ADHD Foundation - and this isn't just a badge. It represents the incredible, consistent dedication of every single staff member who shows up daily with compassion and care.

We're all passionate about creating safe, welcoming environments for ALL our students. We know the work is never truly done but, wow, do we have some extraordinary people who go the extra mile to support our young learners.

As this year unfolds, I have absolute faith in our incredible learning family. Whether you're a teacher, school support staff, or central team support staff, each of you plays a crucial role in transforming young lives.

Some days might feel challenging but, when we pause and look back, we can see the incredible impact we've made. So please, don't be shy-celebrate your successes, both big and small! I never get tired of hearing about the amazing things we accomplish together.

Thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for your continued dedication.

Warmest wishes for 2025!



Richard Gill CBE - CEO The Arthur Terry Learning Partnership





Equity and access are central to the vision of Learning Futures and One Trust has delved into one such aspect of the initiative which has reaped significant benefits.

To empower students and staff in making the most of iPad, the ATLP's decision to provide every learner with a stylus has been transformative. This ensures all students have the tools they need to enhance their learning experience, while teachers benefit from new ways to model and explain key concepts.

With styluses in hand, students can prioritise the presentation of their work and engage in evidence-based practices to support memory retention and writing development. By writing rather than typing, learners are strengthening cognitive processes while showcasing their understanding.

The impact of styluses was brought to life in a recent case study video, created in collaboration with technology company Skriva, in which

students from West Coventry Academy, William MacGregor and Greysbrooke share how styluses have enhanced their learning.

Across both phases, styluses support efficient task completion using platforms like Showbie. Secondary students benefit from additional exam practice and primary students use them for creative tasks, such as digital artwork, to further showcase their adaptability to new technologies.

Teachers, too, are finding innovative ways to enhance learning. Greysbrooke teacher Harry Doyle said: "I use my stylus to edit and improve students' work by taking a photo of their responses and upgrading them in real time.

"This allows students to watch the process live as I think aloud and helps them understand how to refine and improve their work."

ATLP Digital Transformation Lead Richard Anderton said: "A huge thank you to William MacGregor, Greysbrooke and West Coventry Academy for their contributions to the case study and demonstrating the incredible potential of 1-2-1 styluses in action.

"Together, they showcase how technology can elevate teaching and learning across our Partnership."

If you have yet to do so, please complete our artificial intelligence questionnaire, which links to the recent Learning Futures Al Release.

Complete Al Questionnaire

Watch how styluses support our students



ATLP's partners enjoy a 'braw' Burns Night celebration



Cudos Creative owner Kate Curry (right) was all smiles after speaking at the event.

The sound of bagpipes and the smell of freshly-cooked haggis filled the Arthur Terry Learning Partnership's (ATLP) newest school when business leaders from across the West Midlands visited for an event organised by the trust's Partner Programme.

Dunstall Park Primary School, which opened in Tamworth in September last year, provided the ultra-modern setting for a traditional Burns Night meal, along with an opportunity for members of the ATLP Partner Programme to network in late January.

Partner Programme Manager Brian Davies introduced four new businesses - Ark Media, The Media Collective, Floral Jazz and Partners in Travel - taking the partnership to 17 in total.

He said: "It's great to see new members here tonight and our aim is to grow the partnership to 30 businesses by September 1."

The Partner Programme enables its members to foster connections, share expertise and support the educational community. Through networking events, partnerships and fundraising activities, it offers informal opportunities for professional growth, community engagement and educational advancement.

The programme's first ever partner - Kate Curry of Cudos Creative - then talked about her company's work with ATLP, outlining how the Sutton Coldfield-based design studio had helped shape the trust's

branding, messaging and inhouse communications across its 24 schools.

Afterwards, Kate said: "It was a real pleasure to speak at the Partner Programme event for Burns Night and explain just some of the work we have done to help shape ATLP's branding and messaging over the last seven years.

"It was also great to be at Dunstall Park, which is their newest school, because we recently helped design its branding, from the school's logo to the colourful area where children eat every day.

"ATLP's schools are at the heart of their communities and the Partner Programme helps extend that engagement to bring in the business community.

"Its social events provide great opportunities to meet people from all kinds of businesses in an informal setting, allowing you to make valuable connections while supporting a trust which always puts its thousands of students first."





Partners relished the networking opportunities and great hospitality provided.

Upcoming events include:

- May: ATLP Retro Olympics fun team-building through retro games such as 'egg and spoon' races.
- September: Golf Day at Aston Wood Golf Club.
- November: Business Lunch, featuring keynote speaker, at Moor Hall Hotel.

Do you know a business that would benefit from the Partner Programme?

Click here for more details to share.





Making our Young Voices heard

More than 200 dedicated children from across the ATLP have starred in the remarkable Young Voices concerts which have taken place at major venues across the UK.

Our students are no strangers to Young Voices – the cornerstone of primary school choir singing which began in 1992 - having participated for several years now.

The 2025 version once again brought together thousands of school choirs to perform in spectacular, high-energy shows - including around a dozen at bp pulse LIVE, formerly Resorts

World Arena - at the NEC.

This year, due to logistical reasons, our students performed on different dates, but the fun was every bit as great for the young stars from Scotch Orchard, Brookvale, Slade, Mere Green, Greysbrooke, William MacGregor and Osborne.

Annie Undzhiyan, ATLP Music Lead - Primary, said: "The Young Voices choir is a remarkable event, celebrated as the largest children's choir in the world, bringing together young voices in harmony and joy. "We are immensely proud of our incredible children who have participated in this year's event. Their performance is the culmination of months of dedicated preparation, involving mastering intricate dance moves, memorising complex lyrics and embracing every note with enthusiasm and passion.

"There is truly something for everyone. Our children have shone brightly on stage, with parents joining in with beloved 90s hits and being the biggest cheerleaders, and our committed staff working tirelessly to make it all happen."

Have you checked out what our new intranet can do for you?

We hope that many of you have had chance to explore the new ATLP Intranet which launched at the end of 2024.

The news and information contained within the intranet will increasingly populate to help staff in their roles as the intranet becomes the 'go-to' place for the majority of key updates shared by the Partnership.

Now that the intranet opens as part of a home screen for every member of staff, we encourage you all to take regular looks at the pages and see what is happening across our Partnership.

New content is being added all the time and the plan is for more new stories to appear on a more regular basis in the coming weeks and months.

You can view news updates and information and training dates from our governance, communications, estates, human resources, catering, IT, data, finance, health and safety and safeguarding teams. Helpful content connected to our Learning Futures and Futures Readiness initiatives is also now online.

We are always open to ideas on how to improve the intranet. What works for you and what doesn't? Please click the 'Submit Feedback' button below the news updates on the home page to do so.







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Don't delay - nominate your teaching stars for national acclaim Awards.

There are still more than two weeks left to make nominations for the 2025 Pearson National Teaching

There are 16 categories to choose from - covering the early years, primary, secondary and further education sectors - and awards are given at gold, silver, bronze and certificate level to both individuals and teams.

There is also chance for parents, carers and students to nominate people for The Unsung Hero Award, which shines a light on office staff, caretakers, playground helpers, support staff and many, many other people who make a huge difference to their schools.

Every eligible nominee is recognised by the awards organisers on National Thank a Teacher Day, which gives your whole school community a

great reason to embrace this initiative.

November's 2024 ceremony took place at The Brewery in London and was hosted by TV presenter Gaby Roslin, who was joined by Secretary of State for Education Bridget Phillipson and the ATLP's very own Member Sir David Carter. Also part of the celebrations was Jo Vaughan-Jones of The One Show. which celebrates the awards across a week of television coverage.

It would be wonderful to see some of our incredibly talented ATLP teachers recognised as shortlisted entries, so please take a look and nominate someone who you think is deserving of such an honour. Entries close on February 28.

> **Visit The Pearson National Teaching Awards for details**

SCITT goes from strength to strength



It has been a record-breaking year for the Arthur Terry SCITT (School-Centred Initial Teacher Training), which now has 86 associate teachers on board for its 13th cohort in 2024/25.

The associate teachers - the biggest cohort yet - are now well into their course and have settled into their placement schools.

SCITT Lead Paul Withey said: "With a new recruitment window now open, we have already planned in our upcoming information events."

A list of upcoming virtual and in-person events can be found by clicking the button below:

See upcoming events here

Paul added: "If you or somebody you know is interested in becoming a teacher and would like more information, whether you have just graduated or are looking to change careers, our information get-togethers are a great way to meet the team and ask any questions you may have!"

The next opportunity will be at Arthur Terry School on Saturday, March 15 from 10am to midday. Please share the details with anyone outside the ATLP who you think may be interested.

Applications for September 2025 teacher training are now open via the GOV.UK site below:

Apply for teacher training

For more information, contact the office on 0121 323 1128 or email northbirminghamtsh@atlp.org.uk

Help win free school meals for all

Your school may wish to lend its support to the campaign to secure free school meals for every primary school child in England.

The campaign, launched by the National Education Union (NEU) in September 2022, has grown to a coalition of more than 300plus civil society leaders and organisations, with many public figures calling for change.

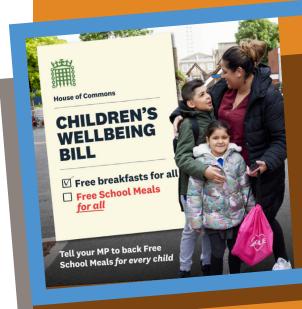
The NEU is calling on the public to support an amendment to the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill which, following two readings, is now at the committee stage in the House of Commons.

Tens of thousands of parents and educators are taking action in a bid to have the bill amended. Currently, the bill proposes free universal breakfasts to give children an energy boost for their morning lessons and ensure that no child starts the day without food.

However, campaigners want to ensure the Government takes the same approach at lunchtime by providing hot, healthy school lunches at that critical time of the day. At the time of writing, 39 MPs have backed the amendment to the

This Free School Meals for All rapid response toolkit contains templates for your school's social media channels, helping you encourage supporters to take action by contacting their local MP.

Use the toolkit here to rally support and urge MPs to act



If your school wishes to write directly to its local MP,

harry.matthews@atlp.org.uk

Click here to visit the campaign



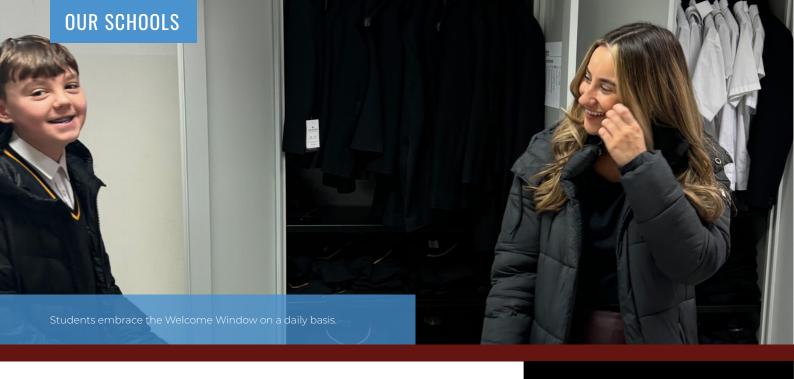
Gifted students at The Coleshill School proved their construction prowess when they took part in a STEM activity day.

The event, run by Leamingtonbased Smallpeice Trust in conjunction with HS2, brought together excited students to enhance their STEM (science,

technology, engineering and mathematics) skills as they designed and built stations and bridges of the future.

The Smallpeice Trust is an educational charity that inspires young people to pursue careers in science and engineering through events and workshops.





All are 'Welcome' to a helping hand!

An innovative 'Welcome Window' is proving extremely useful for Stockland Green students.

The Erdington school's Pastoral Leader Hollie Connaire launched the helpful project two years ago - in line with the school's commitment to trauma-informed practice - to offer pastoral support for students and provide them with a safe space at the start of the day.

The Welcome Window proved very popular and has since evolved over time, whereby students are now able to also borrow uniform and equipment from it.

This ensures they are prepared for the day and, in turn, supports positive interactions for both students and staff around school. This approach represents a nurturing response to issues of equipment and uniform and helps to ensure that students start each day with positivity.

Hollie said: "The Welcome Window is about much more than equipment. "It's an opportunity for students to check in with trusted adults and an important tool in supporting student wellbeing.

"The Welcome Window is crucial in setting up every member of our family for success each day."

The Welcome Window is looking to expand, to include a uniform swap shop. Staff have kindly asked for donations of old uniform that it is in good condition but that students have grown out of.

Stockland Green would like to be able to offer an ongoing fully-stocked uniform swap shop for its school community and, even though the school will continue to make uniform orders, any donations would be very gratefully received!

What do you think of the 'Welcome Window'? Would it make for a good idea at your school? Please speak to your Line Manager if you think so!





Thanks for the treats Raj!

Popular IT technician Rai treated his Coleshill colleagues to some tasty food treats in honour of the birthday of Gurū Nānak Dev Ji, who is regarded as the founder of Sikhism.

Also known as Bābā Nānak. the Indian spiritual teacher, mystic and poet introduced the Sikh tradition of langar the community kitchen of a gurdwara - which serves meals to all free of charge, regardless of religion, caste, gender, economic status or ethnicity.

All staff and visitors enjoyed the generous food items brought into school. Thank you Raj!





OUR PLANET

Horrific Hurricane devastates and evacuates thousands from their homes in Tampa, Florida.

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Guardians of our planet share their thoughts on 'TV'

A group of Year 10 and 12 students from West **Coventry Academy proved** their passion for protecting the planet when they made their own environment-based television production at the Sky Television studios.

The selected students made their way to London thanks to free rail travel from Avanti West Coast Trains.

On arrival in the capital, the budding reporters and panellists were able to make use of their own studio for the morning as they put together some fascinating content including important discussions on climate change, wildlife in Antarctica and public transport.

This unforgettable experience was topped off by a tour of the Sky Sports studios and a short journey across to Platform 9 3/4, which anyone familiar with Harry Potter will instantly recognise as the fictional spot at London's King's Cross railway station and the departure point for the train to Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry.



West Coventry



Click here to watch the video



Music is more than just a subject at Mere Green.

It is a cornerstone of the school's curriculum that inspires creativity and achievement in every child.

Annie Undzhiyan, Mere Green Music Teacher and ATLP Music Lead - Primary, said: "From their first steps in rhythm and beat using body percussion and untuned instruments, our pupils build a strong musical foundation.

"By Key Stage 1, they explore melody with tuned percussion and by Key Stage 2 they master stave notation and chord tabs, playing keyboards and ukuleles.

"With instruments purposefully woven into every lesson, all children enjoy equal access to this enriching journey.

"We also provide pathways for pupils to nurture their musical interests beyond the classroom. Clubs like the steel pans ensemble, keyboard and ukulele groups, along with 1:1 peripatetic lessons, ensure every child has the support to shine."

The achievements of these musical aces speak volumes.

Dea recently triumphed at the Lichfield Festival of Music, where she wowed judges with her exceptional musicianship.

Louis and Julian have also made their school proud by earning Merit at Grade 4 and Distinction at Grade 2, respectively, in piano exams from the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music.

Annie added: "At Mere Green, we are proud to celebrate the incredible talents of our young musicians, keeping music at the heart of education and fostering a lifelong love for the arts."







Students inspired by magic of Mary Poppins



Coleshill School students showed their talents on the stage when they produced three fantastic performances of Mary Poppins across multiple evenings in December.

Family and friends were treated to three wonderful shows as the festive season was celebrated in style.

Head of School Rebecca Brindley said: "There is endless time dedicated to putting on a show many rehearsals, creating props and costumes, planning the right lighting and practising the music and songs.

"Many weeks of hard work paid Jane, Michael and Mr and Mrs

off as, from Mary Poppins to Bert,

Banks, the whole cast worked really hard to provide fabulous performances."

The productions reflected a great community connection as pupils from Coleshill's local primary schools St Edward's, High Meadow and Woodlands attended the final rehearsal, which proved to be a really enjoyable experience.

Rebecca added: "It was great to see so many parents and people from the local community enjoying this fantastic show. Everyone involved worked tirelessly both behind the scenes and in front of the audience.

"The students who performed and contributed are so talented. I am proud of them all and I would like to thank everyone who came to the school to support and took part to make the show such a success."

Back Stockland Green's push for a zebra crossing

The Stockland Green School community is calling on the support of the ATLP family to back its bid to have a zebra crossing installed outside school.

Backed by the Clean Air Justice Network and the Erdington community, a petition has been launched by students and calls upon our local councillors and Birmingham City Council to address serious concerns regarding road safety outside school on the extremely busy Slade Road.

Key issues are difficulty crossing Slade Road safely, the volume of traffic inclusive of speeding vehicles and unsafe parking near school – all of which leaves students feeling vulnerable, overwhelmed and endangered.

A spokesperson said: "Every child and every person in our community deserves to feel and be safe in our neighbourhood."

Schools are urged to share the link to the petition with staff, students, friends and their wider communities as we look to increase support for this vital safety measure.







Super six shine at top tech convention

Talented Mere Green pupils starred at a futuristic conference to showcase how they have used the latest technology to enhance their learning.

The six children, aged 10 and 11, were invited to London to give multiple presentations alongside schools from around the world. Mere Green presented to an invite-only audience of international delegates, showcasing how technology has opened new learning opportunities.

Holly, Rijjah, Charlotte, Nusaybah, Lily and Charmaine showed remarkable composure as they spoke about the many benefits of our Learning Futures initiative during the conference, spearheaded by organisers of renowned EdTech event the Bett convention.

They demonstrated exceptional skills as they eloquently communicated the impact of technology in the classroom and provided live demonstrations that

truly embodied the essence of a learning showcase.

Throughout the presentations, they rolled up their sleeves and took on the role of teachers - supporting members of the audience in a hands-on experience of using green screens, digital music creation and transitional keynote presentations.

Mere Green Assistant Headteacher and Learning Futures Hub Lead Ross Newton is hugely proud of his pupils.

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"The confidence and professionalism displayed by our pupils was remarkable.

"All in attendance were thoroughly impressed by their confidence and enthusiasm and their ability to give live demonstrations and support delegates.

"We are immensely proud of their achievements and the way they represented our school community on such a prestigious platform," he said.





Year 5 and 6 pupils were inspired by a wonderful careers event at Osborne Primary School in Erdington.

The Primary Careers-related Learning Priority Project was organised by Osborne's dedicated Careers Leader and Assistant Headteacher Lindsey Lawson.

Lindsey and her guests captivated four classes of children with numerous engaging and interactive sessions.

Michael from the Career Development Institute helped children design an app to support a new school starter and the NEC Group's Angela Walsh opened young eyes to the wealth of roles within events management.

Victoria Phillips of Birminghambased highway, street and bridge construction partnership SMP shared the many possibilities in construction, including encouraging more females to join the sector.

Also part of the fun were dynamic duo Zed Choudhury and Syed Moosa from Birmingham's Support Through Sport who delivered an inspiring 'never give in' workshop, followed by a boxing pads challenge and hurdling.

Zed, Community Sport Manager at Support Through Sport, said: "It was fantastic to lead the children through our wellknown NatWest Thrive workshop - 'I want to be' - which explored future career pathways for young people, barriers involved in these pathways and how we can work together to overcome them.

"Following this, pupils engaged in a fun multi-sport session which included boxing combinations and testing their paces through hurdling."

Thank you to Lindsey and our world of work visitors for providing a wonderful morning which the pupils will never forget.





Safari adventures in the classroom!

A spectacular safari role play area has captured the imagination of excited Anna Seward pupils.

The wonderful setting in nursery has proved hugely popular as the youngsters learn about what animals they would see on a safari.

Children grab their ticket for the Anna Seward Safari, spot the animals and learn all about them.

Nursery Teacher Willow Hawkins, who created the safari adventure area, said: "I absolutely love creating captivating role play areas within our nursery at Anna Seward, where the children's learning can come to life.

"We are currently answering the key question 'what animals would I see on a safari?'.

"This has been magical to explore through imaginative play in our classroom. We queue up to buy a ticket, take a seat in the Jeep,

then set off on our safari and see what animals we can spot! We can even finish by buying a souvenir to remember our trip with!"

When asked about the fulfilment they get from using the safari area, the three and four-year-olds were hugely enthused.

Arlo said: "Our safari looks so beautiful and we use the cameras to take photos of the animals."

Alfie added: "I like the jeep and I find animals with the binoculars."

Lara said she enjoys playing with the toys and driving the jeep and Bel thinks it is great fun to grab the binoculars and look at animals in the distance.





The ATLP has bid a very grateful thank you and goodbye to Tim Sewell, who has retired as a Member having also spent a lengthy spell as a Trustee.

Tim has been a friendly, familiar and hugely respected figure as he has helped to shape the continued progress of our learning family for 21 years.

Tim, who was Chairman of the Trust Board between 2012-17 during a ten-year spell as a Trustee, talked to One Trust about the hugely rewarding experience.

He recalls: "During September 2003, I walked through the doors of The Arthur Terry School as a parent governor on the Local Governor Body. Twenty-one years later, on December 31, 2024, I (metaphorically speaking) walked out of those same doors, having stood down as a Member of the ATLP.

"My involvement for that length of time wasn't the original plan, but I wouldn't have missed it for the world. "There have been so many highlights that it is impossible to list them all, but some experiences will stay with me forever.

"I shall miss working with so many talented and committed people who voluntarily give vast amounts of their time serving on boards and overseeing the wellbeing of the Partnership and individual schools.

"As a well-meaning amateur, I shall miss working with so many talented and committed professional staff. I am still in awe of their ability - under increasingly difficult circumstances - to educate, guide and safeguard young people as they progress their educational and personal development journey."

Avid Cambridge United fan Tim, now fully retired, said it had been an honour to serve as the first chairman of the Trust Board during the early and exciting years of our multi-academy trust, which of course now stands at 24 schools and one teaching school.

He added: "It has been so rewarding to be a small part of an organisation that has been responsible for the ongoing improvement of all schools in the Partnership, hopefully with beneficial knock-on effects to their wider communities.

"Above all, I shall take away with me 21 years of fond memories, friendships and knowledge that between us we made a real difference to the lives of so many young people and their parents and carers."

Look out for the next issue of One Trust in May, when we meet our new Trustee **Amanda Daniels.**



New Starters

Central Team

Gavin French ICT Technician

West Coventry Academy

Amara Madni Teacher of Maths

Barbara Orchard Teacher of English

The Bridge Academy

Leane Somers Teacher

Internal Promotions

Central Team

Tsitsi Mushanduri Finance Manager

West Coventry Academy

Christina McLaughlin Associate Assistant Headteacher

> Samantha Tasker Deputy Headteacher



Nicola Lowndes celebrates her lottery win.

Lottery win makes Nicola's day

A recent winner of the ATLP Lottery has expressed her gratitude to the company and sponsors Zest Education after picking up her £125.

Paget Primary School's Nicola Lowndes was wowed when she received the good news following January's draw.

Teaching assistant Nicola said: "I was so chuffed to win. It's fantastic that the ATLP is able to reward its staff in this way and I would like to thank Zest Education for being so generous.

"I'm off to Budapest in the May half term for a girls' break and I've used the money for the deposit for that, so it's come in really handy!"

Lichfield-based teacher recruitment agency Zest Education is used by many of our schools.

Another one of our partner businesses - The Massage Company located on Lichfield Road in Mere Green continues to treat one lucky winner each month to a 50-minute massage.

January's winner was West Coventry Academy's Katherine Milligan who was equally thrilled to have her name selected in the random draw.

February's lottery winner was Katherine Nokes from the ATLP Central Team and the massage winner was Mere Green Primary School's Claire Cartmell, who said it was a wonderful surprise.



What did you think of issue fourteen of 'One Trust'?

We want to celebrate the achievements of all of our schools!

If your school has a great story to share, or there is a teacher or member of support staff who is championing our One Trust ethos, then please get in touch about potential coverage in a forthcoming issue.

Share your thoughts and feedback with Communications Officer Liam Moakes by emailing **liam.moakes@atlp.org.uk.**

Our learning family

Teaching School

Combined

Primary Schools



Arthur Terry
Teaching School Hub



The Bridge Academy



Anna Seward Primary School



Brookvale Primary School



Coton Green Primary School



Curdworth Primary School



Deykin Avenue Junior & Infant School



Dunstall Park Primary School



Greysbrooke Primary School



Hill West Primary School



Mere Green Primary School



Osborne Primary School



Paget Primary School



Scotch Orchard Primary School



Slade Primary School



St Chad's CE Primary School



St Michael's CE Primary School



Two Gates
Primary School



William MacGregor Primary School

Secondary Schools



The Arthur Terry School



The Coleshill School



The Royal Sutton School



Nether Stowe School



Stockland Green School



West Coventry Academy