

Dickleburgh CofE Primary Academy is... **OUTSTANDING!**

St Benet's MAT are thrilled to announce that Dickleburgh Church of England Primary Academy, one of the founding members of St Benet's MAT, was judged to be Outstanding in every category in its Ofsted inspection on 12th and 13th November. We couldn't be more proud of the staff and pupils for this amazing recognition.

Dickleburgh's Executive Headteacher, Mrs Moira Croskell, said:

School report		
Inspection of Dickleburgh Church of England Primary Academy (With Pre-School)		
Harvey Lane, Dickleburgh, Diss, Norfolk IP21 4NL		
Inspection dates:	12 and 13 November 2024	
The quality of education	Outstanding	
Behaviour and attitudes	Outstanding	
Personal development	Outstanding	
Leadership and management	Outstanding	
Early years provision	Outstanding	
Previous inspection grade	Not previously inspected under section 5 of the Education Act 2005	

"I am absolutely delighted with the outcome of this inspection and the recognition of all the amazing opportunities we provide for our pupils."

"I am so pleased that they could see how hard the staff work to develop our pupils, both academically but also personally."



"I am really proud to be at this school-it's amazing!"

Summer, Yr 6

"I have been here all my life, since Pre-School, and I love this school, we did so well"

Daisy, Yr 6

"I am not surprised. We are a great school, we got 5 out of 5!"

Jesse, Yr 6

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, Scole Primary, St Mary's Junior, St Mary's Primary, Sutton Infant and Tacolneston Primary.

We also work with schools through the DfE's TSIO programme: Pulham Primary and Worstead Primary.

Book Nooks at St Mary's Junior Academy Foster a Love of Reading

At St Mary's Junior Academy in Long Stratton, Headteacher Laura Richardson and Improvement Director Mark Carlyle launched a competition for the children to design a 'Book Nook'.

The top 3 designs were selected and Mr Carlyle's daughter brought them to life for the children.

Here are Arthur, Tiana and Esme with their very impressive Book Nooks.



Student Leaders Shine at Harleston Sancroft Academy

Over the last year, Harleston Sancroft Academy (Primary Phase) have been working hard to establish a student leadership team that really represents the school vision, values and community.

They have 5 core leadership teams for Years 5 and 6 - Values Ambassadors/Wellbeing Leaders/Diversity Crew/Sports Leaders and Junior Librarians. Each leadership role has a core responsibility and clear roles within the school.

November has been a big month for the Values Ambassadors who have represented the school fantastically by supporting at community and school events. They wore their uniforms with pride at the Remembrance Service and supported families during Parents' Evening. Both events involved the children giving up their own time for the community and the school couldn't be prouder of them.





Prayer for the Day

The Church of England have an app called Time to Pray, which releases a new prayer twice a day as a short podcast. Today's prayer can be heard [here](#).

Trust Information

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

From 31st May 2024 you should contact 01603 550147 or info@stbenets.org with any press enquiries.

Diocesan Communications

Footprints magazine and the Schools Flyer are circulated to all Diocesan schools. The latest editions can be read [here](#).



If you would like your school to be featured in Footprints please contact Karen Tyrrell, PA to the Diocesan Director of Education, at: karen.tyrrell@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 has just published its next Strategic Plan covering the period 2024-2030. We encourage you to have a look [here](#).

Vacancies

For vacancies at St Benet's MAT please visit: www.stbenets.org. Please email your vacancies to: hr@donesc.org.



Operational Updates from DoNESC

DoNESC (Diocese of Norwich Education Services Company) provide St Benet's with back office services including HR, Finance, Payroll, Governance and Estates.

Christmas Working Hours for Centralised Suppliers



Please note the Christmas closedown dates for our some of our centralised suppliers:

- * **Nourish** (Catering) - Closed from 23rd December to 1st January inclusive. Area Managers will be available by phone for urgent queries
- * **Ergo** (IT Support) - Closed from 23rd December to 1st January inclusive. In case of emergencies please contact Wendy Allsop (01603 550161) during this time.
- * **Rydal** (Broadband) - Closed 25th and 26th December and 1st January.
- * **Leverstock** (Phones) - Closed from 23rd December to 1st January inclusive. Emergency tickets raised will be actioned.

Governance Update

Governance support both centrally and across all Trust schools is provided by DoNESC's Governance Team, led by Head of Governance Hannah Monk (centre) and with support from Tara Burrows, St Benet's Governance Officer (right) and Dawn Knights, DNEAT Governance Officer and Training Facilitator (left).



The latest Governance Bulletin is available here: [Governance Bulletin - 12 November 2024](#)

Data Protection Update

Data Protection by Design and Default - integrating robust privacy practices to ensure that personal data is protected from the outset and throughout its lifecycle.

The Christmas Card Question

It's December and many children will want to send Christmas cards to their classmates, and honestly, what could be nicer?! It is also reasonable to expect that parents may ask for a list of their children's class to make the process easier and ensure that everyone gets a card...



...And you can't give it to them. Giving out a class list is disclosing personal data. The task isn't essential to running a school, so you'd have to get consent. If you choose to go down that route that's fine, but you must ensure that explicit consent, for the purpose of Christmas cards, is in place for every child on any list you provide – a bit of a yuletide minefield.

So, the short and probably more realistic answer is that you can't hand out a list. I agree that this does sound a bit Grinch-like, but there are ways to keep the festive spirit alive and follow the law.

The GDPR doesn't apply to individuals only organisations so there is nothing to stop a pupil (or a parent for that matter for really young children) jotting down the names of everyone in the class.

Safeguarding Update–1

From Louise Veeren, Head of Safeguarding



Safeguarding

- Never think you have done enough in creating a safer culture
- Always believe it could happen here
- Keep safeguarding high on everyone's agenda
- Never rely on one process to keep children safe

The Safeguarding Update from Louise will return in the next issue.

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.allso@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!



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Upcoming CPD & Events

Trust CPD events over the next half-term are listed here. If you have any questions please contact suzannah.kay@stbenets.org

Week commencing	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
09.12.24				Strategy Development Day for Heads at OH (09.00-16.00)	
CHRISTMAS					
13.01.25	CPD Material Released; CUSP Early Foundations - online (15.45-16.45)	SEND Network (09.00-16.00)			
20.01.25				DSL Network - online (15.45-16.45); St Mary's Jnr ARM (09.00-10.30); NF ARM (11.00-12.30); Lighthouse Fed ARM (14.00-16.00)	Sancroft Primary ARM (09.00-10.30); Sancroft Secondary ARM (11.00-12.30); Acle/LP ARM (14.00-16.00)
27.01.25		St Benet's CUSP Champions Day at Hickling (09.00-15.30); CUSP Reading Leads - online (15.45-16.45); AwD ARM (09.00-10.30); Diss PAP & Scole ARM (11.00-13.00); Beacon Fed ARM (14.00-16.00)	T&M Fed ARM (11.00-13.00); Swallowtail Fed ARM (14.00-16.00)	PiXL National Conference in London	EYFS Network (09.00-16.00)
03.02.25	LA Data Support - ASP Session at OH (13.30-15.30)	CUSP Writing Leads - online (15.45-16.45)		Leaders' Forum at OH (09.00-14.00)	
10.02.25				RSL Group (15.40-16.40)	

Key:

OH—Orchard House NR20 3LR; ARM—Academy Review Meeting; RSL—Raising Standards Leads