

Swallowtail Federation Celebrate NSPCC Number Day

On Friday 6th February, the children of Swallowtail Federation came together to celebrate a truly successful NSPCC Number Day, filled with curiosity, creativity, and a love of learning.

From puzzles and challenges to games that made numbers come alive, everyone embraced the joy of maths while supporting an incredibly important cause.



Together, we showed that numbers can do more than add up on a page; they can help make a real difference in children's lives.

A huge thank you to everyone who took part and helped make the day such a positive and meaningful success.

Sarah-Jane Gilbert
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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

Safeguarding—Pol-Ed

We are living in a rapidly changing world, and both policing and education must continually adapt to keep pace with how young people interact, communicate, and influence one another. This is particularly true in the online environment, where new trends and behaviours can emerge quickly and spread widely.

In recent months we have seen a number of online trends that have the potential to place children and young people at risk. These trends can sometimes lead to pupils experiencing harm, becoming victims of crime, or in some cases becoming involved in behaviour that could result in criminal consequences.

With this in mind, we encourage schools to consider delivering lessons from the following Pol-Ed themes, which address many of the issues currently being seen both locally and nationally:

- Anti-Social Behaviour
- Dangerous Weapons and Knives
- Assault
- Online Safety
- Public Order

If you would like a copy of any of the themed lesson pdf's, please email suzannah.kay@stbenets.org

These lessons are designed to help pupils understand the consequences of certain behaviours, recognise risks, and develop the confidence to make safe and responsible choices.

Emerging online concern - AI-generated images of staff

One trend that has been reported in several areas involves the creation of AI-generated images of school staff, often shared through newly created or anonymous social media accounts, including TikTok. These images are sometimes edited to place staff into embarrassing, misleading, or inappropriate scenarios.

Although pupils may initially see this as a joke or harmless content creation, it can have serious implications. Such posts can cause distress to staff, damage reputations, and in some circumstances may cross into harassment, malicious communications, or other criminal offences.

How schools can support pupils

Schools may wish to address this proactively with pupils by reinforcing a few key messages:

- Digital actions have real-world consequences. Creating or sharing manipulated images of others without permission can cause harm and may breach school behaviour policies or the law.
- Think before posting. Encourage pupils to consider whether they would be comfortable if the same content were created about them or someone they care about.
- Do not share or amplify harmful content. Even forwarding or liking posts can contribute to the spread of harmful material.
- Report concerns early. Pupils should know how to report inappropriate online content within school and through platform reporting tools. Promote respectful online behaviour. Reinforce that the same expectations around respect and kindness apply online as they do in the classroom.

Our Online Safety lessons on Pol-Ed provide useful starting points for these discussions and can help pupils explore issues such as digital responsibility, online reputation, and the potential impact of their online behaviour on others.

One of the key aims of Pol-Ed is to equip young people with the knowledge and confidence to make positive choices and avoid becoming involved in situations that could cause harm to themselves or others. Your continued engagement with Pol-Ed plays an important role in helping keep children and young people safe.

If you would like support identifying suitable lessons or navigating the Pol-Ed resources, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Thank you for your continued support.

The Pol-Ed Team

Pol-Ed Website: Pol-Ed.co.uk

DoNESC Updates

New OfficeXpress Catalogue

OfficeXpress have updated their catalogue to reflect recent price increases that have now come into effect.

Please be aware that prices for laptops and Chromebooks are likely to rise further over the coming months. This is due to the increased global demand for memory chips driven by the rapid growth of AI technologies.

Although the prices in the current catalogue are accurate at the time of publication, they are subject to change. The catalogue will therefore be reviewed and reissued regularly to ensure you always have the most up-to-date information.

The new catalogue has been sent to all Headteachers.

Printer Staples

Please ask your on-site engineer to check your printer's staple levels during their visits, so that we can minimise instances of running out.

If you need to order staples, please log an OX Helpdesk ticket and include:

- The serial number of the printer
- The type of staples required

These will be added directly to your print copy invoice, meaning you do not need to go through the PO process and the request can be processed more quickly.

Thank you.

Wendy Allsop

EA to CEO/Operations & Contract Manager

Training/CPD Events for the Next Half-term

Week commencing	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
16.03.26		CUSP Primary Art Leads		CUSP Primary DT Leads	Diocesan Headteachers Conference at Norwich Cathedral (08.45-15.30)
23.03.26	CUSP Primary Geography Leads	Strategy Development Day at OH (09.00-16.00); CUSP Primary Music Leads			

Note: All CUSP events run from 15.45-16.45 online. OH = Orchard House.

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 started in October with Tacolneston & Morley Primaries and our remaining schools will follow on a phased basis after the January census.

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 via: sonartrackerhelp@junipereducation.org or use the link here: <https://help.junipereducation.org/>



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



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



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>

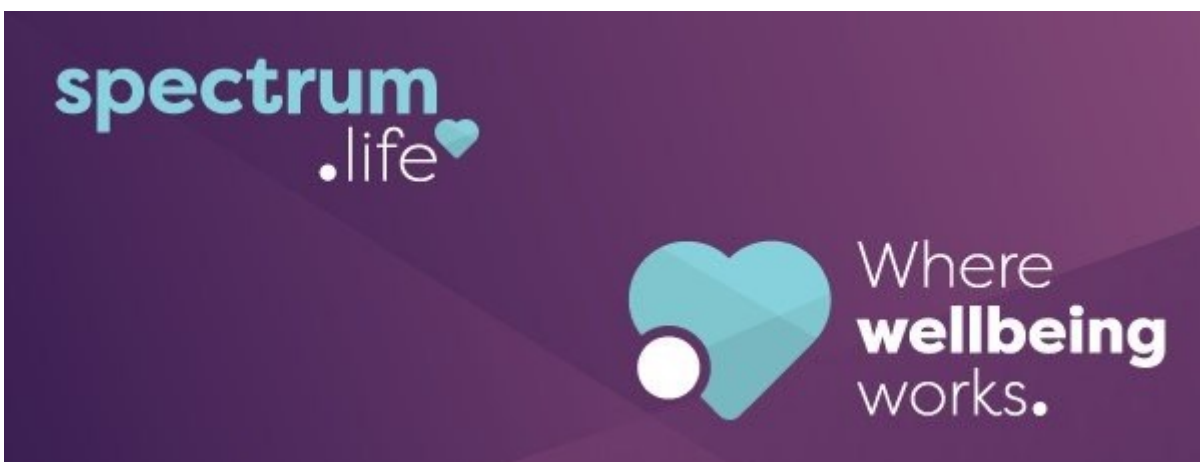
On the home page you will be asked to enter your name and email address, create a password and choose who you work for from a drop-down menu (you should choose St Benet's) and this will then take you through to the welcome page. If you download the app it will ask for your Organisation Code which is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