



Annual brochure 2026

Welcome from the CEO

It is with immense pride and gratitude that I welcome you to our first annual brochure celebrating Catalyst Academies Trust. This publication offers an opportunity to reflect on our journey, recognise our achievements, and reaffirm our shared commitment to transforming young lives through education.

Since our formation, Catalyst Academies Trust has been driven by a simple yet powerful purpose: to create exceptional learning environments where every child can thrive, succeed, and realise their full potential. Our academies are united by a common ethos – a belief that high-quality education, strong values, and a nurturing community can together unlock opportunity for all.

Over the years, we have seen remarkable progress across our Trust. This success is not the result of any one individual or initiative, but of the collective dedication of our staff, the enthusiasm of our pupils, and the unwavering support of our communities. It is their commitment that has shaped our schools into places where ambition is encouraged, achievement is celebrated, and futures are built.

At the heart of Catalyst Academies Trust is a deep belief in collaboration. By working together—sharing expertise, supporting one another, and continually striving for improvement—we have created a culture that enables both staff and pupils to flourish. This spirit of partnership remains central to our vision as we continue to grow and evolve.

As we look ahead, we remain ambitious for every child in our care. We will continue to invest in our people, strengthen our provision, and embrace innovation, ensuring that our academies remain dynamic, inclusive, and forward-thinking centres of excellence.

Thank you for taking the time to explore this brochure and celebrate with us. Together, we are shaping the future—one child, one school, and one community at a time.

Mr T Parfett



Trust performance



The 2026 Key Stage 2 outcomes across Catalyst Academies Trust reflect the dedication, resilience and ambition of our pupils, staff and families. As shown in the accompanying data table, our Year 6 children have achieved a set of results that we are incredibly proud to celebrate.

These outcomes are derived from the SATs which all Year 6 children sit in May each year and give an indication of their progress during primary school and their readiness for secondary school. They are the culmination of years of hard work, determination and a genuine love of learning.

We are especially proud of the comparison to national averages, at both 'Age Related Expectations' and 'Greater Depth' which makes clear the scale of the achievement. It is also true that within Catalyst Schools, disadvantaged children perform equally as well as other children, proving that our schools approach removes barriers to learning.

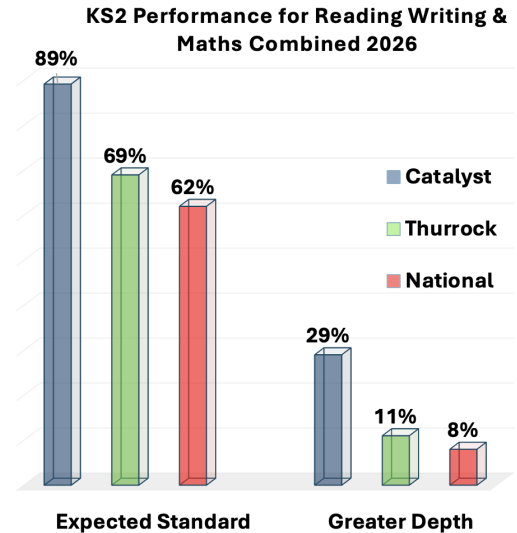


Trust performance

As our Year 6 pupils prepare for the next stage of their education, they do so with strong foundations for future success. We congratulate every child on their achievements and thank parents, carers and staff for their continued partnership. Together, these results demonstrate the strength of our family of schools and our shared commitment to educational excellence.

Subject	National at Expected Standard	CAT at Expected Standard	National Greater Depth	CAT Greater Depth Standard
Reading	75%	92%	33%	52%
Writing	73%	92%	13%	46%
Mathematics	75%	94%	26%	53%
GPS	74%	91%	30%	50%

*Data from 2025



Catalyst Cup Events



Catalyst Cup Events – A Fantastic Summer Term

The summer term has been packed with exciting Catalyst events, with hundreds of children representing their schools across the Trust. These events have provided wonderful opportunities for pupils to challenge themselves, work as part of a team and celebrate their achievements in a wide range of disciplines.

Catalyst Cup Event for Children with Special Educational Needs

This fully inclusive event focused on enjoyment, participation and building confidence. Pupils took part in a supportive environment where every child was encouraged to succeed and celebrate their achievements.

1 Somers Heath Primary



2 Quarry Hill Academy



3 Aveley Primary



Catalyst Cup Events

Cricket

Schools from across the Trust came together for an day of cricket, demonstrating excellent teamwork, determination and sportsmanship. There were some impressive batting performances, great fielding and plenty of enthusiasm on display.

1 Aveley Primary



2 Benyon Primary



3 Somers Heath Primary



Catalyst Cup Events

Poetry competition

Pupils captivated the audience with a wonderful selection of poetry performances. Whether performing individually or as part of a group, children demonstrated creativity, expression and confidence, making this a memorable event for all involved.

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Somers Heath Primary



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Dilkes Academy



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Aveley Primary



Catalyst Cup Events



Mathletics

Teams of talented mathematicians worked collaboratively to solve a range of challenging problems, showcasing logical thinking, resilience and teamwork throughout the competition.

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Aveley Primary



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Quarry Hill Academy



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Benyon Primary



Catalyst Cup Events



Catalyst Olympics

The Blackshots Athletics Stadium was the venue for our annual Catalyst Olympics event, the peak of the athletics season for our schools. With hundreds of children present, representing the five Catalyst schools, many parents supporting in the stands and around the track and over 40 events taking place, this was a massive celebration of sport across Catalyst.

Each school had a number of individual winners in track and field events, with each place earning points towards the overall total. The racing was competitive throughout but all participants demonstrated excellent sportsmanship along side their athletic ability.

At the end of the morning, the results were announced and the trophies presented by My Parfett, Trust CEO. Dilkes won the Sportsmanship award and Benyon were the overall winners. Well done to everyone who took part and thank you to everyone who worked hard to make such a large event run so smoothly.

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Benyon Primary



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Quarry Hill Academy



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Dilkes Academy



Catalyst Cup Events



School		Gold	Silver	Bronze
Benyon Primary		2	2	2
Aveley Primary		3	1	1
Quarry Hill Academy		1	3	1



Benyon Primary - winning team



Catalyst Community Awards



Each term we recognise pupils across our schools who demonstrate exceptional effort, achievement, and commitment to the values of Catalyst Academies Trust.



Grace

Congratulations to Grace on achieving her Catalyst Community Silver Award! Throughout the award, they have demonstrated kindness, thoughtfulness and a strong commitment to supporting others. Their activities included treating their mum to a special Mother's Day breakfast and tea in bed, enjoying quality family time camping in the garden, and strengthening family connections by writing letters to relatives. These wonderful acts of care and community spirit reflect the values of the Catalyst Community Award and showcase their dedication to making a positive difference to those around them. Well done on this fantastic achievement!



Sadie

Sadie at Somers Heath has achieved her Rainbow award. She has tried horse riding, learned to say hello in three new languages and learned new skills while helping her mum. Sadie says that some of the activities she has completed for the award have made her feel proud and happy, although some of the new things she tried made her feel nervous.



Catalyst Community Awards



Freddie

Freddie was the first person to complete the Catalyst Community Award at Aveley Primary, achieving the Bronze award. Judging by the book he produced with his family to demonstrate how he completed the challenges; he had a great time completing all the activities. Freddie learnt new skills including helping to fold the washing and making a picture from nature. Well done, Freddie!



Ethan

Here at Quarry Hill, we are extremely proud of Ethan in year one, who became the first child to fully complete his Catalyst Community Bronze Award. His booklet is full of all the fantastic things he has achieved, including learning to play the piano, planting an apple tree and making helicopters! Everything has been completed with enthusiasm, and this is clear in all of his photographic evidence and how he has confidently described the variety of challenges he has achieved. Ethan's parents have thoroughly enjoyed helping Ethan to achieve his bronze award and are looking forward to all of the exciting things that are to come!



Catalyst Community Awards

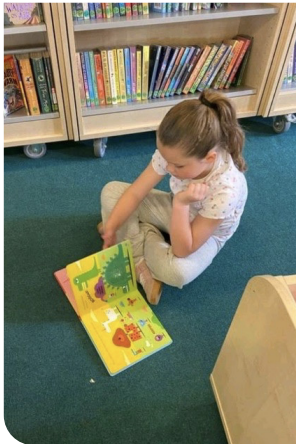


Liberty

Liberty has worked incredibly hard to complete her Rainbow Award, which she proudly shared with us by presenting her scrapbook of achievements.

As part of her life skills activities, Liberty helped around the house by tidying her room, making her bed and preparing her own breakfast. As well as going to the local library. She also became a Community Champion, decorating a kindness stone and hiding it for someone to find and enjoy. Liberty showed excellent initiative by learning how to say hello in another language and creating a map of her journey to school. She also demonstrated her creativity by making paper dolls and building a bug hotel.

Well done, Liberty, and congratulations on this fantastic achievement! We are very proud of all your hard work and look forward to seeing you continue your journey through the other awards as you move up through the school.



School Spotlight

Benyon Primary School

At Benyon Primary School and Nursery, we are proud to be a warm, inclusive, and supportive community where every child is encouraged to flourish. Serving a diverse and vibrant community, we are committed to ensuring that all pupils receive a high-quality education and the opportunities they need to succeed now and in the future.

Our motto, **"Perseverance Brings Success,"** underpins everything we do. It reflects our belief that with determination, encouragement, and high expectations, every child can achieve their full potential. This is evident in the positive attitudes, strong engagement, and achievements of our pupils, alongside the dedication of our staff.

At Benyon, we nurture active, creative minds and a love of learning, placing strong emphasis on the development of the whole child—spiritual, moral, intellectual, social, emotional, and physical. Through positive relationships, we build confidence, resilience, and self-esteem, ensuring children feel happy, safe, and valued.

"We love the school and from what I have seen the teachers all have a great attitude towards the children's all round development." (Parent 2026)



Benyon Primary School

We recognise the vital importance of excellent attendance in supporting children's success. Every day in school brings valuable learning, strengthens friendships, and builds confidence and routine. We work closely with families to support strong attendance, knowing that regular attendance enables children to reach their full potential.

Strong partnerships with parents and carers are at the heart of our success. By working together, we create a shared commitment to children's learning and wellbeing.

"I think one of the greatest strengths at Benyon Primary is the caring and supportive environment. My child feels safe and loved at school, which I believe really encourages her to learn more and enjoy the process." (Parent 2025)

Our pupils achieve strong outcomes, with attainment and progress above national expectations. This reflects high-quality teaching, tailored support, and a focus on raising aspirations for every child.

Our rich curriculum is enhanced through trips, visitors, and experiences, alongside a wide range of extra-curricular opportunities in sports, music, and the arts.

"Pupils value these experiences because they get to learn new skills." (Ofsted 2024)

As part of the Catalyst Academies Trust, we benefit from shared expertise and ongoing professional development, ensuring high standards across the school.

Above all, we are committed to developing confident, responsible, and ambitious learners. At Benyon, we inspire every child to believe in themselves and understand that, through perseverance, they can succeed.



School Spotlight

Aveley Primary School

Aveley Primary School, part of the Trust since 2019, has undergone a significant and purposeful improvement journey, culminating in a Good judgement from Ofsted in June 2023. While the school shares the Trust's ambition of excellence, it retains a distinctive identity rooted in nurturing the whole child and creating a vibrant, inclusive community where every individual is valued.

At the heart of Aveley's ethos is a strong commitment to developing "whole people". Academic success sits alongside a deep focus on wellbeing, ensuring that children not only achieve highly but also develop the confidence, resilience and emotional awareness needed to thrive. This holistic approach is underpinned by the school's core values of Respect, Positivity and Responsibility, which shape every aspect of school life and create a culture where children feel safe, motivated and inspired to succeed.

"Staff have the children's best interests at heart." Reception Parent

Aveley stands out for its ambitious and engaging curriculum, carefully designed to reflect the needs and interests of its pupils. Learning is enriched through a wide range of experiences, including educational visits, visitors and collaborative events such as the Catalyst Cup, which brings excitement, challenge and a strong sense of belonging. These opportunities ensure that learning extends beyond the classroom and fosters curiosity, creativity and aspiration.



Aveley Primary School

"Lovely teachers, lots of school trips arranged, good after school and morning sports club options. There are lots of opportunities for parents to be involved at the school and see what the children are doing in class or celebration assemblies." Year 5 Parent

The school environment itself is a unique strength. Set within extensive grounds, Aveley offers rich outdoor learning opportunities, including multiple playgrounds, a large field, a multi-use games area and outdoor gym. The iconic library bus, opened in 2014, exemplifies the school's imaginative approach and remains a much-loved feature that inspires a lifelong love of reading.

Aveley is also recognised for its inclusive practice and expertise in supporting children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). The school provides highly tailored support and targeted teaching, ensuring all learners can achieve their potential. This commitment led to the establishment of a specialist Autism Resource Base in May 2022—a thoughtfully designed provision featuring breakout spaces, a sensory room and a dedicated outdoor area. This facility highlights the school's dedication to meeting complex needs with care, innovation and expertise.

"Teachers support pupils very well." Year 3 parent

Positive relationships are central to the school's success. Skilled and committed staff use consistent, supportive approaches to behaviour, helping children to develop independence, emotional regulation and strong social skills. As a result, pupils grow into confident, respectful individuals who are well-prepared for the next stage of their education.

By the time children leave Aveley Primary School, they are not only academically prepared but also confident, responsible and aspirational young people. It is this combination of high expectations, personalised support, rich experiences and a deeply caring ethos that makes Aveley Primary School truly distinctive.



School Spotlight

Dilkes Academy

Dilkes Academy is a vibrant, forward-thinking primary school in the heart of South Ockendon, where every child is inspired to succeed and flourish. Proudly recognised as Outstanding in all areas by Ofsted (2023), the academy has built a strong reputation for excellence in teaching, exceptional leadership, and consistently strong pupil outcomes. This recognition reflects the dedication of a passionate staff team who are committed to ensuring every child receives the very best educational experience.

At Dilkes Academy, high achievement is at the core of everything we do. Pupils consistently demonstrate strong academic progress and attainment, underpinned by a carefully sequenced and ambitious curriculum. There is a clear focus on developing secure foundations in reading, writing and mathematics, equipping pupils with the essential skills they need for future success. Beyond this, the curriculum is enriched with a wide range of subjects and experiences designed to broaden horizons, deepen understanding, and ignite curiosity. Learning is purposeful, engaging, and thoughtfully planned to ensure that every child is both challenged and supported to achieve their very best.

What truly sets Dilkes Academy apart is its unwavering commitment to the whole child. The school places equal importance on pupils' personal development, wellbeing, and social growth. Children feel safe, valued and encouraged to express themselves, fostering confidence, resilience, and independence from an early age. Positive relationships between staff and pupils create a warm, inclusive environment where every child feels they belong and can thrive.



Dilkes Academy

The academy also offers a wealth of opportunities beyond the classroom. A rich programme of extracurricular activities, including sport, music, performing arts, and creative clubs, allows pupils to discover and nurture their individual talents and interests. A standout feature of the school is its fantastic Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA), which plays a key role in enhancing both the curriculum and wider enrichment offer.

This high-quality facility enables pupils to participate in a wide range of sports and physical activities during the school day, as well as through clubs and competitions. Importantly, the MUGA also supports the local community by providing access to excellent sporting facilities outside of school hours, strengthening the school's role at the heart of the community.

Dilkes Academy is more than just a school, it is a thriving and supportive community. Strong partnerships with families ensure that children are supported every step of the way, and the academy's values are reflected in the respectful, caring, and ambitious attitudes of its pupils. There is a shared belief that every child can achieve their full potential, and this belief drives the relentless pursuit of excellence across the school.

Choosing Dilkes Academy means choosing a place where high standards, nurturing care, and inspiring opportunities come together to create an exceptional primary education. It is a place where children not only achieve strong academic outcomes but also grow into confident, well-rounded individuals, ready to embrace the future with enthusiasm and ambition.



School Spotlight

Quarry Hill Academy

Quarry Hill Academy is a very special place. We celebrate the wonderful diversity of our community, the inclusivity and dedication in making sure that every single child here receives the very best education that they deserve.

Quarry Hill Academy is one of five primary schools in the Catalyst Academy Trust, which allows us to work collaboratively, accessing a wealth of different expertise, enabling us to seek out support for all stakeholders.

We pride ourselves on being one of the most successful schools in Thurrock, not only for our academic skills but also for considering the child as a whole. We offer a wide range of extra curricular clubs so that every child has the opportunity to try something they haven't tried before or even get a chance to excel at something that they already love.

Refusing to accept underperformance, we adopt the key principles that every child can make outstanding progress if nurtured and taught by outstanding practitioners. We invest time and energy into creating a curriculum which has been personalised by highly skilled practitioners, who are trained in-house, to demand the very best from its pupils. An ethos of engagement, pride and consistent high expectations is embedded across the school alongside a desire to provide the very best education for all

Every classroom has a consistent style, the learning environments are there to be supportive and celebrative, to be engaging for the children and to develop their independence..



Quarry Hill Academy

Staff retention is really high at Quarry Hill Academy, many of our staff come from being LSAs or graduate TAs and then we support and develop them through the Initial Teacher Training programme that we run across the trust. It is about establishing and nurturing these wonderful new educators and making sure that we can encourage them to be their best.

The pupils at Quarry Hill Academy are proud to be part of our community and enjoy their time here:

"Everyone wants to come to Quarry Hill Academy because they've got the kindest people and the best teachers."

"The teachers, the people they make it a really, really good school and without them, I don't think it'd be as good as it is now."

We have a Personalised Learning Centre which is a Social, Emotional, and Mental Health base for ten children who have been permanently excluded from other settings across the local authority or outside the local authority. Our drive and passion is to give these children a second chance, reintegrating them into a mainstream setting and making sure they can succeed in life.

Many people have asked us how we sustain such high results and our immediate response is always: 'It's not rocket science!' To all of us at Quarry Hill Academy, teaching is a chance to change a child's life; to ensure a life-long love of learning and inspire all to achieve. This is achieved by consistently setting high expectations, developing a positive attitude to learning by ensuring the curriculum is motivating and engaging, by developing a growth mind-set for all – **that we can be the best and to never give up.**



School Spotlight



Somers Heath Primary School

At Somers Heath Primary School, we are committed to providing every child with an excellent education and the opportunity to fulfil their potential. Our aim is to nurture successful learners, confident individuals and responsible citizens within a caring and inspiring environment.

Somers Heath is a thriving two-form entry primary school which Ofsted judged to be at the expected standard or above in all areas in March 2026. Our recently refurbished building offers bright, modern classrooms alongside extensive outdoor space, supporting both high-quality learning and active play. We are proud of our welcoming atmosphere, where children are happy, motivated and eager to succeed.

Our curriculum places strong emphasis on core subjects, with high standards in reading, writing and mathematics. Through high-quality teaching and a positive culture, children are encouraged to challenge themselves and achieve excellent progress.

As part of Catalyst Academies Trust, we work closely with other schools to ensure consistently high expectations and outcomes. Alongside this strong academic foundation, our broad and engaging curriculum provides rich opportunities across a wide range of subjects, enhanced by modern technology, including our computer suite.



Somers Heath Primary School

We recognise the importance of early education, offering a high-quality nursery provision and a recently extended Early Years outside provision, helping children build confidence and key skills throughout the foundation stage. Physical wellbeing is also a priority, with specialist PE coaches delivering three sessions per week and opportunities to participate in a range of competitive sports.

At Somers Heath, strong relationships underpin everything we do. Our pastoral team works closely with families to support each child's wellbeing, including access to counselling and play therapy where needed. As an inclusive and diverse school, we are proud to ensure that every child feels valued and supported to succeed.



