

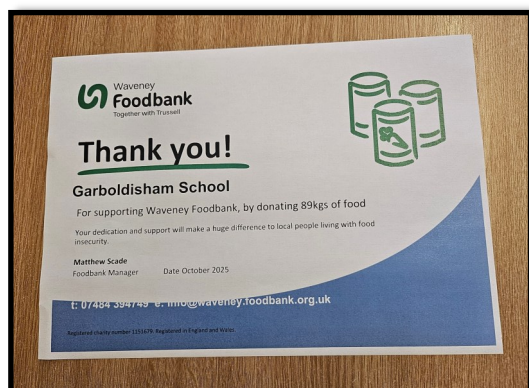
Harvest Festival celebrated by Beacon Federation schools

Both Beacon Federation schools—Dickleburgh Primary and Garboldisham Primary—have recently taken part in Harvest services.

It was lovely to have Rev Carl and Rev Josh leading these for us in school. Food donations have been taken to the Waveney Foodbank, who have sent messages of thanks to both schools.

Following our service at Dickleburgh Primary, one little boy in Year 3, Albert, saw a homeless man in Norwich whilst having lunch with his parents. He told his parents about the Harvest service and said he wanted to keep his apple for the man and asked if they could buy him a sandwich and a drink. Mum and Dad are understandably very proud of Albert, and so are we!

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 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

St Mary's Junior Academy Community Champions making a difference

The Year 3 students are 'Community Champions' for Mayfields Care Home in Long Stratton.

Through regular visits they focus on combating loneliness through intergenerational connection. The children prepared engaging activities and half termly visits to share with the elderly residents, fostering meaningful relationships.

Laura Richardson
Headteacher



Rollout of Juniper MIS across St Benet's

As the two Juniper Sonar training sessions have now taken place, we are moving our focus to the rollout of the MIS software across the Trust's schools.



Rosemary Ison (DoNESC Operations Manager) and Juniper are preparing a phased rollout implementation plan for the MIS software. This will involve in-person and online training sessions for admin staff members which will be scheduled a number of weeks ahead of your school's actual rollout date.

The MIS rollout programme is starting in October with Tacolneston & Morley Primaries and further information in respect of the rollout will be shared with Headteachers in the coming weeks as details are firmed up.

Pupil Asset will continue to run alongside Juniper for a period of time as the new system beds in.

If you have difficulty logging into SONAR and the 'forgotten password' link is not working, please contact the Juniper support desk on the email sonartrackerhelp@junipereducation.org or use the link <https://help.junipereducation.org/>.

Training/CPD events for the next half-term

Week commencing	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
03.11.25		Collective Worship Workshop– Diocesan training, free online (15.30-17.00)		Headteacher Workshop at OH. Topic: Ofsted Updates & SEF Focus (09.00-16.00)	
10.11.25			CUSP Primary French Leads (15.45-16.45)		
17.11.25		Leaders' Forum at OH (09.00-14.00)		DSL Network (online) (15.45-16.45)	
24.11.25		CUSP Primary Computing Leads (15.45-16.45)	EYFS Network– school visit (09.00-16.00)	CUSP Primary RE Leads (15.45-16.45)	
01.12.25		LA Data Session: Understanding Your IDSR & ASP at OH (09.00-12.00)			
08.12.25			Optional Strategy Development Day for Heads at OH (09.00-16.00)		



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

Following the news that Paul Dunning will be retiring at the end of 2025, the Diocese of Norwich have announced the appointment of Chris Allen as his replacement. Chris will already be known to many of you from his role as Diocesan RE Advisor, and we wish him every success with his new role, which starts in January 2026.



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 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.



**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

DoNESC News

Cyber Security Breach - Guidance on Staying Safe

You may well be aware of the recent cyber attack on Kido Nurseries, which resulted in the theft of sensitive data. It's a timely reminder for us to prioritise and strengthen our cyber security measures. **It is believed that access was initially gained through a phishing email.** Read more about this incident here: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cpvlgzk0xvpo>

Protecting the personal information of our students, families, and staff is of utmost importance. Below are some key steps and recommendations to help ensure we remain vigilant and secure:

Review and Strengthen Password Practices

- * Use **strong, unique passwords** for all accounts, ensuring they include a mix of letters, numbers and symbols.
- * Avoid reusing passwords across multiple platforms.
- * Consider using a **reputable password manager** to securely store and manage passwords. Both Microsoft Edge and Google Chrome have an inbuilt password manager. This feature has been enabled for the Cloud schools and will be enabled for the rest of the schools over the coming year as the move to the Cloud is completed.

Enable Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA)

- * Wherever possible, enable MFA for all systems and accounts. This adds an extra layer of protection, even if a password is compromised. There is a project being commissioned with OfficeXpress to enable this on centralised Microsoft 365 and Google Workspace platforms and it will be in place for everyone by the end of the academic year.

Be Alert to Phishing Attempts

- * **Be cautious of unexpected emails or messages**, especially those requesting sensitive information or containing suspicious links.
- * Verify the sender's identity before responding or clicking on any links.

Regularly Update Software and Systems

- * Ensure all devices, software, and systems are updated with the latest security patches. Outdated systems are more vulnerable to attacks. By fully shutting down your laptop/PC at the end of the day this will ensure that the device has the latest updates.

Secure Data Storage and Sharing

- * Avoid storing sensitive data on personal devices or unsecured platforms.
- * Use encrypted methods for sharing or storing confidential information.

Report Any Concerns Immediately

- * If you notice anything unusual, such as unauthorised access or suspicious activity, **report it to the Service Desk at OfficeXpress immediately** (support@officexpress.co.uk). Early detection can prevent further damage.

Educate and Stay Informed

- * Familiarise yourself with our **data protection policies and procedures** (SO9 Data Protection Policy: <https://stbenets.org/about-us/policies/>)

By taking these proactive steps, we can significantly reduce the risk of a similar incident affecting our community. If you have any questions or need further guidance, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Wendy Allsop
Executive Assistant to DoNESC CEO

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>

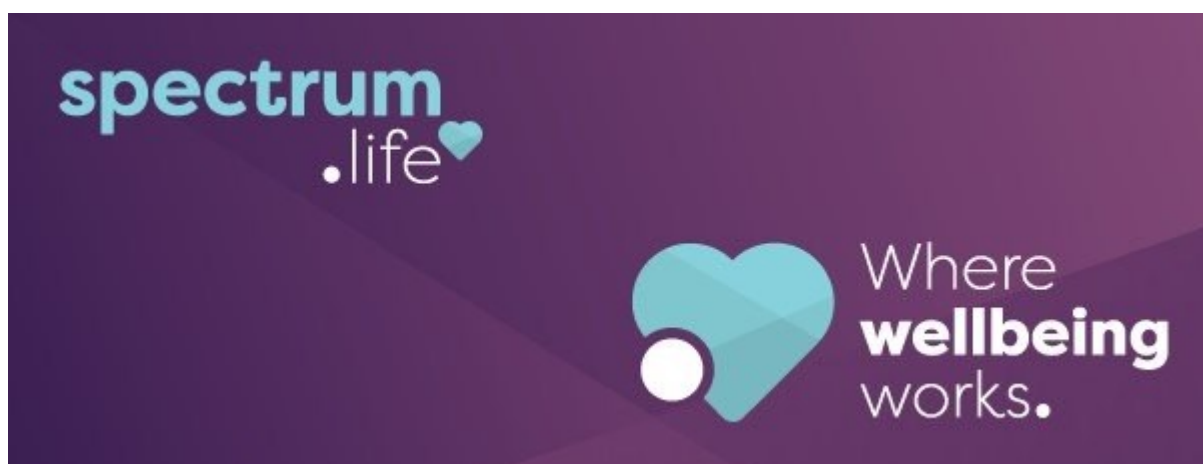
On the home page you will be asked to enter your name and email address, create a password and choose who you work for from a drop-down menu (you should choose St Benet's) and this will then take you through to the welcome page. If you download the app it will ask for your Organisation Code which is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