



# Stronger Together

Community Newsletter from The Kite Academy Trust

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# Welcome from our CEO



Dear Parents, Colleagues and our Kite Community,

I am delighted to welcome you to the first edition of our **'Stronger Together'** newsletter. As we continue to work together as one Trust team and community, it's important to share updates, celebrate successes, and reflect on how we can collectively achieve our vision for **every pupil to be happy and healthy, to contribute positively to their communities and achieve academic excellence.**

The Kite Academy Trust is built on our mission to **work collectively as one team; sharing our expertise to ensure every pupil receives an excellent education and an equal opportunity to thrive and succeed in life.** This newsletter will serve as a platform for you to stay informed about how we harness our mission, vision and values, and the impact of our unique one team ethos, in the many Kite initiatives designed to ensure every child receives the best possible education, experiences and opportunities for social development.

I hope you will find this newsletter engaging and I encourage you to stay connected with us as we continue on this exciting journey of growth and achievement. Thank you for your ongoing support, and I look forward to continuing to work together to ensure your children are happy and healthy, positively contribute to their communities and achieve academic excellence.

Best wishes,

**Jeremy Meek**  
Chief Executive Officer



## Outstanding in all areas!

Folly Hill Infant Academy becomes the first academy in The Kite's history to achieve outstanding judgements in all Ofsted inspection areas.

Thanks to the commitment of our remarkable people at this exceptional academy and from across our Kite team, Folly Hill Infant Academy was graded as **outstanding** in all areas following a 2 day Ofsted inspection in November 2024.

The inspection report emphasised Folly Hill's consistently high standards that **enable all children to thrive and flourish**, recognising the superb quality of education provided at the academy and the highly inclusive ethos, which not only supports all children to achieve exceptionally well but to develop strong social and emotional skills.

**We could not be prouder of our Folly Hill children who consistently show kindness and consideration towards each other and adults, and understand the value of helping others.**

**Ofsted**

**Outstanding Provider**

The Quality of Education

**OUTSTANDING**

Behaviour & Attitudes

**OUTSTANDING**

Personal Development

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Leadership & Management

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Early Years Provision

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# Record achievement!

The Ferns Primary Academy achieves its first good Ofsted gradings in all areas.

In the school's **25 year history**, The Ferns Primary Academy had never been judged as better than inadequate, requires improvement or satisfactory overall. Following an inadequate judgement just 2 years ago, we could not be prouder of the remarkable transformation at The Ferns which has led to the academy being judged as **good** in all areas in October 2024.

The Ofsted Inspector observed the high expectations for behaviour and learning at The Ferns, which children rise to and, as a result, feel **happy and safe at school**. It is a delight to see recognition given to the respectful behaviour that now permeates throughout The Ferns and enables pupils to focus on learning without any distractions, listen well and work hard.

We are particularly proud that the broad and ambitious Kite curriculum was recognised, along with high aspirations for all pupils, both of which are making a real difference to pupils' learning and lives. **Our wonderful pupils at The Ferns embody our core values and demonstrate positive attitudes to learning, determination and perseverance to be successful.**

What our Kite team at The Ferns, and colleagues from across the Trust, have achieved for the pupils and the wider community, in such a short space of time, is quite simply exceptional! So much so that, with the support of our local MP - Alex Baker - the academy received recognition from the Minister for School Standards and a special mention in the House of Commons! [Click the link below to watch the video.](#)



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Alex Baker MP

Dear Alex,

I am writing in response to a letter from the Leader of the Opposition following your Business Question on 12 December 2024 regarding the Ferns Primary Academy. I am replying as the Minister for School Standards.



Last week I visited the Ferns primary academy who I'm pleased

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# Kite Stronger Communities Project

## Our vision

As the Trust Leader for Personal Development at The Kite Academy Trust, I am delighted to introduce you to the **Kite Stronger Communities Project** - a heartfelt initiative that embodies our aspiration for meaningful collaboration and change.

At The Kite, we believe a multi-academy trust should be more than just an educational institution; it should be a cornerstone of the community. Our aim is to become a trusted, invaluable resource that uplifts, supports, and empowers those we serve.

Education is just the beginning - our commitment extends far beyond the classroom as we strive to make a lasting, positive impact on the lives of our children, their families, and the wider community. Together, through this project, we can build something truly special - a network of support, opportunity, and shared purpose. **I can't wait to embark on this journey with you.**



Jo Ford



The Kite community is a vibrant and diverse network that brings together everyone connected to our academies - children, teachers, staff, parents, families, and local residents - all united by a shared passion for education and success. **We stand together with a common goal: to nurture, inspire, and support the education of our children.**



# Our Kite Community Partners

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## Team Around the Trust

We are excited to have teamed up with Surrey County Council to launch 'Team Around the Trust'. Together, we will be exploring ways to collaborate and further support our communities. Your feedback will be vital to developing the support that is available, so please do participate in the upcoming Kite survey.

  
**SURREY**  
COUNTY COUNCIL



## Stripey Stork

We are privileged to have partnered with Stripey Stork, an organisation that offers support to families who are experiencing hardship by providing the essential items they need for their children.

Through their 'School Days' initiative, Stripey Stork seeks to remove family circumstances as a barrier to children's engagement with - and enjoyment of - school life. Stripey Stork strives to support as many families as possible with supplies to ensure that all children are ready for school, such as:

- non-branded school uniform
- school bags
- PE kit and trainers
- school shoes
- coats
- stationery
- items for school residential or trips.

Other essential items are also available, such as cots, bedding, buggies, stairgates, toys, books, toiletries, clothing and shoes for babies and children aged 0 - 18 years.

**If there are items that your family needs, please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's academy who will be able to connect you with Stripey Stork's services.**

For more information about Stripey Stork, including information on how you can support their work, please visit [www.stripeystork.org.uk](http://www.stripeystork.org.uk)

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### Fins Swimming Club

Thanks to Kite's partnership with [Fins Swimming Club](#), many of our academies have, or will have, facilitated swimming lessons for Year 5 children using our wonderful swimming pool at The Ferns Primary Academy.



Additionally, through this partnership, free top-up sessions have been made available for Year 6 children who have not yet met the National Curriculum requirement of swimming 25 metres by the end of Key Stage 2. This is a fantastic opportunity for our children to master this vital life skill and our sincerest thanks go to the team at Fins Swimming Club.

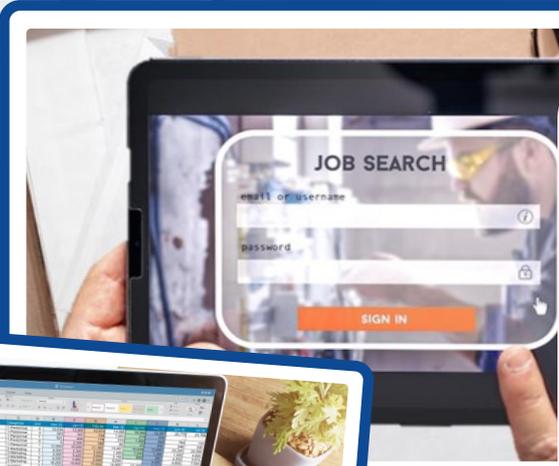
# Kite Stronger Communities Week

## Kite Stronger Communities Week

We are excited to announce the launch of our very first **Kite Stronger Communities Week**, taking place from **30<sup>th</sup> June to 4<sup>th</sup> July!**

Throughout this week, the children and staff in all our academies will be stepping beyond the classroom and into the heart of our local communities, offering meaningful support and making a real difference. From litter-picking in parks to bringing joy to residents at local care homes, our pupils and staff will be taking part in a variety of initiatives aimed at creating a positive and lasting impact. This is a fantastic opportunity to give back, strengthen community ties, and inspire a spirit of service.

**Stay tuned for more details on the incredible activities each academy will be undertaking - we can't wait to share their efforts with you!**



It is not just our academies that will be participating in **Kite Stronger Communities Week**, our Business Services Teams will also be offering their expertise to the community free of charge. Here's just a few of the things on offer:

- Expert HR advice for job searches, to help with the next step in your career.
- Practical budgeting tips from our Finance Team, to help you manage your finances with confidence.
- Insightful pointers on using your camera phone from our IT Team, to help you unlock its full potential and capture stunning photos like a pro!

**More details about our Kite Stronger Communities Week and services on offer will be shared with you soon!**



# Kite Stronger Communities Project



Our Estates team are also sharing their skills with the community, including collaborating with Surrey County Council to monitor air quality around The Grove Primary Academy.

The team have worked to clear grounds at Hale Community Centre and will be supporting St Peters Church in Frimley with their grounds maintenance.

The team also re-homed a piano that was no longer useable at Sandringham, delivering it to a local assisted living complex, which the residents were delighted to receive.



**Our IT Team are currently implementing an initiative to repurpose older laptops and iPads, by fully refurbishing these devices to make them available for you, our Kite community.**

**While their classroom days may be over, these devices are perfect for everyday tasks such as web browsing, internet banking, creating documents and more!**

**Further information on how you can borrow one of these devices, free-of-charge, will be shared soon.**

# Estates Projects

We are proud to share with you an update on a number of Estates projects that have been completed across the Trust this academic year, supported at every stage by our fantastic Kite Estates Team.



At Holly Lodge, as part of a fully funded initiative, this year we have completed a new classroom build for Year 4 and opened an extended and refurbished office space for our Kite Business Services Teams.

We are delighted to have had the opportunity to provide these new learning environments for our pupils, as well as a dedicated work space for our superb Business Services colleagues.



As many of you will be aware from the news, there has been a national focus in recent years on identifying and remediating RAAC (reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete) in many public buildings. At The Grove, after swift identification by our Estates Team and a close-working partnership with the Department for Education, we are delighted to have successfully completed the extensive remediation project and re-opened the affected areas of the academy for our pupils.



# Our Values

Last term, through collaboration with our pupils, colleagues and governance stakeholders, we introduced two new values for our multi-academy trust: **positivity** and **resilience**.

Along with our existing values of aspiration, integrity and respect, our academies have spent time discussing these values with our pupils and focussing on how they can be applied to their school life.

## Positivity

We look for the good in everything and everyone



## Integrity

We always try to make good choices, even when no one is watching



## Resilience

If at first we don't succeed, we try and try again



## Respect

We are kind to everyone and treat them the way we want to be treated



## Aspiration

We believe we can be the best we can be



## Your Voice

At The Kite Academy Trust, we are always striving to improve our provision for our pupils and families, to ensure that every child receives the best possible education, experiences and opportunities. In support of this, we are excited to launch **Your Voice** - the biggest and broadest feedback survey that we have undertaken.

We are keen to hear the views of our colleagues, pupils and parents, which will provide valuable insight to help guide our planning and decision-making as we continue in the pursuit of our vision - *for every pupil to be happy and healthy; to contribute positively to their communities and achieve academic excellence.*

Your views are incredibly important to us, and we would greatly appreciate your time in completing the survey. **Please look out for more information about the survey that will be shared with you soon.**