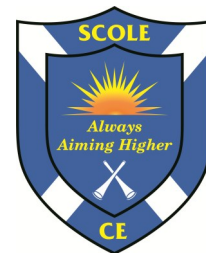


OFSTED Success at Scole Primary Academy



Warm relationships and a caring ethos shine through

I am delighted to share with you the outcomes of our recent Ofsted inspection, which took place on 3rd March 2026.

I am pleased to announce that our school has achieved the **Expected Standard** in all areas. This means that we are doing everything we should be doing. Under the new report card model, this is a high standard, ensuring our pupils are receiving everything they need and deserve.

The inspection team recognised many of the strengths that make our school community so unique and special. They noted how *"Children make a positive start to their education in the early years,"* and praised how our *"Leaders have created an inclusive culture in which pupils are known, welcomed and supported."*

The report highlights the work that has been undertaken in developing the curriculum, particularly with regards to children's personal development, noting that *"The school enriches the curriculum with opportunities that broaden pupils' horizons and offer experiences they may not encounter elsewhere."*

The inspectors were impressed by the warm relationships and positive behaviours that they saw, stating that, *"The school creates an open and positive environment where staff welcome pupils and their families"* and that, *"Leaders build a culture of behaviour based on positive relationships."*

Well done to all the staff and children at Scole for a successful outcome. A particular thanks goes to Ben Aylmer for his role in supporting the school through to this outcome.

The full Report is available [here](#).

Mrs J Price
Acting Headteacher
Diss & Scole Primary Academy Partnership



B-Comms is the fortnightly newsletter for Church of England schools who are Members of St Benet's Multi Academy Trust:

Acle Primary, Alburgh with Denton Primary, Catfield Primary, Dickleburgh Primary & Pre-school, Diss Junior Academy, Diss Infant Academy & Nursery, Garboldisham Primary, Happisburgh Primary, Harleston Sanctroft Academy, Hickling Infant, Little Plumstead Primary, Morley Primary, Newton Flotman Primary, Pulham Primary, Scole Primary, St Mary's Junior, St Mary's Primary, Sutton Infant and Tacolneston Primary

AI in Schools: Meeting on 16th June

Leigh Goodhew, Headteacher of Alburgh with Denton Primary, is leading a meeting to discuss how we currently use AI in our classrooms, how we can share best practice and how we can expand our knowledge and use of AI to support teaching and learning.

Date: Tuesday 16th June 2026

Time: 1.30-3.30pm

Location: Orchard House, Hall Lane,
East Tuddenham NR20 3LR or you can
dial in via Microsoft Teams

If you would like to attend, either in person or
online, please RSVP to: suzannah.kay@stbenets.org



DoNESC Updates

St Benet's Updated Policies

- HR23 Volunteer Policy
- NS02 ICT and Internet Acceptable Use Policy
- NS20 Restrictive Interventions Policy (New Policy)
- S06 Equality and Diversity Policy
- S09 Data Protection Policy
- S12 Disciplinary Policy for all employees
- S23 Staff and Volunteer Code of Conduct
- S28 Speak Up Policy

These policies have been uploaded to the St Benet's website (<https://stbenets.org/about-us/policies/>) and were circulated to academy Headteachers and offices via iAM Compliant before the Easter Holiday. Please ensure that all staff are aware that these policies have been updated and are now in circulation.

If you have any queries on this, please contact the Governance Team via the DoNESC Helpdesk.

Tara Burrows

Governance Officer/Trust Clerk, DoNESC

ESPO Discount Window

Feedback has been collated from schools across St Benet's and DNEAT to understand which of the ESPO Discount Windows was preferred, and the majority of responses indicated a preference for the Autumn Term dates. It has therefore been agreed that the Discount Window for next year will be run from **7th September until 16th October 2026**. During these dates you will benefit from **7.5% off ESPO stock items**.

Being part of the Trust also gives you access at all times to:

- ◇ 5% off exercise books
- ◇ 5% off Smartbuy range

Your Account Manager at ESPO is James de-Wit. Tel: 07785 343167, Email: j.de-wit@espo.org

New Supplier for Annual Sport & Playground Inspections

As a result of feedback received from a number of schools that they felt the cost of works with current annual inspection providers was very high, we have negotiated a new contract with Sports & Playground Services UK Ltd.

Their site survey costs appear to be more competitive than current providers have quoted, with the added benefit of not being tied to one contractor if any remedial work is needed, which should ensure that best value for money is achieved.

The current framework agreement is ending, and Sports & Playground Services have agreed to a price freeze at the current prices for the next year. Some indicative prices are shown below:

Item	Price
Outdoor Play Equipment	£29 per outdoor area, per site
Nursery Hall	£30 per hall, per site
Indoor Primary School Hall	£37 per indoor hall, per site

If you would like to utilise this, please contact **Kingsley Akele** at Sports & Playground Services on **T: 0330 1355262**,
E: kakele@sportsplayservices.co.uk or
Wendy Allsop (DoNESC Contract Manager) on
T: 01603 550161, E: wendy.allsop@donesc.org

Training/CPD Events for the Next Half-term

Week commencing	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
04.05.26	BANK HOLIDAY	Swallowtail Fed ARM (09.30-11.30 online); CUSP Primary RE Leads (15.45-16.45 online)		DSL Network with Louise Veeren (15.45-16.45 online)	
11.05.26	Collective Worship Network (15.30-17.00 online)			RSL Network with Mark Carlyle (15.40-16.40 online)	
18.05.26					

Rollout of Juniper MIS across St Benet's

The rollout of Juniper MIS to our schools is currently paused.

For schools already using Juniper MIS, if you have difficulty logging into SONAR and the 'forgotten password' link is not working, please contact the Juniper support desk via:

sonartrackerhelp@junipereducation.org

Or use the link here:

<https://help.junipereducation.org/>

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Diocesan Prayer Diary

The Diocese of Norwich have a Prayer Diary, which can be accessed [here](#).

The Church of England have a Time to Pray website [here](#).

Central Team Contact Details

The Diocese of Norwich Education Team (St Benet's, DNEAT, DoNESC) are based at Orchard House, Hall Lane, East Tuddenham, Norfolk NR20 3LR. This is also the registered address for St Benet's MAT.

The central phone number for St Benet's is 01603 550147 or you can email the Central Team via info@stbenets.org.



Press & PR

Please contact 01603 550147 or info@stbenets.org with any press/media enquiries.

Diocesan Communications

Footprints magazine and Flourishing Together are circulated to all Diocesan schools. The latest editions can be read [here](#). If you would like your school to be featured in either please contact Jodie Ballard, PA to the Diocesan Director of Education, at: jodie.ballard@dioceseofnorwich.org.



It is the responsibility of the Diocesan Board of Education to oversee the strategic direction for all schools and academies within the Diocese of Norwich. That's 107 schools in total across St Benet's, DNEAT and LA-maintained schools. The DBE's Strategic Plan for the period 2024-2030 is published [here](#).

Vacancies

For vacancies at St Benet's MAT please visit: www.stbenets.org



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**Don't forget you can apply for funding from the Immeasurably More project
or submit an entry for an Immeasurably More award
or Champion of Change award.**

"Immeasurably more than we can imagine"



The St Benet's Immeasurably More Project aims to actively promote, encourage and facilitate aspirational learning experiences across all the schools within the Trust, celebrating equality, diversity, belonging, inclusion and justice at every opportunity.

Opportunities for Schools

- ◇ Apply to the Immeasurably More Fund for money to support with financial barriers for specific projects focused on social change
- ◇ Apply for an Immeasurably More Than Award, in the following categories:
 1. Immeasurably More than just Pupil Leadership (inc Courageous Advocacy)
 2. Immeasurably More than just Celebrating Difference
 3. Immeasurably More than just Music and the Arts
 4. Immeasurably More than just a Curriculum
 5. Immeasurably More than just a School (once all above are achieved)

Opportunities for Pupils

- ◇ Schools will be able to nominate pupils to be a "St Benet's Champion of Change", awarded for instigating and following through with their own projects which are focused on issues of justice, responsibility and courageous advocacy



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For further information please visit the Immeasurably More section of the Trust's Resource Hub or contact Suzannah Kay on 01603 550147 or suzannah.kay@stbenets.org

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Did you know...

St Benet's pays for all its employees to have free access to the Spectrum.Life employee wellbeing service. If you haven't registered yet, follow the simple instructions below to sign up online.



The online platform is accessible from this link:

<https://donesc.spectrum.life/login?org=DoNESC>

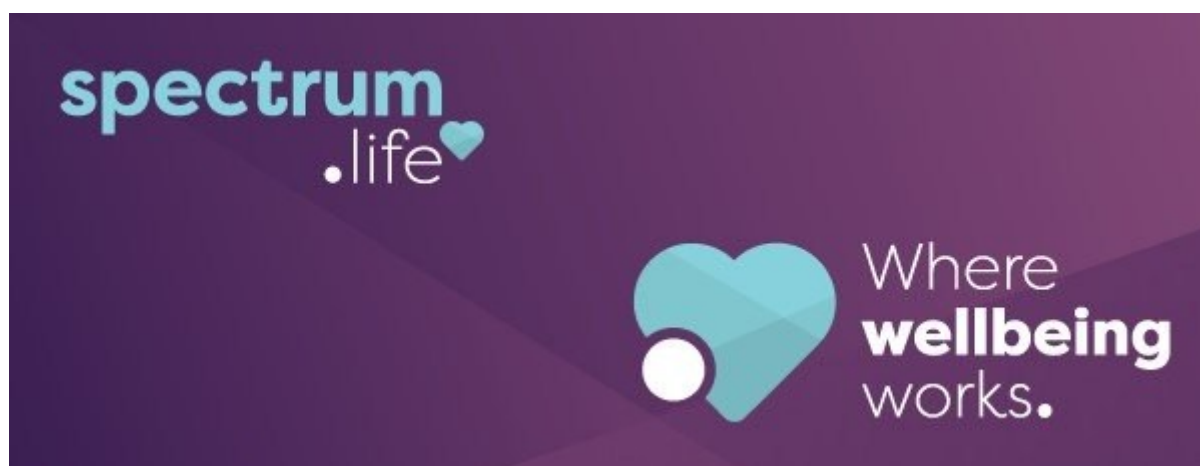
On the home page you will be asked to enter your name and email address, create a password and choose who you work for from a drop-down menu (you should choose St Benet's) and this will then take you through to the welcome page. If you download the app it will ask for your Organisation Code which is DoNESC. If you have any problems registering, please contact **wendy.allsop@donesc.org**

The Spectrum.Life service also includes access to 6 free counselling sessions (virtual or face-to-face) via the Employee Assistance Programme, access to a Discount Marketplace, advice on fitness, nutrition and many articles, videos and audios around wellbeing.

There are weekly running guides, advice on stress, diabetes, sleep, menopause, heart health, exercise videos and much more.

B-Comms will focus on some of these specific areas in future issues and your Headteachers will be receiving some promotional material to share with you.

We encourage you to sign up and make use of Spectrum.Life; it's there for your benefit!





Our Values

Honesty (n. Being honest; truthfulness)

I have chosen the way of truth.

Psalms 119:30

Courage (n. Bravery, boldness)

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.

Joshua 1:9

Compassion (n. A response to other people's suffering which goes beyond sympathy and is expressed in taking action to help)

When Jesus saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

Matthew 9:36

Hope (n. Expectation and desire combined; feeling of trust)

But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance.

Romans 8:25