

## Harleston Sancroft Academy Student Wins Competition to Name New Town Development

Congratulations to Louie (Yr 5) who was the school's overall winner of the Saffron Housing Trust competition to find a name for the new assisted living development being built in Harleston.



Louie's winning name - Oak Meadows - was inspired by the oak trees that surround the site and will remain a feature of the development for years to come.

Louie will have the opportunity to take part in a signing ceremony, whereby he will sign the steel works when the building work gets underway.

The final name remains tightly under wraps, but we know that Louie's winning entry will form the basis for the name and he will go down in Harleston history.

**Jane Price—Head of Primary Phase**



## Sancroft Sporting Triumphs!

### Girls Triumph in Debut Tournament! (21/10/24)



Despite a chilly Monday afternoon, our Harleston Primary Girl's Team made their mark at The Nest in Norwich! Facing established teams in their first ever tournament, our girls, some new to football, showed incredible teamwork and courage. They stormed to the top of their group, winning the Championship trophy for our school cabinet! With a stunning 24 goals scored and only 4 conceded, it was a truly remarkable achievement. Well done, girls!

### Girls Excel in Premier League Challenge! (20/1/25)

After their Championship victory, our Year 3/4 girls were promoted to the Premier League! Facing tougher competition and longer matches, they continued to shine. Despite the freezing weather, their teamwork and belief in each other were red hot! They finished runners-up, winning two matches and narrowly losing one. With an impressive 36 goals scored and only 7 conceded across six matches, they're determined to bring home the Premier League trophy next time!



### Year 5/6 Team Battles Through Tough Conditions! (11/11/24)

The wet and windy weather didn't dampen the spirits of our Year 5/6 mixed-gender team! They showed fantastic teamwork and perseverance, battling hard to secure a runner-up spot in their league. Their strong defence was a highlight, conceding only 2 goals in three matches. The team should be incredibly proud of their performance!

### Another Runner-Up Spot for Harleston! (Recent Tournament)

On a sunny day at The Nest, our team competed in their second tournament after their successful runner-up finish in their debut. Placed in the Championship Group, they worked hard across three matches and once again secured a runner-up spot. Every team member gave 100% and should be incredibly proud. We have one more tournament before the end of the year, and with their continued effort, we're confident they can continue with great success!

**Stacey Street—Assistant Headteacher, Primary Phase**

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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.

## Tacolneston Young Carers Recognised



Tacolneston Primary Academy have been awarded the prestigious **Carer Friendly Tick Award**.

Tacolneston's Young Carers Group was formed several years ago with the support of Mrs Laura Ketley (SENDCo).

I was chosen to run the group, following on from my Nurture role and having been a Young Carer myself.

All the YC know they can find me at any time (not just the YC session) if they need any support or a chat. The group consists of ten children from years 1-6.

We meet every two weeks. The YCs have the opportunity to report any good or challenging things that they have done and they support each other with solutions and praise. Then we move onto the FUN part of our session! We have a vast range of activities....

...edible slime, parachute games, Easter nests, Mother's (important carer) cards/flowers, games fest, Christmas craft, clay, various cooking (sweet treats, summer picnic), den building, treasure hunt, marbling, painting Welcome stones, planting bulbs/flowers, Chinese feast (Chinese New Year), Pancake Day, Malteser blow football and much, much more. We help each other, make a mess, make a noise and have fun.

To achieve the 'Carer Friendly Tick Award' Tacolneston Primary Academy had to:

- Choose a member of staff as Champion/Lead for Young Carers Group
- Develop a Young Carers Agreement in consultation with the children
- Cover issues relating to being a Young Carer in staff training (thanks to Nadine Avenal, Trust Improvement Lead for SEND for our staff training)
- Display information about Young Carers and the support they can get
- Raise awareness of Young Carers with displays, assemblies, PSHE lessons



One Young Carer comments, *"I enjoy the YC group, being together, socialising with each other, working as a team with other children that are YCs. We always have fun."*

Another Young Carer says, *"We get to do lots of fun things, everyone comes together and it's good to spend time with other YCs."*

## Bishop of Thetford Visits Happisburgh Primary Academy



On Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March, the Bishop of Thetford came to visit us at Happisburgh CE Primary Academy.

He was visiting the area to talk about rural deprivation, coastal erosion and the fate of small communities. The Bishop toured our school and met with staff before leading worship for the children.

He told us all about his pectoral cross which he chose to have in the shape of a St Cuthbert's cross to remember his favourite saint. He also spoke about the vine and grapes which are engraved on the cross and reminded us that we are all branches and Jesus is the strong vine.

The Bishop prayed with us that we would all feel connected to Jesus and to God like branches on the vine.

It was lovely to welcome the Bishop and to learn more about his role and we thank him for the support for our community.

**Laura Watts**  
Executive Headteacher



## Updates from DoNESC

Have a look at this: [Governance Bulletin 11 March 2025](#)

### Printer / IT / Phone Reminders and Updates

- **Printers**

If you have IT issues, please make sure that these are **always** raised on the OfficeXpress Helpdesk or phone number (below) rather than putting into a book. This will ensure that any problems are sorted out as quickly as possible. Please do not wait for your engineer to attend site as they could be asked to attend another site with an emergency if they are not aware that you have any problems at school level.

If you have a Canon printer please can you leave this on overnight so that any updates can be installed. They will go to 'sleep' so use absolutely minimal electricity when unattended.

- **Canon Printer Cartridges**

These will be ordered automatically going forward, however Max Lewis from OfficeXpress ([mlewis@officexpress.co.uk](mailto:mlewis@officexpress.co.uk)) will call you over the coming days to check if you need any replacement cartridges in the short term to ensure that there are not any gaps in this process.

Recycling of empty cartridges - please fill in this link [Request for Canon cartridge recycling box](#) and you will be sent a box for these. When you are ready to have this collected please fill in this link [Request for Collection of cartridge recycling](#) and they will come and collect.

If you have any problems with your Canon printer please call the OfficeXpress Helpdesk or raise a ticket.

- **Personal Laptops**

We strongly encourage you not to use a personal laptop for work. However, if you do use one, please be aware that OfficeXpress are not able to manage the device or issue any updates for it as they will have no access to it on their network.

Also, please ensure that if you do use your own device it has Anti-Virus software installed and is password protected and kept safe at all times

- **New Starter Emails**

There is a 5-day turnaround for new email addresses to be set up - please get requests for these over in good time to allow for this

- **OfficeXpress Contact details**

Tel: 0115 914 4140

Email: [support@officexpress.co.uk](mailto:support@officexpress.co.uk) - with your school name in the subject line

- **Phones**

A decision has been made that when any phone contracts come up for renewal, schools should be moving across to Leverstock who are the Trust-wide provider.

If you have any queries on any of the above, please contact Wendy Allsop, EA / Project Manager on 01603 550161 or [wendy.allsop@donesc.org](mailto:wendy.allsop@donesc.org).

## What is the St Benet's Resource Hub?

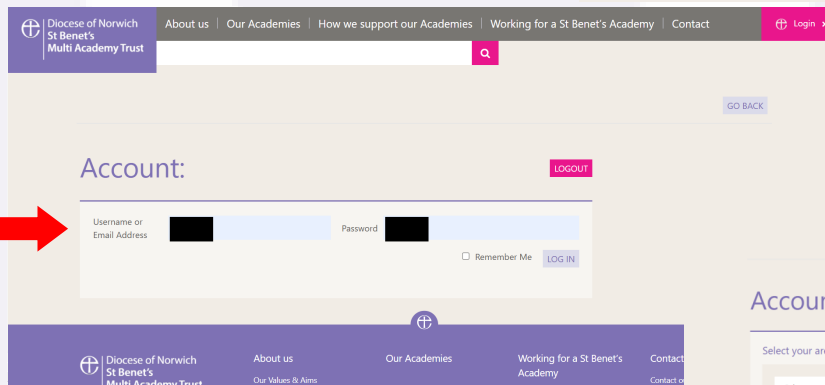
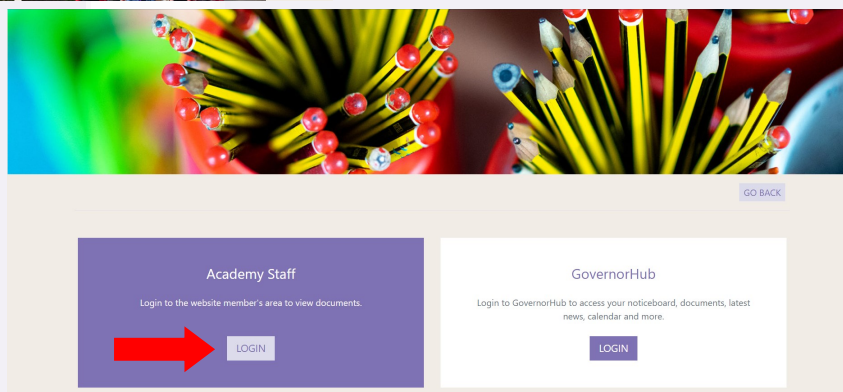
The Resource Hub is a staff-only area of our website ([www.stbenets.org](http://www.stbenets.org)) where we store documents, including Handbooks, HR forms, policies, nomination forms for the Immeasurably More project, recruitment templates ....along with much more.

Each school in the Trust has been issued with its own login; contact Suzannah Kay in the Central Team via [suzannah.kay@stbenets.org](mailto:suzannah.kay@stbenets.org) if your Headteacher or office staff don't have it to hand.

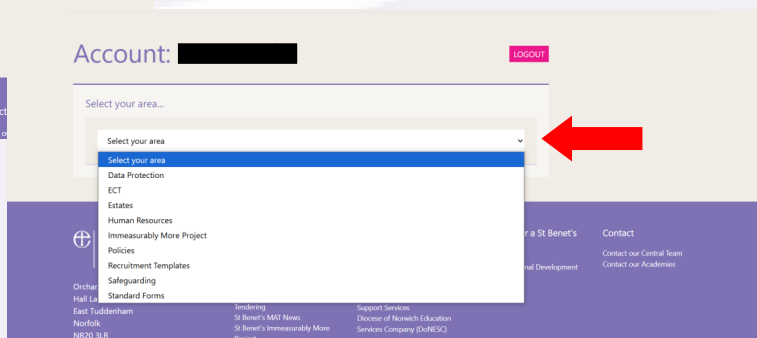
To access the Resource Hub, click on the bright pink button on the top right hand corner of the website homepage...



then click on Academy Staff LOG IN...



Enter your Username and Password and click on LOG IN...



...then select an area from the dropdown list:

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](mailto:suzannah.kay@stbenets.org)

Week commencing	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
24.03.25		Strategy Development Day at OH (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) <b>CANCELLED</b>				
<b>EASTER</b>					
28.04.25	CUSP RE—online (15.45-16.45)	St Benet's CUSP Champions Day at Worstead Primary (09.00-15.30);  CUSP French—online (15.45-16.45)		DSL Network—online (15.45-16.45);  Leader's Forum at OH (09.00-14.00);  CUSP Computing—online (15.45-16.45)	SEND Network (09.00-16.00)
05.05.25	<b>BANK HOLIDAY</b>	Sancroft Primary ARM (09.00-10.30);  Sancroft Secondary ARM (11.00-13.00);  Acorn Partnership ARM (14.00-16.00)	NF ARM (09.00-10.30);  St Mary's Jnr ARM (11.00-12.30);  Lighthouse Fed ARM (14.00-16.00)	Beacon Fed ARM (11.00-13.00);  Diss & Scole PAP ARM (14.00-16.00)	AwD ARM (09.00-10.30);  Swallowtail Fed ARM (11.00-13.00);  T&M Fed ARM (14.00-16.00);  EYFS Network (09.00-16.00)
12.05.25				RSL Network (15.40-16.40)	
<b>HALF TERM</b>					

### KEY:

OH—Orchard House NR20 3LR

ARM—Academy Review Meeting

RSL—Raising Standards Leads

DSL—Designated Safeguarding Lead

SEND—Special Education Needs and Disabilities

NF—Newton Flotman Primary NR15 1PR

AwD—Alburgh with Denton IP20 0BW

T&M—Tacolneston & Morley

EYFS—Early Years Foundation Stage



## 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](mailto:info@stbenets.org).



## Press & PR

From 31st May 2024 you should contact 01603 550147 or [info@stbenets.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.stbenets.org).  
Please email your vacancies to: [hr@donesc.org](mailto: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](mailto: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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# 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