



End of Year 2026

As another year comes to an end, I just want to reflect once again on the fantastic achievements of our schools and children over the last year, and keep you informed of what is happening in our partnership of schools.

Children

I am so proud of our children. We have nearly 800 pupils across our three schools from age 2 to 11, and each one is unique in skills, talents and personality! Once again, our children have achieved highly in their learning; attendance is well above national averages; and behaviour continues to be excellent. Our schools offer more than just academics – we offer sports and arts and clubs and character building – but ultimately, we are here to educate our young people and ensure they are prepared for the next stage in their lives. As we send off another cohort of Year 6 children to their next destinations, I want to say thank you to them for their hard work and the outstanding role models they have been for others. Well done – go and be brilliant in your lives!

Sports

Our Varsity competition was once again a great hit with our children – pitting school against school for the coveted Varsity Trophy! Well done to Lake View who came out on top again! This year's programme included our very first **Partnership Games** where the top athletes from the school Sports Days came together to compete for Partnership Sports Awards. Children from all three schools were superb – competitive and focused, but also supportive of each other. This will now have an annual place in our calendar, and we intend to expand the range of partnership Sports competitions across next year.

I also want to let you know that both Blidworth Oaks and Heathlands have been awarded Platinum Sports Awards this year for their dedication to and engagement with Sports and Physical Education – the highest award that can be achieved. I'm also pleased to announce that Lake View has now worked its way up to achieving the Gold Award – a fantastic achievement to say that Lake View only started their sporting journey a couple of years ago. A huge well done and thank you to all our sports coaches and staff who support our sporting programme at the schools, and to the children for their hard work and dedication in and out of school.



Property Development

We continue to focus on investing in our school premises to provide the best environments for our children.

Roofing work continues at Blidworth Oaks during the summer break, along with the final stage on the redevelopment of the Eco Garden.

At Heathlands, there is a significant piece of remedial work taking place in school over the summer, and beyond, that will affect the running of school in September, as well as new flooring in the corridors and sports hall. Please follow this link to the Heathlands website for more information - [Click Here](#)

Following on from kitchen refurbishments at Blidworth Oaks and Heathlands, construction work begins on Lake View's kitchen over the summer. This will ensure that all three schools have state of the art kitchen facilities to support with providing children the best food possible. Information on this project can be found here - [Click Here](#). We now run all three kitchens at our schools and employ our catering staff directly. This enables us to take more ownership over food and menus - follow this link for more information on our *Partnership Dinner Menu* for the Autumn and for information on how we are moving towards meeting the School Food Standards, soon to be introduced by the government - [Click Here](#).

Early Years

We continue to focus investment in Early Years - whether that's in the environment or in training for our staff. I am pleased to confirm that we have now employed a **Partnership Early Years Leader**, Amy Fetherston, who, alongside the existing school based Early Years Leaders, will support the efficient running of our Early Years units across the three schools. Amy Fetherston will be well known to parents at Blidworth Oaks and has many years of experience of running successful Foundation Stage provisions, ensuring children have the strongest start before they move onto Key Stage 1.

Part of our Early Years focus has been the expansion of the Lake View nursery to provide 10 places for two-year-old children by converting a vacant bungalow on the Lake View site into an engaging and purposeful Early Years unit. The new ***Little Ducklings*** provision at Lake View mirrors the established ***Little Acorns*** provision at Blidworth Oaks. Demand is high for these nurseries, so please get in touch with the schools as soon as possible if you would like to register a place.

Have Your Say!

Last term we launched our new 'Have Your Say' meetings for parents/carers to come along and meet with myself and school leaders to discuss school issues and developments. It was great to meet many of you and hear about what matters to you as parents. We have decided to make these meetings a termly event, so please look out for information regarding these in September.

Finally...

Finally, I would once again like to thank you all for your support during the 2025-2026 academic year. We genuinely care about the experience of your child and you as parents and we want the very best outcomes for children across Blidworth and Rainworth. I sincerely wish you a restful summer break and will look forward to working with you again next year.

Mr Walker
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