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APT 2024-25 Newsletter for staff and parents

*From the CEO and Chair of Trustees –
September 2025*





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Stronger and Better Together

- Through collaboration we will challenge and maximise potential for our schools and individuals.
- We will ensure the agency and identity of each school.
- We will develop a climate which is open to change and development.
- We will shape the future by influencing services and provisions.
- We will use research-based evidence to improve SEND pedagogy.





Right Time Right Place Right Provision

To work collaboratively, sharing our expertise and resources to improve the quality of SEND education and inclusion across the schools in the Trust and the wider mainstream school community through outreach



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APT Priorities

1. Establish excellent systems, procedures and financial management for best value
2. Create a collaborative culture of continuous improvement to the benefit of all learners
3. Free school development and trust growth

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End of Year Newsletter

Dear Parents, Carers, and Staff

As we start this academic year, we want to take a moment to reflect on what has been an extraordinary period of growth, progress, and shared success for Ascendancy Partnership Trust last academic year.

We began this journey with a simple but powerful belief: that by working together, we could be Stronger and Better Together—not changing what makes each of our schools special, but enhancing them through shared learning, expertise, and collaboration. While you may not have heard a huge amount from the Trust directly last year, a great deal was happening behind the scenes, and we are delighted to share some of the good news with you.

All Three Founding Schools United

After an unexpected, staggered start, we are proud to say that Addington and Manor Green formally joined the Trust in December 2024, and Brookfields followed in March 2025. With all three founding schools now united under Ascendancy Partnership Trust, we are fully equipped to support each other in delivering high-quality, inclusive education for every learner.

Investing in What Matters

One of the most exciting developments last year was the establishment of our new Therapy Hub—a Trust-wide initiative designed to enhance the therapeutic provision we receive from external services. While the Hub won't replace or replicate NHS therapists working directly with children, it will provide consistent training, development, and guidance to ensure our staff are equipped with the knowledge and tools to embed therapeutic strategies across all settings.

We're delighted to announce that Miriam Gulliford will be leading this work. Many of you may know Miriam from her years working at Brookfields in her NHS CYPIT role. Her expertise and deep understanding of our community will be instrumental in shaping this exciting next step.

Celebrating School Successes

Each of our schools has had standout moments last year, and we couldn't be prouder:

- Manor Green hosted a spectacular inclusion event on 27th June, welcoming over 1,000 pupils from 25 schools to sing and sign using Makaton—a powerful celebration of unity and accessibility. Over the summer, building works funded by Windsor and Maidenhead Local Authority will create two new classrooms, set to open in October 2025, helping the school grow and flourish.

- Addington’s Early Years Centre in Farley Hill will be fully open and at capacity from September 2025. This milestone follows three years of close collaboration with Wokingham Local Authority, responding to local demand and ensuring more families can access specialist early years provision.
- Brookfields secured transformational capital investment following a challenging year. After extensive advocacy and teamwork between the school and the Trust, we are thrilled to confirm:
 - £600k for an accessibility project
 - Over £800K for new classrooms, allowing for 20 additional pupil places
 - Two successful Condition Improvement Fund (CIF) bids worth £1.59 million, covering vital fire safety works and a full heating system upgrade

This success is a true testament to the leadership, resilience, and collaboration across our Trust community.

Join Our Board of Trustees

As we look to the future, we’re seeking to strengthen our governance with three new Trustees. We are particularly looking for individuals with expertise in:

- Legal and compliance
- Estates Management
- Marketing and communications

If you—or someone you know—would be interested in supporting our vision and helping shape the next phase of our journey, we would love to hear from you. Please get in touch with the Chair of Trustees mark.trepte@aptmat.co.uk to find out more.

For more information on the role of a Trustee, please view the [Governance](#) page on our website and the [Academy Trust Handbook](#) roles and responsibilities section.

Looking Ahead

Last year was all about laying foundations—building trust, aligning values, and putting in place the infrastructure to support long-term growth. As we begin 2025–26 and beyond, we are energised by the possibilities ahead. Together, we are creating a culture of collaboration and ambition, deeply rooted in our shared values: inclusivity, partnership, and excellence.

Thank you for being part of this journey. Your support, dedication, and belief in our shared vision of being ‘Stronger and Better Together’ makes all the difference.



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