



Cluster of Gell School (CoGS) End of Year Report

2024/2025

Introduction

Based on longstanding relationships between the local schools a formal collaboration was formed in 2016 as CoGS (Cluster of Gell Schools). Since then, it has gone from strength to strength as an arrangement which greatly benefits the children and families of our communities along with the staff who work in our schools.

Our schools remain independent and retain their uniqueness and ethos, but we see many advantages in the CoGS family supporting each other, sharing best practice, exploring additional training opportunities and an improved transition between schools.

We were delighted to welcome Matlock Bath Holy Trinity Primary School and Crich Junior School into CoGS from June 2025. This enhanced partnership working and collaboration will further enhance the CoGS group and improve outcomes for more local children and families. We very much look forward to working with them.

2024/2025 Meetings

11th October 2024

7th March 2025

13th June 2025

All meetings were held at Wellspring Church, Wirksworth.

Attendance

Each of our schools are represented by the Headteacher and a Governor, who co-ordinate and develop our work.

School	Headteacher	Governor
Anthony Gell School	3/3	1/3
Bonsall Primary School	3/3	2/3
Crich Infant School	3/3	0/3
Crich Carr Primary School	2/3	2/3
Cromford Primary School	3/3	2/3
Middleton Community Primary	3/3	3/3
Turnditch Primary School	1/3	1/3
Village Federation • Brassington Primary • Carsington Primary • Kirk Ireton Primary School	3/3	3/3
Wirksworth CE Infant School	3/3	3/3
Wirksworth Junior School	2/3	3/3
Matlock Bath Primary School	1/1	1/1
Crich Junior School	1/1	0/1

Income

No contributions were made during academic year 2024/2025.

Each school contributed £500 in November 2023.

Carry forward August 2024 - £4383.65

Expenditure

Clerk - £728.90

Meeting costs including room hire, buffet, printing, refreshments etc - £847.07

Cluster Art Project (July 2024) - £292.94

Cluster Art Project (July 2025) - £2184.42

Carry forward August 2025 - £330.32

CoGs Strengths

- **Science Fair**

This is a themed event where children aged from infants to year 7 were invited to take part in a science challenge that was adapted but appropriate for all age groups.

The children involved went to Anthony Gell to present their findings. This was a fantastic event and the children had a brilliant time!

- **Cluster Inset Day**

This year the cluster inset day will be on Friday 24th October and based on staff wellbeing. Peter Johnston will also deliver a 30 minute feedback session on the new Ofsted framework. Art of Brilliance will be delivering the workshop and a buffet lunch will be provided. This inset day is open to all staff, including support staff, across the cluster and this provides lots of networking opportunities.

- **Cluster Art Project**

The artist this year was Maria Golub and each child had a small canvas, to design a 'tangle' tree design, in the style of Zentangle. This tied in with the planting of an oak tree to celebrate the 60th anniversary of Anthony Gell School becoming AGS.

All canvases were displayed and attached to a board. These boards were displayed at Anthony Gell School as part of Wirksworth Art Festival. The boards were then delivered back to each school to display once the festival had ended.

Each school within CoGS will be presented with an A2 poster showing the finished display incorporating all of the schools.

- **Family Support Worker**

This early help offer would not be possible as individual schools however, as a collective this continues to be a great success for COGS. The Family Support Workers (FSW) are funded by COGS schools but employed by Anthony Gell School who also provide appropriate supervision, training, support etc.

They offer help and support to children and families within our communities on a range of different issues.

- **Governor networking and discussion time**

Governor training and network sessions have been run by Clive Worrall. Governors find these invaluable and are an opportunity to network. Each CoGs meeting there is Governor discussion time to enable support to be sought through confidential conversations and discussions.

