

**Stronger Together: Excellence, Inclusion and Equity**

# Endeavour Together!

**Term: Autumn 2025**

## Our Trust

Endeavour Multi-Academy Trust is proud to be a diverse and inclusive Trust made up of seven schools: five primary schools and two secondary schools, both of which include sixth form provision. What makes our Trust unique is its blend of school types; four of our schools are special schools and three are mainstream. Currently, Endeavour MAT serves **1,714** children and young people and employs **531** dedicated members of staff.

## Endeavour Ambassadors of Excellence

### Cherry Trees

#### Rosie May



Rosie has wowed us with her bravery and resilience. Despite having to cope with various painful surgical procedures for her scoliosis she is always excited to come to school and works hard in every lesson. She truly embodies the ethos and values of Cherry Trees School.

Each pupil has been chosen by their school for exemplifying the school's and Trust's values.

**The ambassadors serve as positive role models for us all.**

They will each receive a special certificate, a £20 gift voucher and possibly a treat!

**Who will be nominated next term?**

### River View

#### Kristian

Kristian has taken part in a charity kick boxing event to raise money for a local person who is fighting an illness. The amount raised has not been disclosed but it is over the original target. Kristian won a medal during the event.





### Two Rivers Primary

#### Harry

Harry always gives of his best, contributes to the whole school community and helps all staff and pupils should they need it.

He has grown in confidence and now is an excellent performer and friend. Our school is a better place for having Harry in it.

<u>Tower View</u>	<u>Two Rivers High</u>	<u>Wightwick Hall</u>	<u>Christ Church</u>
<p data-bbox="204 174 336 215" style="text-align: center;"><b>Zachary</b></p> <p data-bbox="108 255 432 443">Zachary is an amazing inspiration to us all! He has continued to work as a volunteer in the local community.</p> <p data-bbox="108 488 432 748">He has made such a difference to others in our local area, and we are so proud of him. Thank you Zachary, for all that you do to help others!</p>	<p data-bbox="592 174 651 215" style="text-align: center;"><b>Mia</b></p> <p data-bbox="459 255 783 515">Mia is an amazing friend. She is always kind and sensible and has huge empathy for others. She is an amazing asset to our school.</p> <div data-bbox="488 598 754 871" style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p data-bbox="935 174 1007 215" style="text-align: center;"><b>Tom</b></p> <p data-bbox="810 255 1134 636">Tom is a great role model. He is a hardworking, calm, and resilient individual who always supports others and leads by example. His positive attitude and love for sport reflect his team spirit and dedication.</p> <div data-bbox="844 674 1098 940" style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p data-bbox="1262 174 1382 215" style="text-align: center;"><b>Charlie</b></p> <p data-bbox="1161 255 1485 636">For demonstrating perseverance, determination and a fantastic teamwork ethic to help the school football team achieve a bronze medal in the Year 3/4 football inter-school football tournament.</p> <div data-bbox="1214 712 1425 931" style="text-align: center;">  </div>

### School Focus

#### Cherry Trees

In the words of the staff: 'At Cherry Trees School, we believe every child deserves to feel safe, valued and **seen**. Our caring ethos is built on strong, trusting relationships between staff, pupils, families, and the local community, creating a place where children **truly belong**. We are passionate advocates for our pupils, opening doors to new opportunities that help them grow in confidence, independence, and voice.'

Let's get to know **Alison Garrett** (headteacher)



Favourite Film: [The Thomas Crown Affair](#)

Favourite Book: ['Empire of the Sun' by JG Ballard](#)

Hobbies: [I love to be creative. I enjoy drawing and painting or sewing myself a dress. I love visiting the theatre, art galleries, museums and live music events.](#)

Greatest Achievement: [My family and becoming a headteacher.](#)

Interesting Fact: [I had the privilege of meeting Queen Elizabeth II who visited an Art Lesson I was teaching! \(WOW!\)](#)

### Endeavour Children's Voice - continues this term!

I'm delighted to share that **Endeavour Children's Voice** (ECV) will continue to meet this term. ECV is a pupil-led forum made up of representatives from all our schools, coming together once a term to share ideas and make their voices heard. In the spring edition of this newsletter, I'll introduce you to the members of the group, highlight what they do, and share their exciting plans for the year ahead. A huge thank you to Mandy Whitehouse, headteacher at *River View Primary*, for her fantastic leadership of the forum. Plus, additional thanks to Holly Rigby (Assistant to the Executive Board) for the support she provides to the group.

### Trust Charity - A 'Paws-itively' Inclusive Initiative!

Following a wonderful suggestion from the *Endeavour Children's Voice* group, the Trust has proudly agreed to sponsor a guide dog, an initiative that reflects our commitment to inclusion and community values. We reached out to *Guide Dogs UK*, who introduced us to three adorable puppies eligible for sponsorship. Pupils and students across all our schools cast their votes, and the result was unanimous. We're thrilled to announce that the Trust will be sponsoring **Parsnip** for at least the next 12 months. A 'Pupcard' has been sent to schools this week. How cute is he!



Each school will organise an annual fundraiser and all the money will be sent to 'Guide Dogs UK'. Many thanks to the 'Endeavour Children's Voice' group for a brilliant idea.

### Trust DSL



We are pleased to announce that Nicola Johnson, Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) at Cherry Trees School, has been appointed as the new Trust DSL. Nicola brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the role. We look forward to working closely with Nicola to ensure that safeguarding remains at the heart of everything we do. Please join us in congratulating Nicola on her new role.

## Trustee Focus

### Glen Besley



Favourite Film: [The Godfather 1](#)

Favourite Book: [John Grisham \(any\)](#)

Hobbies: [Salsa dancer for 25 years!](#)

Interests: [Avid gardener](#)

Greatest Achievement: [Over a five-year period, fighting three different cancers, all primary sites at the same time.](#)

Interesting Facts about me: [I have been an activist for Equality, Diversity and Inclusion for over 30 years, fighting injustices and supporting fairness wherever I can. I am currently on the national shadow executive for BAME staff across the NHS.](#)

## Central Team Focus

### Aaron Addington



Role: I am the Trust accountant, assisting the Chief Financial and Operating Officer (CFOO) with 'all things finance' for all our schools. My work includes reconciling all pupil funding, preparing the management of accounts, cashflows, and control reconciliations. I also liaise with the school bursars in relation to funding, banking, and finance system support.

Favourite film/book: [Lord of the Rings \(for both\).](#)

Hobbies: [Football \(watching, playing and coaching\) shopping, music concerts and spending time with my two boys.](#)

Achievement: [Representing my school \(and England\) in an international football tournament in the USA when I was in Year 10!](#)

Fact: [I am originally from Milton Keynes.](#)

## What's been going on in our secondary schools?

### Wightwick Hall school

Some pupils in the Discoverers Pathway visited Perton Library and Woodhall Farm in Codshall. A great time was had by all, including the staff by the look of it!



### Two Rivers High school

Corey, Harvey and Angel won a regional competition and received a prize for designing and making a Bug Hotel during the 'Endeavour to be Creative' week. What a construction!



**In the spring, we'll get a flavour of the exciting experiences that some of our primary schools are enjoying.....**

## Message from the Director of Education

**Welcome to the first edition of our Trust's termly newsletter!** This newsletter is designed to celebrate the incredible achievements of our pupils and students, as well as the schools they represent. It's also a chance for you to get to know our headteachers, trustees, and the central team a little better.

I'd love to hear your thoughts, so if you have any suggestions or ideas for future editions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

***Wayne Simner***

**P.S. I'm hoping to get some training so the next edition of the newsletter can be produced using 'Canva' (who said you can't teach an old dog new tricks!) so look out for a new and improved format next term!!!**