

## Head Teachers' Bulletin 27<sup>th</sup> February - 2026

### Upcoming Events

2<sup>nd</sup> Mar – Prayer and Liturgy Coordinator meeting 1-3pm @ Pastoral Centre

5<sup>th</sup> Mar – DSL Network Meeting

10<sup>th</sup> Mar – Senior Leader Network Meeting 1.30pm @Pastoral Centre

11<sup>th</sup> Mar – New Framework and Foundational Knowledge Training\*

12<sup>th</sup> Mar – Writing Moderation Y5/6

17<sup>th</sup> Mar – Heads' Forum @ Pastoral Centre

### Actions from this bulletin

Schools not yet in the trust to let Anita know if you would like places at the Peter Heaton Session (11th March 4-6pm)

[Actions from previous bulletin](#)

### New Updates (since last bulletin)

#### St Clare Trust Inset Day

Thank you to everyone for making the Trust INSET such a success. It was wonderful to see the whole Trust gathered together and the army of people who made it a success is in itself a real reflection of the strength we have as a Trust.

We are working through the feedback and input on 'belonging' at the moment.

We have had a number of requests for access to the presentations from the workshops; we will be creating a shared area for these.

We are asking that you find some time for all staff in your school to be able to have a 30min conversation about the INSET day; Sharing what stood out for each person and also asking for ideas about how the Characteristics of Excellence can be used in their work in their school. This could be a whole staff discussion, or could happen in smaller groups or teams, whatever will work in your school. We will send a conversation starter to make this as easy as possible, but I wanted to give you some notice so you can think about how and when these conversations could happen in your school.

#### Heads' Forum – 17<sup>th</sup> March 8-12 @ Pastoral Centre

Please make sure that you have the next Heads' Forum in your diary for 17<sup>th</sup> March so that you are able to attend. As always, the first hour is 'off agenda' and a chance to connect and catch up. The business agenda will include follow up from the INSET day, time with Shared Services managers on development work across HR, Estates and IT and the usual updates.

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### Prayer and Liturgy Coordinator network meeting - Monday (2<sup>nd</sup> March) 1-3pm

#### Pastoral Centre

The main focus of this meeting will be organisation of a collective Trust activity aligned to the Good Shepherd Celebration on 19th May. We will also be continuing our development work around Monitoring and Evaluation of Prayer, Seasonal music and Annual Plans of Provision.

### Peter Heaton New Framework and Foundational Knowledge Training

Wednesday 11th March 4-6pm Hallam Pastoral Centre

Peter Heaton is running a 2-hour training session for three of our schools who are in the immediate Inspection window. This training is aimed at ensuring all teaching staff from these schools are confident around the changes to and the methodology of the new Ofsted framework. The session will be similar to the training Peter ran for Heads. \*We do have a limited number of spaces on this training if other schools would like to send a senior leader or teacher. If you would like a space, please let Anita know and we will get staff booked on.

### Maths Hub Opportunities

Please find attached the leadership opportunity for Early Years Assistant Maths Hub Lead, and links below for two other opportunities your staff may be interested in.

[Professional Development Lead](#) - information (this has previously been circulated in the bulletin)

[Primary Teaching for Mastery Specialist](#) - welcoming applications from EYFS practitioners.

### TWiTCH Programme for Nurseries - funded trial launch

We have been contacted about an EEF-funded trial in Early Years. Details are in the attachments if this is of interest.

### Learn Sheffield Strategic Courses

As part of the Learn Sheffield package we have bought this year, each school is entitled to two places on strategic leadership courses, or one place on an enhanced course.

The table attached shows our current use of these. Almost all Trust schools have unused places.

Courses with asterisks are yet to start, and colleagues can still sign up to attend these.

If you have not yet used your full allocation, can you please let Anita know

1. Whether you are intending to do so, and if so which course(s) you will be attending
2. Whether you will have unused places that we could offer to another Trust school

Deadline for returns please by **Weds 4<sup>th</sup> March**.

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### Open Workshop

Sarah Eady has shared a flyer with us about a Wellbeing training day by Jenny Mosely.

Jenny is working with St Ann's, and Sarah is happy for you to get in touch with her if you would like to know more.

### Invitation to Primary Schools -Our Lady of Guadalupe Relic – Hallam 2026

Please see information below from Rachel Wood.

In 1531, Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared in Mexico as the Mother of God to a humble peasant named Juan Diego. A miraculous image of her appearance was left on his cloak, which can be seen in the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City.

Following his visit to Mexico in 1979, Saint John Paul II authorised the creation of 220 digital replicas of this original image for worldwide distribution.

One of these is preserved in the Church of the Holy Child and Saint Joseph in Bedford, and on Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> of June it is coming to: Mother of God Church, Abbeydale Road.

Commencing at 10am with Holy Mass (optional) and Marian consecration prayer, it will be followed at 11am by an age-appropriate presentation of Our Lady of Guadalupe and St Juan Deigo led by the Guardians of the image.

If the one class from each primary schools would like to attend this event, please would they be so kind as to let me know by email [rachel.wood33@outlook.com](mailto:rachel.wood33@outlook.com)

### **Items from previous bulletin**

#### DSL Network – Thus 5<sup>th</sup> March

Our next DSL network meeting will be 4-5pm on 5<sup>th</sup> March. We will be sending an agenda out directly to all DSLs by the end of the week.

This meeting will focus on feedback from the peer safeguarding reviews and the work done with Sai Patel. It will include updates on some actions and plans arising from the reviews, including guidance for safeguarding governors, online safety policy, a proposal round safeguarding training and proposals around the single central record.

We want to move forward with actions and would like all DSLs to be able to be part of the planning, so please do make sure that your DSL (or you if you are DSL) can attend the network meeting.

#### Writing Moderation

This is a reminder that our writing moderation dates are as follows:

Y5/Y6 - Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> Mar

All of the moderation sessions will be hosted at the Pastoral Centre and will run from 2.30-4.00pm

Please confirm places for your staff at the moderation.