

SCHOOL CELEBRATES TOP FIVE PER CENT RATING

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All Saints Church of England Primary School has proved to be the star school across the Lichfield district after being named in the top five per cent of primary schools nationwide.

The Alrewas school racked up a contextual value added score (CVA) of more than 101 in the Staffordshire school league tables out this week, meaning that pupils made one term's more progress between key stages one and two than expected. All Saints' deputy headteacher Viv Wild told the Mercury: "We are delighted with our success which was a team effort involving each and every child, member of staff as well as parents and stakeholders.

"We look forward to continued success for our school."

Also in the top quadrant nationally was Chadsmead Primary School, along with St Joseph & St Theresa, Holly Grove, St James C of E in Longdon, Greysbrooke in Shenstone and St Chad's C of E, which all secured a 100 per cent pass rate in one subject at level four - the level expected of them at the age of 11 - with more than 50 per cent going on to achieve the higher level five.

Pupils' progress in the core subjects of English, maths and science was determined by assessing them at key stage one, aged seven, and again at key stage two four years later.

Schools scoring a CVA of above 100 show pupils on average made more progress than other pupils nationally.

But Lichfield district was also home to schools languishing towards the bottom of the pupil progress pile, with Boney Hay (98.1) and Chase Terrace Primary schools (98.3) both in the bottom five per cent nationally achieving a CVA score of 99, meaning pupils made a term's less progress than expected of them.