

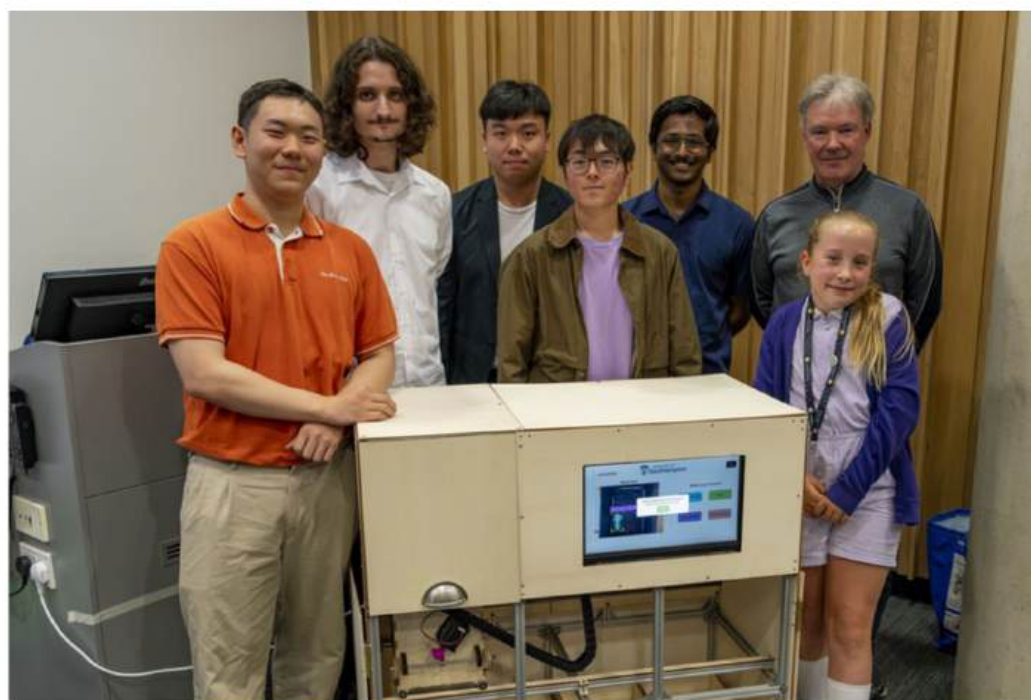


A family of 12 schools brought together by a shared vision to inspire over 4,000 children to Learn, Enjoy, Succeed.



## Highlights

These images give a flavour of what our pupils and staff have been up to in recent weeks.



Maisie from Evendons Primary School with the University of Southampton's Engineer Prototeam.

## Welcome

Pride - that's what I feel when I think about what our pupils have achieved this year.

This newsletter captures the breath of opportunities children have been offered in the last few weeks, and the astonishing achievements they have succeed in. Their efforts placed BPET in the top 7% of larger primary academy trusts in England (of more than eight primary schools) according to attainment figures: that means that your children are achieving excellence!

There is a lot in the pipeline for next year, some of which you can read in this newsletter.

Mark Greatrex, BPET Chief Executive

## STEM Fair 2025

The Evendons STEM Fair 2025 was a celebration of science, technology, engineering, and maths. The fair inspired young minds and challenged stereotypes in STEM careers.

27 exhibitors from a variety of industries presented including the UK Space Agency, Natural History Museum, and the University of Surrey.

Pupils explored hands-on activities like generating electricity on a bike, building a full-size go-kart and handling fossils.

## Evendons' Young Engineer

Last year, Maisie, from Evendons Primary School, won the Primary Engineers competition in the South of England with her inventive eco-friendly design: the 4 Bin Swopper.

Researchers at the University of Southampton went on to build a working prototype of Maisie's idea; the Engineer Prototeam even visited the school to share the development process, sparking excitement amongst pupils. The full prototype was unveiled recently at the award ceremony, as you can see in the image above.

## Minister and local MP visit Whiteknights

Climate Minister Kerry McCarthy and Earley MP Yuan Yang visited Whiteknights Primary School to celebrate its new government-funded solar panels.

The school is one of 11 in the whole of the UK to benefit from this initiative, which is expected to save Whiteknights around £4,500 annually on energy costs.

The guests toured the school with Headteacher Bridget Reynolds and joined pupils in a climate awareness workshop. Both McCarthy and Yang praised the school's efforts to educate children about sustainability and energy efficiency, highlighting how children are often the most engaged on climate issues.



Climate Minister and Earley MP with Whiteknights Primary School pupils and headteacher

## Parents' survey highlights

Thank you to all families who completed the annual survey. Here are some highlights across all 12 BPET schools:

- 93% of families strongly agree or agree that their child enjoys going to school.
- 90% of families strongly agree or agree that their school's values and attitudes have a positive effect on their child.
- 89% of families strongly agree or agree that their school develops their child's independence and responsibility.
- 88% of respondents are highly likely or likely to recommend their school to friends.
- 84% of families are satisfied with the leadership and management of their school.

Thank you for taking part, your thoughts are invaluable to the schools, as the data and feedback collected are used to support planning for the next academic year and beyond.

## Whiteknights' new kitchens

By September, Whiteknights Primary School will have new kitchens! A complete refurbishment is underway, with the project costing nearly £350,000.

This significant investment is only possible through BPET support, and we're proud to support the school in delivering this major upgrade.

## Maidenhead MP visits Braywick Court School

Maidenhead MP Joshua Reynolds spoke to Braywick Court School's pupils about the role of an MP and his work in the local community. The children asked him many challenging questions about politics, and how they can make a difference - future leaders in the making!

During his visit, MP Reynolds was given a drawing by a pupil. In return, he took the time to write to Albert to thank him, and even included a drawing of his own! (See Albert holding his letter on the left hand side.)

## New Nursery at Whitehall Park School

From September, Whitehall Park School will be able to offer a new nursery class to local families.

The nursery will open from 7.45am-6pm, for 48 weeks of the year, and will cater for 3-4 year olds. It will be overseen by Assistant Headteacher Jennifer Brobbey, and offer a curriculum designed to prepare children for primary school transition.

[Register your interest here.](#)



Viva el Arte day at Watling Park School

## ¡Viva el Arte!

Watling Park School hosted "Viva el Arte – Mexican Day", a vibrant celebration of Mexican culture through art, music, food, and language.

The event immersed pupils and school staff in the rich traditions of Mexico, encouraging creativity and cultural appreciation.

From colourful crafts to lively performances, the day brought classrooms to life with the sounds, sights and tastes of México!

## Miquita Oliver's skipping workshop

Kilburn Grange School recently welcomed celebrity Miquita Oliver for a joyful skipping workshop.

Miquita shared her passion for skipping as a low cost, fun, inclusive way to stay active and boost mental wellbeing. The visit was filled with energy and laughter as pupils and staff joined in, learning new techniques and embracing the rhythm of movement.

Miquita concluded her workshop by generously donating several of her skipping ropes to encourage children to continue skipping. (See image on the left).

## BPET Competitions

### Debate competition

Twenty pupils showcased their skills in structured argument, rebuttal, and persuasive speaking. The event provided a platform for children to build confidence, think critically, and express their views on thought-provoking topics. Special recognition goes to **Deer Park School's** team "Heart of It"; the school has now extended their winning streak to an incredible four consecutive years!

### Dodgeball Tournament

The new BPET tournament took place at Watling Park School and brought together nearly forty pupils from our London hub. Pupils competed in a series of fast-paced matches, cheered on by staff and peers. After a thrilling final, Halley House School emerged victorious and claimed the trophy.

### The Queen's Gambit

Our chess competition was held simultaneously at Kilburn Grange School in London and Rivermead Primary School in Berkshire. Pupils from Years 4 to 6 across several BPET schools competed in five intense rounds.

**Whitehall Park School** (London) and **Whiteknights Primary School** (Berkshire) emerged as the top-scoring teams.



Our newly qualified teachers, who trained in a BPET school, with their mentors.

## Our newly qualified teachers!

Congratulations to our first cohort of teacher trainees: 83% have already been offered teaching positions in our schools!

Now fully qualified, these talented individuals have successfully completed their training, and we're thrilled that many will be returning in September to lead their own classrooms across BPET schools.

Many thanks to all mentors for their invaluable support. Applications for 2026 open next September.

## Rutherford House School wins philosophy award

Rutherford House School was recently given a Silver Award by SAPERE, for their outstanding practice of philosophy for children, lead by teacher Mark Needham. SAPERE is the national charity for philosophical enquiry, a transformative way of teaching that develops oracy, critical thinking and metacognition.

The award acknowledges the hard work and dedication it takes to implement the philosophical practice across the whole school.

## British Dodgeball National Finals

Huge congratulations to Kilburn Grange School dodgeball team who came 4<sup>th</sup> in the British National Finals!

The finals took place on 4 July in Stoke-on-Trent. Competing against the nation's best, they proudly finished 4<sup>th</sup>, an outstanding result on the national stage! Well done to all the pupils who competed and represented their school!

## Schools Football Week

Whitehall Park School was selected as a trailblazer school for Schools' Football Week 2025, a national initiative celebrating the power of football in education.

Throughout the week, pupils engaged in a variety of Pokémon-themed activities that promoted teamwork, resilience, and physical wellbeing.

## Eco Green Flag for The Heights

The Heights has successfully achieved the Eco Schools Green Flag award with distinction - the highest grade!

Amongst the many activities, The Heights reduced their electricity consumption of 67%, and the School Bike Bus now involves more than 70 families.