

Alburgh with Denton Pupils Rock It Out!



On Friday 7th February, Alburgh with Denton Church of England Primary Academy were 'Rocking It Out' for NSPCC Number Day 2025.



The day was filled with mathematical games and activities. The children challenged staff on Times Tables Rockstars (TTRS) and Numbots, a fun and engaging platform to help children achieve the "triple win": understanding, recall, and fluency in mental addition and subtraction.



To encourage everyone to have a go and find fun in maths, the children (and staff) were invited to come to school dressed as a 'Rock Star' for the day, and wow, how good did they all look, from Freddie Mercury to Liam Gallagher - there truly was a rocking vibe around school that day!



Kate Byer
School Business Manager

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

Hallie's Amazing Fundraising at Dickleburgh Primary Academy



This is Hallie, a Year 2 pupil at Dickleburgh Primary Academy.

When Hallie heard that her Mum's friend—who is an ex-Dickleburgh pupil herself—was running the London Marathon to support Children With Cancer UK, Hallie wanted to do something to help, especially when she heard about other children losing their hair because of cancer treatment.



So last week Hallie was sponsored to have 11 inches of her beautiful hair cut off. She donated her hair to the Little Princess Trust and donated her sponsor money to her aunt's cause to raise money for children with cancer.



So far, Hallie has raised £550 herself and, when combined with her aunt's fundraising, they have raised £1,900.

We are so proud of you, Hallie!



Pupils at St Mary's Junior Academy Transform their Forest Area

St Mary's Junior Academy in Long Stratton have transformed their forest area with some help from the local community and parents.



They had 12 handmade bird boxes and 6 bat boxes to put up in the forest to encourage wild-life, kindly donated from Adrian at Man's Shed in Long Stratton.



Mr Leek had spent time collecting pallets, tyres and other useful objects donated from local businesses so the children can make their own constructions. They now have a beautiful mud kitchen, an agility area and a den building area.



The Pastoral Team use this space to deliver social, emotional and mental health interventions as well as an area for children to take risks and have new experiences throughout the school day to support our young people.



Laura Richardson
Headteacher

St Benet's is delighted to launch the Immeasurably More project across all our schools.

Applications for the Immeasurably More Fund are now open and we encourage all our schools to think about applying for one or more of the Awards and to start nominating pupils for the 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



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
10.03.25	CUSP Science—online (15.45-16.45)	Leaders' Forum at Orchard House (09.00-14.00)	CUSP Art—online (15.45-16.45)	CUSP History—online (15.45-16.45); ESL Network at St Mary's Junior (09.00-16.00)	
17.03.25	CUSP Geography—online (15.45-16.45)		CUSP DT—online (15.45-16.45)	CPD Webinar (17.00-18.00)	
24.03.25		Strategy Development Day at Orchard House (09.00-16.00); CUSP Music—online (15.45-16.45)		Diocesan Headteachers' Conference at Norwich Cathedral (08.45-15.30)	
31.03.25	MSL Network (09.00-16.00)				
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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

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 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 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.



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>

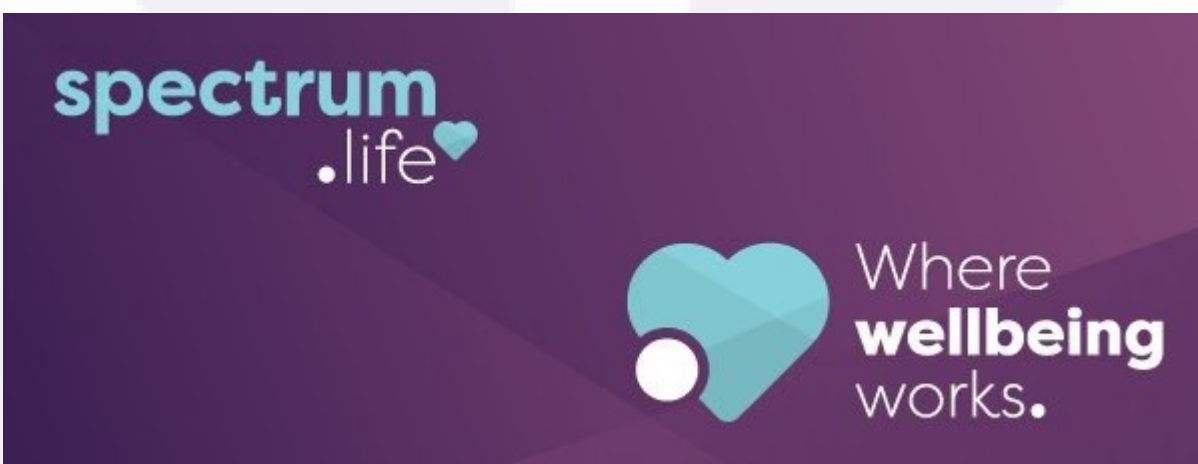
On the home page you will be asked to enter your name and email address, create a password and choose who you work for from a drop-down menu (you should choose St Benet's) and this will then take you through to the welcome page. If you download the app it will ask for your Organisation Code which is 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!





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