

FLOURISHING TOGETHER

RESOURCES AND INFORMATION FOR OUR CHURCH SCHOOLS

Dear colleagues,

We have been sending you this communication in different formats for some years as we try to group together projects, offers or opportunities that could be of interest to you rather than send multiple emails out as we receive such information. Please use the QR code or web link below to give us your feedback on its usefulness.

As always, please forward this document on to those in school who might be interested in the content.



Paul Dunning
Director of Education

Immeasurably More

The Apostle Paul wrote these words to the church in Thessalonica. We hope they encourage you too!

'So speak encouraging words to one another. Build up hope so you'll all be together in this, no one left out, no one left behind. I know you're already doing this; just keep on doing it.

(1 Thess 5:11 The Message)

Feedback form:

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Join the Diocese of Norwich Racial Justice Network

**“Learn to do right; seek justice.
Defend the oppressed.”**

Isaiah 1:17

Are you passionate about promoting equality and racial justice in education?

The **Racial Justice Working Group** is a committed group of Headteachers, Governors, Teachers, and Teaching Assistants working together to create a fairer society for all children and people.

Together, we:

- Raise awareness of racial justice issues in education
- Improve representation and diversity
- Develop understanding of key challenges
- Advocate for policies that promote equity and inclusion.

We hold online **termly meetings** on Thursdays, providing a space for discussion, reflection, collaboration, and action. All who have an interest in equality and social justice are welcome to join.

Further information about racial justice in schools can be found via the Diocese of Norwich website, <https://www.dioceseofnorwich.org/education/racial-justice-in-schools/>.



Forthcoming Meetings

Thursday 25th September

Thursday 29th January

Thursday 7th May



Each of the meetings will be held 3:45-5:00pm via Zoom. The Zoom link will be circulated with the agenda around a week in advance.

Registration for the meetings will open after May half term on Eventbrite.

A DAY OF WELCOME

Friday 13th June 2025



A Day of Welcome is an annual day of solidarity and learning in schools that aims to build a culture of welcome and understanding for people seeking sanctuary.

Celebrated by more than 550 schools in 2024, it supports teachers to develop refugee education and kickstart Refugee Week (16th-22nd June 2025) by providing **free** events, resources and activities for all pupils.

Register for resources access: <https://schools.cityofsanctuary.org/resources/a-day-of-welcome>

Registered schools will get access to:

Free live events – By sharing books, art and stories, we will bring the voices and experiences of people with lived experience of seeking sanctuary into your classroom (for pupils 5-18 years old).

Resources – Lessons, guidance and activities for EYFS-KS4.

Teachers' Guide – A summary of everything you will need to plan your Day of Welcome.

Refugee Education support - Sharing training and guidance on how best to support any pupils and families at your school who have experienced forced displacement. Available online June 2025.

Day of Welcome archive - Access to more than 40 lesson plans for all age groups.

Norfolk resources - Opportunities, organisations, resources and support for schools in Norfolk.



Further information:

<https://vnetcic.com/day-of-welcome-2025/>

dayofwelcome@uk.cityofsanctuary.org

Springs Dance Company

Springs Dance Company are offering RE workshops for primary schools for Summer 2025 and beyond. Click on each title for further details.

The Good Samaritan

Based on one of the Parables that Jesus told, these workshops provide opportunities for children to explore the importance of helping others and standing up for them, even if they are not like you. The workshops touch on themes of living in a multi-racial/multi-religious society.

Creation

Introducing the Genesis narrative of creation in a fun, inclusive and engaging way through dance. Children will have the opportunity to explore some key concepts such as who made the world, what God is like and the relationship between creator and created.

A Christmas Story: Refugee

Inspired by Anne Booth's Christmas story *Refuge*, these workshops will guide pupils on a journey of dance, drama and discussion. Children will uncover a relevant and meaningful telling of the first Christmas, through learning, creating and performing movement.

The Nativity Project

Want to try something different this Advent? Springs Dance Company's Nativity brings to life the traditional, much-loved scenes of the Christmas story, then continues the story after the birth of Jesus, highlighting the importance of showing hospitality to others.



Details on all of Spring Dance Company's work can be found via <https://springsdancecompany.org.uk/>
For bookings and further information please contact touring@springsdancecompany.org.uk
or call 07775 628 442.

Multicultural Dance

Lorraine Theobald is a multicultural dance specialist, teaching dance, RE and ancient history in workshops in schools across Norfolk, Suffolk and nationwide.



Mission Statement

“Through the universal language of multicultural dance and music, my aim is to create a fun, flowing, inclusive artistic space, encouraging each child to explore their own creativity, whilst enhancing their knowledge and appreciation of many diverse cultures and faiths, creating an atmosphere of greater understanding, mutual respect, and overall wellbeing.”

Details on all of Lorraine's workshops can be found via <https://www.multiculturaldance.co.uk/>
For bookings and further information please contact lorraine@multiculturaldance.co.uk or call 07990 703558.



VNET Education CIC is a wholly independent, not-for-profit, Community Interest Company dedicated to supporting schools' self improvement journeys. VNET Education CIC supports schools, academies and MATs across East Anglia and beyond through a vibrant network.

VNET Education CIC facilitate CPD, training, consultancy, events, conferences, research and longitudinal projects across their community to support education professionals, for the benefit of children and young people.

Full details of membership and pricing structure for the 2025/26 academic year are available via <https://vnetcic.com/membership-25-26/>

If you would like to know more about membership please contact Nania Poulson on 01603 555 207 or email, nania.poulson@vnetcic.com



Archbishops' Young Leaders Award

Archbishops' Young Leaders Award (AYLA) is excited to announce a brand new version of the KS2 Award for use by schools from September 2025, that will enhance pupils' leadership journey and support schools further to create a culture of justice and responsibility.

AYLA's unit topics and much-loved central character Archie remain, but a brand new design threads through the resource, with a wide range of new activities organised under the headings Spark, Discover, Act to help explore our local, national and global communities.

If you already run the AYLA, you don't need to do anything, the team will be in touch as usual before your renewal point.



Information Webinars for schools new to the AYLA

If you've not run the AYLA before, come and find out more about the programme through our free online sessions this term. For more information and sign up for a session, please visit www.abyyt.com/events.

Green Pastures

Green Pastures is a shop based in Dereham which stocks Christian books, Bibles and many resource materials for Christian ministry, church life and personal use. Green Pastures is also a registered charity.

Grants for Christian Books for Schools

Speaking Volumes offers grants for schools to purchase Christian books from a local Christian bookshop and the list of available books can be seen on their website www.speakingvolumes.org.uk. The next opportunity to apply is notified on their website.



If you would like help with your application the bookshop will be willing to assist you. The shop can be contacted on 01362 697953 or shop@greenpasturesdereham.org.uk

Joe Dix Foundation



The Joe Dix Foundation uses Joe's story to awaken people's understanding of the dangers of Child Criminal Exploitation, knife crime and gang culture in the UK.

Joe was from a stable family network who lived in Norwich and was criminally exploited in 2019 to carry drugs for the promise of money. Unbeknown to Joe this was the start of him becoming stuck in a life of drug dealing, gangs and knife crime.

On 28th January 2022, aged 18, Joe received a phone call from a friend in trouble. He went to help and was savagely attacked by three males who were trying to rob a flat for drugs and money. They were armed with knives and a sword when they chased Joe and stabbed him seven times. Joe sadly died in hospital just over an hour after the attack. On 30th August 2023, the three males were found guilty of Joe's murder and were each sentenced to a minimum of 21 years in prison.

STOP THE BLEED

APPLY HARD PRESSURE DIRECTLY OVER WOUND

STAY SAFE

CALL 999

LAY PERSON DOWN

NEVER REMOVE KNIFE

TALK TO PERSON

KEEP PRESSING

SHOUT FOR HELP

REMAIN CALM

SAVE A LIFE

Every child deserves the right to be safe.
Joe Dix was fatally stabbed in 2022, 3 teenagers have been convicted of murder.

www.joedixfoundation.co.uk | 07796166005 | contact@joedixfoundation.co.uk
Charity Registration: 1205999

CanarySafe

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KNIFE CRIME IN EAST ANGLIA

NO ONE IS A WINNER

CARRY RESPECT NOT A BLADE

MAKE BETTER CHOICES

DESTROYS LIVES & FAMILIES

BE SHARPER WITHOUT A KNIFE

COWARDS CARRY KNIVES

CARRY A KNIFE YOU MAY LOSE YOUR LIFE

KNIVES = CONSEQUENCES

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Child Criminal Exploitation is child abuse where young people, up to 18 years old, are recruited, controlled and pressured into committing crimes by adults. These crimes are often related to drug dealing, gangs and knife crime. Children as young as 10 are now being targeted.

If you have any concerns or would like to use the Foundation's services please use the below contact details:

<https://joedixfoundation.co.uk/>
contact@joedixfoundation.co.uk
 01603 324 029/07796 166 055

Suite 215
 5 Kirkham House
 Whiffler Road
 Norwich
 NR3 2AG

Charity Commission Registered 1205999



It is important to look for the early warning signs and get help immediately if you have concerns.

BEHAVIOUR

Secretive, use of slang, new nickname, disrespectful



EDUCATION

Missing school, getting into trouble, exclusions

MONEY

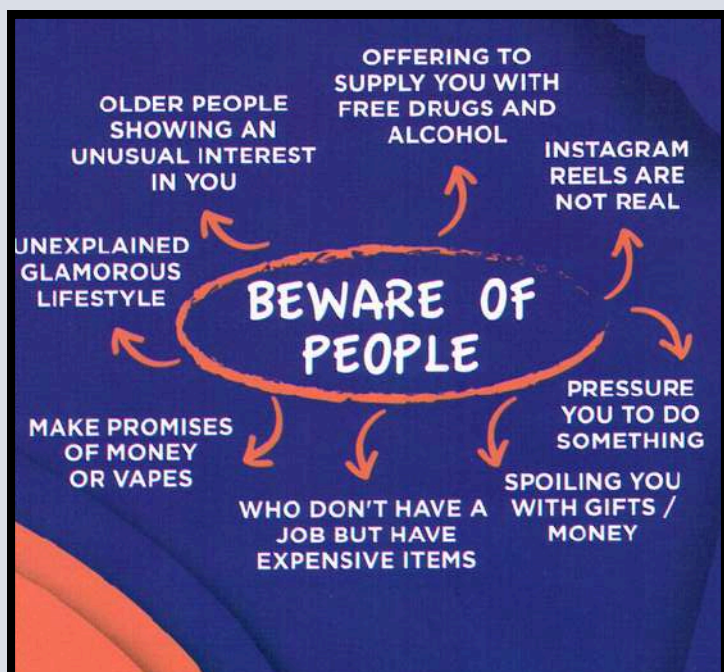


New expensive clothes & shoes, new / extra phone, multiple vapes

UNUSUAL ITEMS



Balaclava, disposable gloves, drugs, knives



Events

Norwich Cathedral

The Cathedral has a vibrant Schools and Family Learning department, hosting schools visits as well as regular events and activities. Please contact Clare Williams, Head of Schools and Family Learning, for further information at headofschools@cathedral.org.uk



YMCA Norfolk Lunch & Learn Friday 19th September

YMCA is hosting a **free**, informal event at their Aylsham Road Hub in Norwich for delegates to find out more about their e-learning service and how it can help schools through their high-quality, online alternative provision for students who suffer from high anxiety, have ASD or SEMH needs, or are struggling with attendance.



Please book your place via the QR Code or via Eventbrite, <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/e-learning-service-lunch-learn-tickets-1280775607319?aff=oddtcreator>



Diocese of Norwich Education

Leadership Forum

Tuesday 3rd June - 1:00-4:00pm
Online

Free - Book via DoN.org/LF-Jun

RE Local Leaders' Forum

Monday 23rd June - 1:30-4:00pm
Diocesan House, Easton

Free - Book via DoN.org/LLF-Jun

The training programme for 2025/26 will be shared with schools and academies following May half term.

Copies of the training booklet will be posted and emailed to Headteachers.



Green Education and Sustainability Competition



Green Education is all about teaching individuals about environmental issues, ecological principles, and sustainable practices. It aims to provide knowledge on various environmental challenges such as climate change, biodiversity loss, pollution, and resource depletion, while emphasising the importance of taking proactive steps to address these issues.

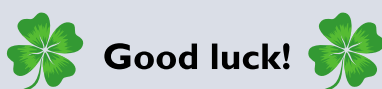
The primary goal is to raise awareness and encourage actions related to environmental conservation, sustainability, and responsible interactions with the natural environment. It promotes adopting sustainable behaviours, participating in community initiatives, and making environmentally conscious choices.

Your school needs to implement **one** sustainable practice to win an amazing prize...

.... A team building session on sustainability with up to 30 pupils followed by a presentation and tour around East Coast College, Energy Skills Centre at Lowestoft Campus on
Tuesday 10th June 2025.

Submit a video or photograph as evidence of your sustainability practice by
Wednesday 28th May.

The winning school will be fairly chosen by a student on **Thursday 5th June.**



Please contact Samantha Lee if you have any questions, s.lee@eastcoast.ac.uk