

Football Comes Home at Beacon Federation

Beacon Federation celebrated the upcoming football World Cup with a Beacon World Cup event held at the Dickleburgh site this week.

Both Beacon schools, Dickleburgh and Garboldisham, took part along with the Pre-School.

We started with an Opening Ceremony led by our flag bearers before the rain forced us inside to practise our football skills.

The older children partnered with the younger pupils to support them. We had a whole Federation picnic lunch in the hall and then finished the day with year group football matches.

Moira Croskell
Executive Headteacher



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 Sancroft 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

Going Green at Harleston Sancroft Academy

Harleston Sancroft Academy proudly sponsored a square in the Miyawaki Forest because we are committed to inspiring our young learners to value, respect and protect the natural world around them.

We believe it is essential for children to develop a deep understanding of nature, the environment, and the importance of sustainability from an early age. By supporting this project, we are helping to create a greener future while encouraging our pupils and the wider community to explore, investigate, and enjoy the beauty of nature.

This initiative reflects our dedication not only to caring for our own school environment, but also to making a positive contribution to the wider community by promoting environmental responsibility, biodiversity and a lasting connection with the world we share.

Our school is passionate about creating meaningful opportunities for children to connect with and care for the natural world. Alongside sponsoring our square in the Miyawaki Forest, we are continuing to develop our pond area and outdoor classroom into an inspirational environment that fills children with awe and wonder, encouraging curiosity, exploration and a love of nature. Our pupils regularly take part in litter picking activities to help care for both the school grounds and the wider community, while our newly established Eco Club has become a hugely successful part of school life.



Rob Connolly
Headteacher



Sweet Success for 'Sleet Caroline'!

Ralph from Year 3 at St Mary's Primary Academy in Roughton won a competition recently to name a newly commissioned road gritter.

His winning name was 'Sleet Caroline' and Norfolk Highways brought the gritter to school to tell the children all about their work and to award Ralph his prize!

Keep your eyes open for Sleet Caroline on the Norfolk roads next winter!

Laura Watts

Executive Headteacher



Thank You From DoNESC After Wear It Green Day Fundraising Success

We want to extend a huge thank you to everyone who took part in our fantastic Wear It Green Day on Thursday 14 May, as part of Mental Health Awareness Week.

We're proud to share that we raised £822 in support of the Mental Health Foundation!

We were also blown away by the generosity of local businesses supporting our raffle, with an incredible selection of prizes including spa day vouchers, family days out, dining and shopping vouchers, unique experiences like alpaca walking, and a signed Norwich City Football Club pennant!



Thank you to all the staff who got involved in our quiz, raffle and bake sale - we know a couple of academy staff were lucky winners of some raffle prizes - your support truly made a difference and helped make the day such a success!

Chloe Humphreys & The HR Team
DoNESC

National Thank A Teacher Day

Next Wednesday, 17th June, is National Thank A Teacher/Teaching Assistant Day.

On behalf of Sam Nixon (CEO), Paul Dunning (Chair), the Board of Trustees and the Trust Central Team (Suzannah, Paul, Mark, Kelly and Nadine) we want to thank all our teaching staff (and school support staff) for all that they do, every day, to support the children in their schools.

This issue of B-Comms demonstrates the kinds of experiences that you go above and beyond to provide to your pupils, on top of teaching and learning and all the daily challenges of working in a school. We are so grateful for everything you do.

Further information and resources can be found here: <https://thankateacher.co.uk/>



Thank you

Harry Potter Fun with Nourish Catering

Nourish have been continuing with their Added Value experiences across some of our schools with Harry Potter theme days, which have been really well received.

Nourish are always very happy to look at other theme days that you suggest to tie in with your curriculum and bring Mr Nourish along to support.

They will also be delighted to carry out Healthy Eating Assemblies, attend open evenings for prospective new parents and carry out pizza making classes.

Please speak to your school catering team, your area manager, or the Senior Operations Manager, SallyAnne Avis on sallyanneavis@nourishcc.co.uk

Alternatively, contact Wendy - wendy.allsop@donesc.org or 01603 550161



Training/CPD Events for the Next Half-term

Week commencing	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		Strategy Development Day at OH (optional)		DSL Network-online (15.45-16.45)	
22.06.26		* RE Network—online (15.30-17.00)	Coaching Training for Cohort 3 at Sancroft IP20 9DD (09.00-16.00)	Coaching Training for Cohort 3 at Sancroft IP20 9DD (09.00-16.00)	
29.06.26				Leaders' Forum at OH (10.00-15.00)	
06.07.26					
13.07.26				LA Data Support Session: Early Results at OH/online (09.00-12.00)	

*The RE Network on 23rd June has moved online to facilitate easier attendance. Dial-in details below:

Time: Jun 23, 2026 3:30pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://dioceseofnorwich-org.zoom.us/j/81536125266?pwd=78l01VaLbqxy5Glb4qjdOT5zoxHkal.1>

Meeting ID: 815 3612 5266

Passcode: 099565

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