

## **The Beam Trust Celebrates 3rd Anniversary with Joyous Event**

The Beam Trust, a family of schools within Warrington, proudly celebrated its third anniversary with a special event uniting staff, governors, trustees, and guests. This milestone recognised the Trust's achievements, particularly the award-winning work of the Opal Play teams across all member schools.

Among the accolades, one school received a commendation from Damian Hinds, Minister for Schools, for their outstanding early years reading program, placing them in the top 5% nationally. Recent Ofsted Inspection reports have included super comments about the close collaboration between schools within the Trust, and that staff appreciate the additional support and opportunities that they receive from the Trust. In fact, one lead inspector said, "I wish all Trusts were like this."

Since its inception in 2021, The Beam Trust has been dedicated to celebrating the individuality of its schools while fostering collaboration to achieve educational excellence. The Beam Trust's core values—Collaboration, Ambition, Respect, Innovation, and Trust—underpin its approach to education. The development of a strong school improvement team has enabled the teaching staff to develop leadership skills and share best practice across member schools and within other Local Authority schools. Member schools offer a wide variety of enrichment and extracurricular activities that develop resilience, independence, and social skills, preparing children for future stages of their education and life.

The anniversary celebration at Statham Lodge Hotel featured a keynote speech by renowned speaker Joe Sparks. Known for his inspirational and alternative approach to education, Joe challenged the Trust to live its values and deliver a rich educational journey for our children.

Helen Nurse, Chair of Governors at Statham Primary, commented, "Joe had us laughing, crying, and thinking deeply about how we live by the values of our Trust. He inspired us to care for our children as individuals and support each other, making our schools places of wonder and joy. We left ready to take action, excited for the next chapter of The Beam Trust."

Trust schools are proud to be part of their local communities and this event felt like a whole community celebration.

If you would like to find out more about The Beam Trust or would be interested in becoming a community governor at one of our schools please visit our website [thebeamtrust.co.uk](https://thebeamtrust.co.uk) or contact [admin@thebeamtrust.co.uk](mailto:admin@thebeamtrust.co.uk).