

This newsletter, from the Diocesan Education Team, is sent to Church school Headteachers, foundation governors, chairs of governors and clergy.

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# Education newsletter

THE CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND  
Diocese of St Edmundsbury  
and Ipswich



September 2021

## News from the Diocese

Dear colleagues,

Welcome back to school for a new school year! As usual, this newsletter comes with news of events and resources coming up this term and throughout the new year.

As a team we continue to offer support and provide various opportunities for RE subject leads, Headteachers and governors to come together.

Firstly, may I commend Gemma Kingston's collective worship resources to you? This half term Gemma has produced two plans, on the theme of harvest and diverse representations of Jesus in art. Gemma has also produced guidance documents on different values, starting with compassion, respect, generosity, forgiveness and thankfulness. They can all be found on our [website](#).

This term we plan to hold our service of celebration of church schools at the cathedral in Bury St Edmunds on Sunday 3 October at 5.30pm. We very much hope that you can join us.

Our training programme for 2021/22 is also on our [website](#) and I would encourage you to have a look and book on any courses which interest you. May I especially commend our conference on 3 November, to which you are warmly invited? We plan to hold the conference at the St Nicholas Centre in Ipswich and very much hope you can join us.

We are running most other courses by Zoom this year. Please see some new courses for governors which we hope you will find helpful. For Headteachers, I have invited Professor Tim Oates of Cambridge Assessment to join us at this term's Headteacher forum to talk about his research into recovery. I do hope you can join us at 1.30pm on Thursday 30 September on Zoom.

Whilst on holiday, I came across Sydney Smith's recommendations for physical and mental health, which included:

## Upcoming Forums

### Heads' Forum

Thur 30 Sept, 1.30pm  
Professor Tim Oates  
on recovery

### Chairs' Forum

Mon 4 Oct, 4.00pm

### Small Schools Forum

Mon 18 Oct, 4.00pm

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



The **Eastern Education Show 2022** takes place on Thursday 3 March at Newmarket Racecourse. For more information on this free to attend event, please click [here](#).

## News from the Diocesan MAT

Congratulations to **Elmsett CEVCP** which joined the Diocesan MAT on 1 September 2021- our 20th School!

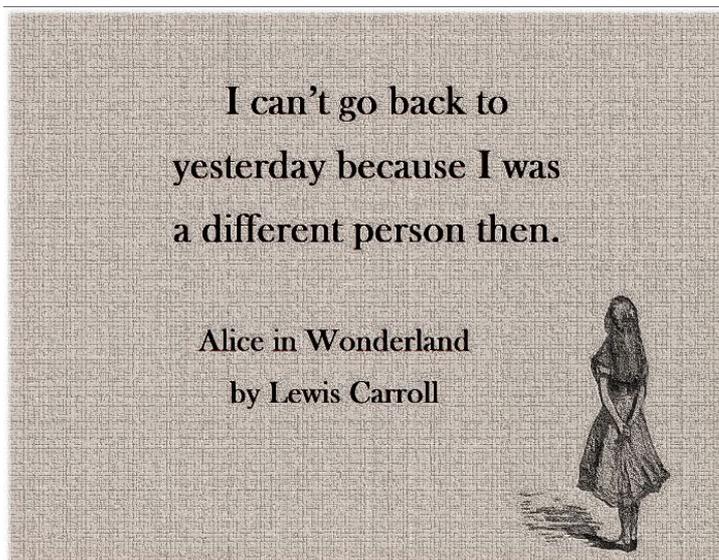
Live as well (and drink as much wine) as you dare.  
Be as busy as you can.  
See as much as you can of those friends who respect  
and like you.  
Make no secret of low spirits to your friends, but talk of  
them freely.  
Attend to the effects tea and coffee produce upon you.  
Don't expect too much from human life- a sorry  
business at the best.  
Be as much as you can in the open air without fatigue.  
Make the room where you commonly sit gay and  
pleasant.  
Don't be too severe upon yourself, or underrate  
yourself, but do yourself justice.  
Keep good blazing fires.

As we continue to focus on wellbeing, please be assured of  
our ongoing support for you.

With all good wishes from all the team,

Jane Sheat

Jane Sheat  
Diocesan Director of Education



## Admissions Update

**The new Admissions Code 2021** came into effect on **1 September 2021**. The main purpose of the changes to the 2021 Code is to improve the in-year admission process, particularly for vulnerable children. The changes include:

- introducing more detail on the process for managing in-year admissions;
- improving the effectiveness of Fair Access Protocols;
- giving children adopted from state care outside of England equal admissions priority as children who were previously looked after in England;



## Rise to the moment: Prayer and Action for COP26

Christian Aid are joining the Young Christian Climate Network (YCCN) in a journey of prayer and action ahead of UN key climate talks (COP26) in November 2021. They have put together an activity pack for creating prayer boats. For more, please click [here](#).



## Dates for your diary:

**Sunday 3 October,  
5.30pm**

We plan to hold our annual church schools education service at the Cathedral, Bury St Edmunds.

The theme for this year's service is I am the Resurrection and the Life. Please let [Jacqui Studd](#) know if you would like to be involved in any way.

**Wednesday 3 November**

This is the date scheduled for our annual church school leaders' conference in the St Nicholas Centre, Ipswich.



## Spring Dance Company

is offering to schools its latest [Christmas Story: Refugee](#) and [Easter 2022](#) workshops; both of which are available for booking. Springs workshops are a great way to bring children back together through fun, energetic and creative sessions.

- minor clarification on the admission of service or crown servant children.

Variations should have been added to your 2021-22 and 2022-23 Admissions Policies in the summer term, in anticipation of this.

A link to the new School Admissions Code 2021 can be found [here](#). It is important that Admission Authorities should familiarise themselves with the new provisions of the Code to ensure that they are compliant from 1 September 2021.

The DfE has published new guidance to help admission authorities process admission applications for [children adopted from state care outside of England](#) and updated guidance around the effective operation of [Fair Access Protocols](#).

### Temporary Appeals Arrangements

The current temporary appeals regulations have been extended until 30 September 2022.

If you need support with admissions matters, including appeals, please contact [sue.todd@cofesuffolk.org](mailto:sue.todd@cofesuffolk.org)

### School Forum rep vacancy

There is a diocesan vacancy on the Schools Forum. This is an important decision-making statutory body, made up of representative Headteachers and governors who together make decisions about school funding in Suffolk.

These include making changes to the schools funding formula, the balance of spend between delegated budgets and de-delegated / centrally retained expenditure and expenditure on a small number of defined categories, such as capital financing.

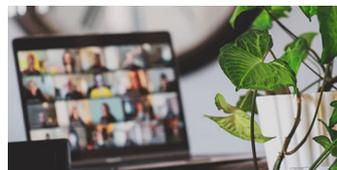
The Schools Forum also acts as the principal focus for consultation with schools on matters affecting schools budgets, the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG), and general financial issues affecting the local authority and children's services.

For more information, please see the Suffolk Learning website by clicking [here](#). If any Headteacher is interested, please contact [Sharon Waldron](#).



### Inter Faith Week: 14 - 21 November 2021

For more information, including resources and activity ideas, please click [here](#).



### National Conferences for Governors

#### Church School Governors: National Virtual Conference

22 September 2021  
6.00 - 8.00pm

This free event is an opportunity for CofE School Governors to begin the new school year together.

Speakers include the Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell and Revd Nigel Genders, CofE Chief Education Officer. For further details, please click [here](#).

#### Governors for School Conference

20 – 24 September 2021  
Over 20 free online sessions to watch live, with key voices in the sector and expert panelists sharing their insight, please click [here](#) to find out more.



### NET ZERO CARBON SCHOOLS

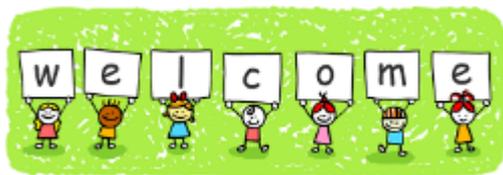
Thursday 14 October  
4.00 - 5.00 pm

This webinar is the second in a series created for CofE school leaders and the wider school community. This session includes:

- \* an exploration of net zero project case studies,
- \* a demonstration of the energy footprint tool for schools, and
- \* how to host a 'mini COP'.

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

## News from Schools



### To those who have recently joined church schools

We send good wishes on behalf of everyone at the Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich.

### Congratulations!



Congratulations to **Elveden CofE Primary Academy** for its lovely new spiritual classroom. Pupils are enjoying their reflection time here and it provides an opportunity to spend time in groups, read bible stories together and learn about different faiths and their practices. They feel very lucky to have this spiritual place to 'just be'



**Congratulations** to pupils at **Stoke by Nayland CofE Primary School** who rose to the challenge to invent new types of bread last term.

Fiona Malby, Governor said: ""Professional bakers, Daren McGrath and Chloe Alderton, judged the competition.

Well done to Year 6 winners, Maisie, Lizzie and Jacob for baking cheese, chicken and chilli bread respectively. Star bakers!! Our thanks to Tiptree Patisserie who judged." For more, please see the [EADT](#).

Fiona also provided the following update on **Collective Worship**: "pupils have been discussing what it means to be a democracy, as part of British values. The children were asked to vote on whether they would like to continue to wear their PE kit on PE days in September, or if they would like to return to bringing their PE kits into school and get changed before the lesson. They voted to continue wearing their PE kits on PE days, which the staff think is an excellent choice, too!"



### Virtual Training - autumn term

Aimed at heads, governors, clergy and RE subject leaders, courses include:

#### Leadership/Governance

- \* Being a governor in a church school;
- \* Leading a church school;
- \* Monitoring for governors;
- \* Head recruitment and performance management;

#### RE/CW

- \* Assessment in RE;
- \* Developing Confidence as a RE Subject Leader;
- \* Diving Deeper in RE;
- \* Spiritual Development in Primary Schools; and
- \* a HLTA Forum.

To find out more, please visit the [Diocesan website](#); or contact [Jacqui Studd](#)



### Creating the Greenest County Awards 2021

Creating the Greenest County brings together partners and projects from across Suffolk seeking to respond to climate change. The annual awards event celebrates the environmental excellence of organisations across Suffolk and includes the Greenest School award

**Congratulations** also to **Stoke by Nayland** for raising a staggering £1,000 for Friends of the School, with support from parents and the community. This will go towards outdoor learning activities and ICT. The children performed with clarinets and recorders, as well as beautiful Maypole dancing.



**Congratulations** to Bryson Taylor, a pupil at **All Saints' CofE Primary, Newmarket** who walked to school for the first time in July. After a lot of hard work and physiotherapy, Bryson managed to walk the half mile from his home to the school and in the process became something of a television star. Well done, Bryson. For more on this story, please see [Suffolk News](#).

**Congratulations** to pupils and staff at **Bardwell CofE Primary School** who hosted a community carnival to mark the end of the school year and say goodbye to Y6 pupils. For more on this story, please see the [East Anglian Daily Times](#).

**Congratulations** to pupils at **Capel St Mary CEVCP Primary School** who have entered the Spirited Arts competition run by NATRE (National Association of Teachers of Religious Education). RE lessons in the summer term were planned and taught based on each class's chosen theme and the children then created their entries for the competition. Winners will be announced shortly. Well done and good luck to all involved. For more, including some of the entries, please click [here](#). For more on the Spirited Arts competition, please click [here](#).

**Congratulations** to the following schools which were recently awarded Bronze Modeshift Stars:

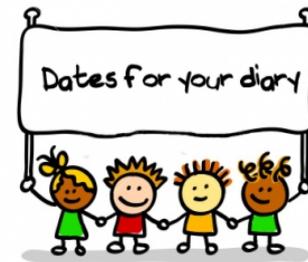
- **Great Barton CofE Primary Academy** for working to relocate and promote a puffin crossing near the school, designing new street signs and a Park and Stride campaign.
- **Great Whelnetham CofE Primary School** for promoting active travel by installing cycle and scooter parking, in addition to pupils undertaking cycle training, plus promoting road safety in a rural setting.

Modeshift STARS Accreditation scheme encourages schools to implement their own travel plans to increase levels of sustainable and active travel in order to improve the health and well-being of children and young people. For more, please click [here](#).

**Congratulations** to Myla Mitson, a pupil at **St Gregory CEVCP Primary School, Sudbury** who has raised over £200 by having her hair cut. Myla raised the money in aid of the Little Princess Trust, a charity which creates wigs for youngsters who have lost their hair as a result of receiving cancer treatment. Well done, Myla. For more on this story, please see [Suffolk News](#).

recognising any educational establishment that is making efforts to increase pupil and staff awareness and taking action to improve environmental performance. If your local school is taking action, please apply now! Nominations close on Thursday 14 October 2021. To apply, please click [here](#).

Further resources for schools are available [here](#).



**All Saints Day**  
1 November 2021

**UK Parliament Week**  
1 - 7 November 2021

**Remembrance Day**  
11 November 2021

**World Kindness Day**  
13 November 2021

**Inter Faith Week**  
14-21 November 2021  
see above

**Anti-Bullying Week**  
15 - 19 November 2021

**Nursery Rhyme Week**  
15 - 19 November 2021

**Road Safety Week**  
15 - 19 November 2021

**Children in Need**  
19 November 2021

**Universal World Children's Day**  
20 November 2021

**Advent**  
28 November 2021

**Christmas Jumper Day**  
10 December 2021

**Congratulations** to the parents at **St Mary's CofE Primary, Woodbridge** who raised over £20k for equipment for a new play area at the school. The design of the new play equipment—a wooden castle—was picked by pupils from a shortlist and pupils are thrilled! Please see the [EADT](#).

### **Celebrating Diversity**

**Thursday 14 October, 9.30 - 10.30am** via Zoom. Allana Gay, co-founder of the BAMEed network, will be leading a free session to explore the question: How would you know that a school cherished and celebrated diversity and inclusion? What might you see, what might children and adults say about their experiences? If you would like to book, please contact [Jacqui Studd](#).

### **Identity and Belonging Working Group**

Lorraine Prince (the East Anglian BAMEed Rep) will be leading a working group over six twilight sessions on the following dates this term, all Thursdays at 4.00 – 5.00pm via Zoom:

- 23 September - what is identity?
- 7 October - Race, nationality and ethnicity
- 21 October - The key words and how this would look in schools
- 11 November - How identity affects policies
- 25 November - How identity affects curriculum
- 9 December - Creating a 'POP'.

The CPD will be free to church schools. Spaces are limited and will be offered on a first come basis.

If you wish to book a place (and can attend all six sessions above) then please contact [Jacqui Studd](#). Further information on BAMEed is available [here](#).

### **Headteacher resignation**

We offer our thanks and best wishes to Sharon Waldron who is leaving Stonham Aspal CEVAP at the end of this term to become a HMI.

### **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.

## **News from the DfE**

### **New Secretary of State for Education**

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

### **Regional Schools Commissioner vacancy**

After nearly five years in post, Sue Baldwin will be leaving in February 2022. Please click [here](#) for further information.



### **Young Leaders Award (YLA) Programme**

The Archbishop of York Youth Trust is offering free online sessions about the **YLA Programme** for both Primary and Secondary schools.

They are also running **Introduction to Character Education** sessions again with input from Dr Tom Harrison at the Jubilee Centre for Character and Virtues. Find out more [www.abyyt.com/events](http://www.abyyt.com/events)



**Community Matters** is an exciting new free resource from the Archbishop of York Youth Trust providing activities and ideas for KS1, KS2 and KS3 pupils to help explore why community matters and how children and young people can play their part in creating positive change, particularly as we rebuild our communities post-Covid restrictions.

Whether you are already running the **Young Leaders Award** or not, the resources provide great supporting ideas for helping pupils develop their leadership skills and character. Find out more [here](#).

### **News from Ofsted Schools and early education update: academic year 2021-2022**

Updates for inspectors and stakeholders with the latest information and guidance about Ofsted's inspection work in schools and early education settings. Please click [here](#) for the update.

## News from the Church of England

### SIAMS update

The SIAMS national team has confirmed that SIAMS inspections will resume from October 2021. As well as information regarding scheduling of inspections, a revised version of the SIAMS inspection schedule has been published. The revised SIAMS inspection schedule includes amendments that concern: Data, RE, COVID-19 and 'Excellence'.

A full SIAMS SEF document is no longer required. Instead, it is requested that schools produce a short 'Summary SEF' of no more than two sides of A4 in order to provide Inspectors with some information on the school and ensure an accurate inspection. The summary SEF should be concise and explain the impact of the school's work as a church school through its Christian vision.

### Updated SIAMS Documents

Full details, including the revised inspection schedule, a useful annotated version of the schedule and a list of schools likely to be inspected in 2021-22, are available [here](#).

Phil Knowles has also produced a guide to the the key points of these developments which is available [here](#).

### National Professional Qualifications (NPQs) across Suffolk in 2021/22

The Diocesan MAT, Julian Teaching School Hub and Unity Teaching School Hub are pleased to be delivery partners for the brand-new Church of England NPQs.

These reformed specialist and leadership NPQs provide exciting opportunities for professional learning and are outlined [here](#).

- [NPQ Leading Teacher Development \(NPQLTD\)](#): facilitated by Unity Teaching School Hub
- [NPQ Leading Behaviour and Culture \(NPQLBC\)](#): facilitated by Unity Teaching School Hub
- [NPQ Leading Teaching \(NPQLT\)](#): facilitated by St Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan MAT
- [NPQ Senior Leadership \(NPQSL\)](#): facilitated by The Julian Teaching School Hub (Norwich)
- [NPQ Headship \(NPQH\)](#): facilitated by The Julian Teaching School Hub (Norwich)
- [Additional Support Offer for New Headteachers \(ASO\)](#): facilitated by The Julian Teaching School Hub

We especially commend the Leading Teaching NPQLT for Subject Leaders.

**Applications for programmes starting in November need to be completed by 8 October.** Guidance and next steps are available [here](#). Contacts for further information:

- [Heather Hann](#) for NPQLT
- [Helen Main](#) for NPQLTD and NPQLBC
- [Susi Waters](#) for NPQSL, NPQH and ASO

## More News from CofE

### Head of Growing Faith Foundation

The CofE Education Office is recruiting for this new role, which will lead the successful launch, development and implementation of the Growing Faith Foundation.

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

### A prayer for the beginning of the school year

God of wisdom and might, we praise you for the wonder of our being, for mind, body and spirit. Be with our children as they begin a new school year. Bless them and their teachers and staff. Give them strength and grace as their bodies grow, wisdom and knowledge to their minds as they search for understanding, and peace and zeal to their hearts. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

### News from YOUR School

What we are asking for is photos, short articles etc. that we can highlight in future issues of the newsletter so that your school's achievements can be broadcast to a wider audience. Please send items via email to [Jacqui](#) and we'll be pleased to include them.

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