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Education newsletter



December 2022



**Monday 19 June 2023,
1.30pm**

We will be holding our annual service of celebration for church schools at the Cathedral, Bury St Edmunds.

**Wednesday 1 November
2023**

This is the date for our annual church school leaders' conference next year.

News from the Diocese

Dear Colleagues

As we near the end of term, I do hope that you are able to celebrate the joy of Advent and Christmas as a church school. I am looking forward to seeing lots of Inspiring Angels across the diocese this year- <https://www.inspiringangels.org.uk/>

It was a joy to meet together in person for our annual church school leaders' conference on 9 November. We met in the Edmund Room at the cathedral in Bury St Edmunds, and have already booked for next year on Wednesday 1 November 2023. Our keynote speaker was Dame Estelle Morris, who gave an overview of how the current education system has evolved. Pupils from Eyke CofE Primary played string instruments and sang in the cathedral itself and Lucie Fairweather, Headteacher explained the school's commitment to provide music for all pupils. Lyndsey Allsopp, Headteacher at Ixworth CofE Primary outlined the school's journey to its recent good inspection outcome, and the central role of the school's Christian vision and values. I spoke about the DfE, the diocese and academies and Matt Fulford, founder of Inspired Efficiency <https://www.inspiredefficiency.co.uk/> spoke about energy saving and net zero. Matt works with the Church of England Education Office nationally. Gemma led our final session on schools' Christian vision, which tied in neatly with the SIAMS inspection framework. Feedback from the day was very positive.

Spring Forums via Zoom

Headteachers
Wed 18 January,
1.30pm

Admissions
Tues 24 January, 4pm

Small Schools
Mon 27 February, 4pm

Chairs of Governors
Wed 15 March, 4pm

The Forums are free.
For any queries or to book, please contact [Jacqui Studd](#)

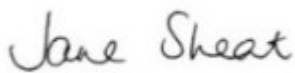
The Education Secretary has recently confirmed that the Schools Bill, which had already been delayed, will not now go ahead. Maintained schools should continue to plan for the future but there is no longer a national target of full academisation by 2030.

In spite of the cost of living crisis affecting many families and the prospect of teacher strike action, we welcome news of additional funding for schools in the autumn statement and additional capital funding to improve energy efficiency. Please see below for more information.

May I also draw your attention to changes in the SIAMS inspection framework from September 2023 and news about Christian Aid's Global Neighbours Scheme in this issue?

At Christmas we celebrate the one who is the light of the world. On behalf of all the team, may I wish you all a very happy Christmas? May our celebrations of Christ's birth deepen our faith, renew our hope and strengthen our love in the year to come.

With all good wishes from all the team,



Jane Sheat
Diocesan Director of Education

Diocesan Board of Education

We are looking for two serving Headteachers to join the Diocesan Board of Education. The board meets in Ipswich four times a year in the afternoon. Headteachers play an important role in informing the work of the DBE in relation to church schools. For more information, please contact [Jane](#) or Paul Ryle, Headteacher at Mellis CofE Primary who is an existing member head1940@mellisprimaryschool.org

Inspiring Angels

A collection of angels created by our schools.



All Saints' CofE Primary, Newmarket. A collation of angel themed cards for people in the Newmarket Community who are isolated and live alone, part of the School's connection to the Befriending Network and Volunteers Association.



Upcoming Diocesan courses next term

Leadership/Governance

- * Assessment for governors
- * Being a Governor
- * Monitoring for governors

RE/CW

- * CW and RE for governors
- * Excellent RE Teacher
- * Inspirational CW
- * the new RE Syllabus
- * New to Teaching RE
- * Spiritual Development in Primary Schools

SIAMS / Ofsted

- * Are you SIAMS ready?
- * Ofsted Training

Wellbeing event

- * for Administrators (please see below)

Further details of our training is available by clicking [here](#). To book, or for any queries, please contact [Jacqui Studd](#)



Advent and Christmas

Gemma has collated resources for advent and Christmas - available on our website by clicking [here](#).

Hintlesham & Chattisham CofE Primary School

Pupils made angels to donate to the local church for Christmas this year.



Hopton CEVCP School
The School used 'An angel like me' to start a conversation with pupils before making angels with a message, which pupils wanted to take home.

Resilience event for Administrators and Bursars

Thursday 2 February 2023
1.30 - 3.30pm
Our speaker for this event is Joyce Crawford. Joyce's experience in Suffolk schools is wide-ranging and Joyce will offer her unique insight, which promises to be very interesting and relevant for all Church School Administrators and Bursars. For further information, please click [here](#).

Bedfield CofE Primary School (below)

Craft making activities on the theme of angels helped to show pupils skills.



Growing Younger Sunday - 29 January

Growing Younger Sunday celebrates youth and families' ministry. This event is an annual event and will lead each year with a series of planned activities for Growing Younger. For more information and resources, please click [here](#).

Sir Robert Hitcham CEVAP School, Debenham (below)

Pupils have been busy working on the theme of angels in school and they have them displayed all over!



News from Ofsted

Governance webinar

To see the recording of Ofsted's 45-minute webinar on governance and inspection, please click [here](#)

St Mary's CofE Academy, Mildenhall (below)

Each class made angels as part of the Amazing Angels festival at St Mary's Church this advent.



School inspection data summary report (IDSR) guide

This guide gives an overview of the inspection data summary report (IDSR) for primary and secondary schools, along with information to help interpret the charts. For further details, please click [here](#).

St Matthew's Cof E Primary, Wetheringsett CofE Ipswich (below)



Primary (below)



Global Neighbours Accreditation Scheme

The Global Neighbours Team at Christian Aid are supporting our church schools with courageous advocacy through the Global Neighbours accreditation scheme. This involves termly meetings with our schools, the first of which was held on Wednesday 23 November with 19 schools attending. For the slides from this meeting, please click [here](#). For further information about the accreditation scheme, please click [here](#).

Dates for future termly meetings will be advised in the new year.

News from Schools

Congratulations!



Congratulations to Elveden CofE Primary Academy which celebrated Harvest Festival and Christingle. Lorna Rourke, Headteacher writes: "It was so lovely to welcome our parents to our Harvest Festival at the church.

We are proud of all our wonderful children and amazing staff for making our first time together this academic year such a success!

The parents enjoyed their harvest bread and soup made by the children and we had so many donations for Thetford Food Bank. Children also enjoyed celebrating with friends and family at the annual Christingle service.



They made their Christingles in school, in family groups and finished with a Christingle parade at the church led by the Collective Worship council."



Congratulations to pupils at **St Gregory CEVCP School, Sudbury** who have taken to the airwaves locally and internationally. They were live on the Luke Deal Breakfast Show on Radio Suffolk, filmed for Look East watching England v Iran in the football World Cup and the Swap Club was featured in an episode of 60 Minutes in America. For more, please click [here](#).



Suffolk Mind is providing funded training opportunities for East Suffolk schools-

- there are still spaces available on the following dates:
- Monday 9th January – via Zoom
- Monday 30th January – Face to Face at Limes Primary Academy in Lowestoft
- Tuesday 28th March – via Zoom
- All training is 9am – 3pm.

To book email [Suffolk Mind](#). For more information please click [here](#)

Congratulations to **Great Waldingfield CEVCP School** for this lovely Christmas tree which is on display in St Laurence's church, part of the Christmas Tree and Nativity Festival.

The school choir also sang in the Big Sing at Snape Maltings and opened the local Christmas fayre.



News from the Diocesan MAT

Welcome to Marie Lipman who joined as Senior Business and Finance Officer on 1 December 2022.



Congratulations to **Hopton CEVCP School** which had spotacular fun celebrating BBC Children in Need this year! The School writes: "the School Council decided they wanted to make spotty biscuits for everyone in school. An afternoon of cooking enabled everyone to share a Children in Need cookie at breaktime!

They were delicious – thank you School Council. The spotty fun continued as we dressed up in spots and also held a Junior Bake Off with a Children in Need theme.



Lots of spotty Pudsey cakes and treats were entered into the competition with a special cake sale at the end of day to raise funds. A huge well done for all the baking and effort by everyone in the school community—it was a super spotty day!"



Congratulations to **Orford CEVA Primary**. Class 3 (Y4/5/6) attended a short remembrance service at St Bartholomew's with their handmade wreath of prayers.

The rest of the school hosted a 2-minute silence, a shared collective worship session and the school council raised money for the Poppy Appeal.



Farmington Scholarships

The aim of the Farmington Institute is to support and encourage Headteachers working on values and standards, and teachers of Religious Education in schools. The Institute awards scholarships to Headteachers, secondary and primary school teachers, and teachers of RE to children with Special Educational Needs. Applications are now open for the academic year 2023-24. For further information please click [here](#) to visit the Farmington website. For the printable flyer, please click [here](#).

Uma from Y6 also volunteered to do one of the readings in the official service at Church on behalf of the school.



Congratulations to **All Saints' CofE Primary School, Newmarket** which had a wonderful 'WOW week' at the school and celebrated Inter Faith Week in style.

From commemorating Remembrance Day, enjoying quiz and movie nights, having their hands painted, to the family and friend festival and raising money for Children in Need. For more please click [here](#).

For reflections from national faith communities and their leaders in the context of Inter Faith Week 2022, please click [here](#).



Congratulations also to **All Saints' CofE Primary** for this beautiful garden of remembrance at the front of the hall. Rachel Bacon, Deputy Head writes: "A new child to our school from Ukraine made a beautiful wreath with the words "Please don't forget those that are at war." This is a significant reminder for us all to hold the people of Ukraine in our thoughts and prayers."



Congratulations to **Stonham Aspal CEVAP School** for this beautiful mural which has been painted across the entire school hall ceiling.



Dates of interest....

Epiphany

6 January 2023

[Big Bird Watch](#)

6 January - 20 February 2023

Chinese New Year

22 January 2023

[Holocaust Memorial Day](#)

27 January 2023
(please see below)

[National Storytelling Week](#)

28 January - 5 February 2023

Candlemas

2 February 2023

[NSPCC Number Day](#)

3 February 2023

[Children's Mental Health Week](#)

6 - 12 February 2023

Valentine's Day

14 February 2023

[Random Acts of Kindness Day](#)

17 February 2023

Shrove Tuesday

21 February 2023

[Fairtrade Fortnight](#)

27 February - 12 March 2023

[National School Governors' Awareness Day](#)

28 February 2023

[Red Nose Day](#)

17 March 2023



Congratulations to **Trinity CEVAP School, Stowmarket** for these lovely displays from the School's prayer room. Linda Curran-Spain, Headteacher writes: "Every school has special places in them - the Prayer room at Trinity is one of ours."

Please do let us know about your prayer space by sending photos to [Jacqui Studd](mailto:Jacqui.Studd).

| Ofsted inspections | Outcomes |
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| Morland CofE Primary, Ipswich | Good |
| St Peter & St Paul CofE Primary, Eye | Good |
| Kelsale CEVCP | Good |
| All Saints' CofE Primary, Newmarket | Good |
| SIAMS inspection | Outcomes |
| Thorndon CEVCP | Good |

For the Attention of Headteachers

If you are retiring or resigning as Headteacher, please do let us know. Jane, Sue or Phil will attend meetings with your Governors to advise on the headship appointment, alongside the Local Authority. We can be in contact with your Chair of Governors and make sure that we are available for dates for shortlisting and interviews. Many thanks.

Do contact Sue or Phil if you would like them to be your external adviser for Headteacher performance management reviews.

News from the Church of England

Flourishing Together: National Conference

Friday 27 January 2023

Union Chapel and St Mary Magdalene Academy, Islington
 Speakers include: Lord Boateng, Dame Rachel de Souza, Mary Myatt, Dame Alison Peacock, the Most Revd Stephen Cottrell.
 For more information, and to book a place, please click [here](#).



Holocaust Memorial Day is on 27 January, and schools can get involved. There are lots of [free resources](#) online to help lead assemblies, activities or lessons with students. Contact the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust Senior Education Officer for help and support and to get started, email: education@hmd.org.uk Add your school to the [HMD map here](#) to share your involvement.



Suffolk Coastal Debt Centre, based at Saxmundham, covers a vast area of East Suffolk (IP12, 13, 15-19, NR34) and is part of a national network of CAP Debt Centres designed to help people out of debt. The service is free and for everyone, regardless of their background. For the flyer, please click [here](#). For more about the Debt Centre or CAP, please visit their websites <https://www.skchurch/cap> or <https://capuk.org/>

Starting in January 2023, the Debt Centre will be working with Suffolk County Council to provide financial education for schools (KS2 and KS4) within East Suffolk. If your school would like to host CAP Money (for Kids - yrs 5&6 - or for Youth - yr11) then please contact lauraknight@capuk.org. The Debt Centre also runs CAP Money for Adults in school settings for parents.

Becoming a Net Zero Carbon school

Thursday 9 February 2023, 4pm

This webinar is part of a regular series for schools, aiming to become net zero carbon. This update covers:

- NEW resources to help schools,
- what key milestones to include in your own action plan,
- the Energy Toolkit, now open for entry for 2022 data,
- two inspiring case study videos from Blackburn and Gloucester dioceses.

For more information, and to book, please click [here](#).

SIAMS 2023

Dr Margaret James, National Director of SIAMS, has set out how SIAMS will develop from September 2023. For guidance and resources on the new framework, please see the CofE SIAMS website: [SIAMS Inspections | The Church of England](#)

SIAMS Inspector Training

The CofE SIAMS central team are keen to recruit new trainees for the next inspector training cohort which will commence in September 2023. Application details for new inspector training are due to go live in January and will be circulated. If you are interested in becoming a SIAMS Inspector, please do contact [Jane](#) or [Phil](#).

NPQs reminder for February 2023 – sign up for programmes by the end of January

From February 2023 the St Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Multi Academy Trust and Diocese of Norwich are offering the following Church of England NPQs – Leading Teaching (NPQLT), Senior Leader (NPQSL), Headship (NPQH), Leading Teacher Development (NPQLTD), Leading Behaviour and Culture (NPQLBC) as well as Early Headship Coaching Offer (EHCO).

Why do an NPQ this February?

1. It's true what they say, the best things in life are FREE! and we have the best NPQ Offer yet. Our NPQs:

- Are fully funded
- Fit flexibly around your teaching
- Are underpinned by expert coaching, all of whom are serving or retired Headteachers
- Are highly recommended - what do the current cohort (NPQLT cohort 2) say about us?
 - 100% Overall participant satisfaction
 - 100% Coaches and facilitators are knowledgeable and engaging
 - 100% feel better equipped to lead others effectively
 - 100% say that they have been motivated to engage with research and evidence

News from the DfE

New Secretary of State for Education

For more, please click [here](#).

Additional capital funding for schools to improve energy efficiency in 2022-23

Eligible schools will receive an allocation from an additional £447 million in capital funding in 2022-23 for capital improvements to buildings and facilities, prioritising works to improve energy efficiency.

For further information, please click [here](#).

For energy efficiency guidance, please click [here](#).

Autumn statement 2022

Available [here](#).

Schools Bill dropped

For more, please click [here](#).

Ever wondered about the powers of local authorities?

The DfE's Schools causing concern guidance sets out the powers of local authorities in relation to schools eligible for intervention. To read the guidance, click [here](#)

Praise-along

Praise-along is a new collective worship project, uniting UK primary schools through Christian songs. The songs, written by leading children's song writer Kelly Fort, will be available from January 2023. For more information, please visit the following website [Praise-Along Music](#). For an example of Kelly's work, please click [here](#).

Apply www.cefel.org.uk/npq/

2. Did you know that the DfE funds all CofE NPQs for Teachers and leaders employed in state funded schools?

3. Don't miss out, [apply](#) today.

4. Our aim is to ensure 'that where a child lives has no bearing on the quality of teaching they receive'. We are therefore especially encouraging small, rural schools, to consider taking up our NPQ offer. For every teacher that takes up a free NPQ, the school will receive a £200 payment to support. <https://www.cefel.org.uk/npq/>

If you have any queries then please contact Heather Hann heather.hann@cofesuffolk.org

News from YOUR School

If you have any stories you would like highlighted, please do send us details and we will include in our next newsletter. Please send photos, short articles, web-page references, etc. electronically to [Jacqui](#) and we'll be pleased to include them.

There is no subscription fee and the songs will always be free for UK primary schools to use.



Spring Dance Company presents: **PARABLE**, a professional performance and integrated workshop which provides schools with a chance to boost children's engagement with RE. For further details, click [here](#).

Easter Project leads pupils through a series of dance workshops that help them engage with the Easter story. For more please click [here](#).

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