

3 November 2023

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**A Loving Place, Where we CARE, Learn and Grow Together**

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term. We have had a very positive start, with children who have been quick to settle and fantastic learning mindsets on display across school. I attended the ODBST conference yesterday, where we all shared our commitment to ensuring that the 12 schools across the ODBST were doing all they could to live our collective values with pride and to help us all achieve sustainability. I have included more detail on this below, but we will be sharing even more information with you in the coming weeks. Our Eco Warriors, along with Ayomide and Olly from Year 6, spoke brilliantly at the conference yesterday too, addressing the headteachers and trustees about what **our** children want the whole trust to do, to help the environment.

**Mel Nugent**  
Headteacher

## The ODBST Green Pillars and our Sustainability Curriculum

At the conference, there was an agreement that we need a shared approach to helping the environment across all the 12 schools in the trust. Over the next few weeks, we will be working hard to gain our Green Flag award, developing our sustainability curriculum and looking to implement some initiatives around school, to reduce the use of single use plastics and food waste in school.

**A huge well done to Ayo and Olly for addressing the conference so brilliantly and making everyone in school so proud!**



**5 Pillars For Fulfilling our quest for sustainability across ODBST**

- Community:** Learning about living our collective values with authenticity and pride. Every ODBST school has an annual school-wide community objective to enhance their sustainability and resilience, achieved through external partnership working.
- Environment:** Learning to grow a better world and biodiversity on the school site. Every ODBST school has a gardening club and school allotment/growing area. Enhance the biodiversity of your school site and surrounding areas. Focus on at every school.
- Curriculum:** Learning through rich experiences and opportunities. All ODBST learners have an entitlement to learn about sustainability. Every child will have at least 10 outdoor learning experiences, every year, intrinsically linked to their curriculum.
- Innovation:** Learning, Inspiring and collaborating. Every ODBST school attends the CTD program focused on Environmental Sustainability and/or Climate Change Curriculum.
- Climate positive:** Learning to reduce waste and carbon consumption across our Trust community. Every school has its own campaign to reduce water, energy and/or other consumption through staff and pupil behaviour.

## Parliament Week and British Values



Next week it is UK Parliament week, and every class will celebrate by learning about the 5 British Values across the week.

It would be fantastic if you could complement this learning by discussing them at home and finding opportunities to help your child really understand the need for (and significance of) each of these values.

**Democracy**  
Our opinions matter in school.

**Respect**  
We look after each other and our school.

**Tolerance**  
We accept each other's differences.

**Rule of law**  
We keep to rules.

**Liberty**  
We are free to make choices.

**British Values**

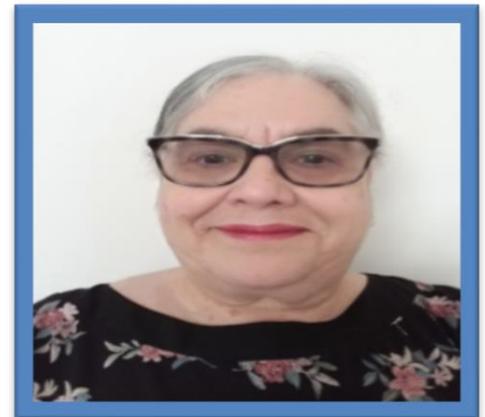
## Get to Know our Governors

Each week we plan to keep you up to date with the work of the Governing Body in school. We will also meet each member of the LGB. **This week, we introduce another of our Foundation Governors, Gill Rees.**

My name is Gill Rees, and I am a Foundation Governor at Christ the Sower School. I am currently a mature student at the Open University; a former primary school Deputy Headteacher and education consultant for the local authority advising schools how to best support children for whom English is an Additional Language.

I am link governor for the Foundation Stage, music and joint link governor for English at Christ the Sower. This year I have enjoyed regularly visiting the Year 4 class to listen to readers as well as visiting the foundation unit.

**Gill Rees**



## Keep Up to Date

### Autumn Term 2023

| November   | December   | January  | February |
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| <b>Tuesday 7 November</b><br>PTA Meeting 6pm<br><br><b>Thursday 9</b><br>School Photos | <b>Thursday 7 December</b><br>ODBST Choir Trip<br><br><b>Tuesday 12</b> Rocksteady<br>Concert<br><br><b>Wednesday 13</b> Christmas<br>Jumper Day and Christmas<br>Lunch<br><br><b>Friday 22 December</b><br>Last day of term | <b>Monday 8 January</b><br><b>2024</b><br>Inset Day<br><br><b>Tuesday 9 January</b><br><b>2024</b><br>School reopens to<br>students<br><br><b>Thursday 11 January</b><br>Young Voices Trip |          |



We are a NUT FREE school!

Please do not send your child with any food containing nuts. We have several children at our school with serious nut allergies.



**Christ the Sower Primary School Nursery**



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for 3 and 4 year olds**

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