



To our Ivy Community,

The year is flying by and I can't believe we're already in SATs week. Congratulations to our Year Six pupils who have worked so hard and are performing incredibly well across the Trust. And thank you to our staff who have done an amazing job in supporting the children and preparing them for this moment after two years of disruption.

There has been so much to celebrate this year. Woodside Primary School pupils won a gold award from the Woodland Trust for their commitment to helping the environment. Churchfield children got a surprise on World Book Day when they discovered that an old classroom had been secretly transformed into a library with 400 new books. The Equalities Team at Eastfield arranged for motivational speaker Stuart Lawrence to speak to pupils about how to use their voice for good. And last week, children from Eastfield and Brimsdown appeared on BBC London News, talking about the benefits of learning British Sign Language (BSL). We now teach BSL at three schools and are recruiting for extra staff so that we can offer this to all schools in our Trust in the future.

There are many more exciting things still to come. Four new primary schools in Hertfordshire are in the process of joining our Trust and we're looking forward to welcoming them later this year. We successfully secured £700,000 in funding for capital projects and each Ivy school will receive some of this allocation, so do keep an eye out for news of your school's upcoming projects.

Our Governor's Conference is on 17 May and this year's theme is aspiration. We have some fantastic guest speakers, including Mano Shanmuganathan, a Consultant Paediatric Neurosurgeon and former Churchfield pupil. He will be meeting some Year Four pupils at a special Ivy event in partnership with The Latymer School earlier that day. We're currently looking for new local governors, so if you'd like to find out more about this rewarding opportunity, please [visit our website](#). Governors play a valuable role in improving children's outcomes and helping to shape the future of our schools. You can apply to be a governor at an Ivy school even if your child doesn't attend it.

Children are now starting rehearsals for Ivy's Got Talent, which will be at the Wylllyotts Theatre in Potters Bar on 29 June. This event is to showcase the talent and diversity of our schools and it's the first time we've been able to hold it since 2019 because of the pandemic. Each school will be represented, and I know that the children taking part are already getting excited about it. It's going to be a wonderful evening and I can't wait to see the performances. Don't forget, you can keep up to date with our news on the [Ivy Learning Trust website](#) and on Twitter at [Ivy_Trust](#).

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