BRENTWOOD SCHOOLS CHRISTIAN WORKER TRUST
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A NEW LOOK

If you are a regular reader of the BSCWT Newsletters, you'll notice we have a new look this term! We're going for a more concise layout which we hope you will enjoy. Thankfully, we still have loads of opportunities to serve our local schools, so we'll try to pack as much as we can into these two pages.

This term, in addition to our clubs, assemblies, lessons, prayer spaces and pupil support, we are excited to be delivering our Christmas Projects, 'Darkness to Light' and 'Christmas Wonder', to help pupils reflect on the Biblical Christmas story.

As always we are immensely grateful for your support and hope that you will find this Newsletter encouraging.

Ian Kemble, Director of Schools Work

10 things we are doing in schools this term:

- *58 assemblies in 25 schools*
- *Weekly lunchtime clubs in 5 schools*
- *A 'pop-up prayer space' for 6th Form students*
- *One-to-one pupil support in 8 schools*
- *A 2-day whole-school prayer space event*
- *'Christmas Wonder' with primary schools*
- *'Darkness to Light' with primary schools*
- *11 'OT/NT Mini' lessons*
- *A secondary school Prayer Reflection Room*
- *Curiosity Trails (outdoor prayer spaces)*



Pupils at our 'It's Your Move' Project last term



Pupils considering the challenges of moving to secondary school at our 'It's Your Move' Project last term

CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

Once again, we have the amazing opportunity this term to explore the significance of the birth of Jesus with children in our local primary schools. Year 2 pupils will explore 'Darkness to Light' through an interactive 'journey' involving knitted Nativity characters and puppets.

Meanwhile, Year 6 students will experience 'Christmas Wonder', a prayer space event, mainly held in local churches. Four reflective zones provide practical activities and opportunities for discussion. We are thankful for our dedicated associate workers, who give extra time to help us reach more schools and pupils, and also for Evie, our Administrator, whose careful organisation makes everything possible!



Alison Carmichael, Schools Worker

JOSEPH'S 'DREAMCOAT' (and other assemblies!)

In our assemblies for local primary schools this term, we have introduced the Biblical character we will be exploring this academic year – Joseph! In our first assembly we learnt about his family, his strange dreams and special coat and the theme of jealousy. This has proven to be a very relatable topic for pupils to consider, and it has been fun to see their reactions to our challenges.

We have also had the privilege of taking assemblies this term at several secondary schools asking the questions, "What does it mean to respect others?" and "Could God be closer than we think?", which we pray will provoke plenty of thought.



Holly Coleman, Schools Worker

SPACE TO PRAY?



Our prayer spaces in schools this term have included:

- Over 2 days, a whole primary school explored how prayer can be woven into our daily lives using a 'Blessed Dip' and involving Year 6 House Captains as assistants.
- 'What size is God compared to us?' and 'Does God know us?' were questions explored in two primary schools at drop-in sessions using weighing scales, buckets and sand.
- A 6th form 'pop up prayer space' enabled pupils to consider remembrance and "Is God closer than you think?"
- And we had the exciting opportunity during the Global Week of Prayer and the National Day of Prayer for Schools to run a Prayer Reflection Room at a secondary school to explore prayer.

Frances Coe, Schools Worker

Comment by a secondary school teacher:
"The Prayer Reflection Room provided a valuable opportunity for pupils to pause, reflect, and consider the role of prayer."



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SCHOOLS MINISTRY SUNDAY...

...is on Sunday 7th February 2027. We invite local churches to use this opportunity to raise awareness of, and pray for, all the different kinds of Christian ministry that goes on to serve our local schools.

BSCWT QUIZ NIGHT!

Many thanks to everyone who supported our recent Quiz Night. It was a great evening and over £1000 was raised for BSCWT's work!

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VIEW FROM THE CHAIR

At the start of this academic year, we would like to thank Mick Bastable, who retired in the summer after many years as Trustee and Chair. We also thank individuals and churches for their ongoing gifts and prayers.



Our position is stable at the moment, thanks to your response to our recent fundraising appeal and continued monthly support, although we have not been able to replace all of Sue's hours. We have also received some funding from the Mulberry Trust and Joseph King Trust, and continue to pursue other possible grants.

Our accounts for 2025-26 are available on our website at www.bscwt.org/annual-report.

Sally McMahon, Chair of Trustees

HOW COULD YOU HELP US PROVIDE CHRISTIAN LEARNING & SUPPORT TO THE NEXT GENERATION?

PRAY:

- To receive our prayer updates and prayer calendars, visit www.bit.ly/BSCWTconsent.
- Join our Team Prayer Meetings on most term-time Fridays at 9.30am at the BSCWT Base.

VOLUNTEER:

Over 40 people currently give their time and energy to volunteer with BSCWT. If you are interested in joining our team by serving in schools or behind-the-scenes, please contact us at office@bscwt.org or 01277 523522.

DONATE:

- As a charity, we rely on the generosity of others!
- If you already support us financially, THANK YOU!

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