

FLOURISHING TOGETHER RESOURCES AND INFORMATION FOR OUR CHURCH SCHOOLS

Dear colleagues,

As we move towards the autumn, we hope you are finding moments of inspiration and connection amidst the busy days in your schools and communities.



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.

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

Immeasurably More

"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens."

Ecclesiastes 3:1

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National Society Collective Worship for Education Church of England & Church in Wales Resources

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From Nigel Genders, Chief Executive of the National Society for Education:

Like many people, we've been very concerned about the rising tension in some of our communities in the light of the court case about asylum seekers being housed in hotels, and so we have produced some collective worship for Primary and Secondary schools in the hope that they are a useful resource for schools to speak about loving our neighbour. Please visit

https://www.nse.org.uk/curriculum-and-inclusion/collective-worship



Information Webinars for schools new to the AYLA

If you've not run the Archbishops' Young Leaders Award before, find out more about programmes from KSI-KS4/I6+ through free online sessions this term. The Primary webinar includes all the new details about the KS2 Award, and all sessions will cover how the Award supports schools to create an active culture of justice and responsibility. For more information and sign up for a session, please visit https://www.nse.org.uk/ayla/whats-on.

Free Advent Collective Worship Resource

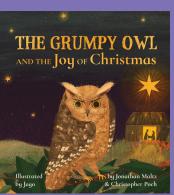
The Joy of Christmas is a brand new collective worship resource for Advent 2025 aimed at KS2 and KS3 learners.

For KST pupils there is a brand new version of *The Grumpy Owl and the Joy of Christmas*, a book which tells the story of Jesus' birth through the eyes of an owl who seems determined to miss all the excitement. Further details are available via

https://cofe.io/TheGrumpyOwl/

At KS2 and KS3 we focus on the central theme of grumpiness into joy, taking time to reflect and celebrate the key characters in the Nativity story, Mary and Joseph, the shepherds and the wise men. We'll explore what might have made them grumpy, or find things difficult, and how they found joy in connection, trusting, sharing, and following. Schools can sign up via www.nse.org.uk/ayla/advent







NORWICH CATHEDRAL

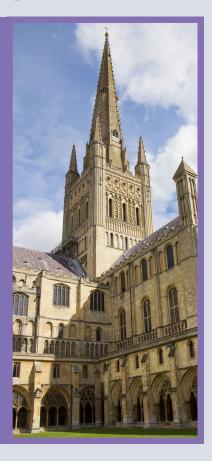
Head of Schools & Family Learning Vacancy

Norwich Cathedral is currently recruiting for the position of Head of Schools and Family Learning.

This is a full-time position and an exciting opportunity to take a leading part in developing the Cathedral's mission and outreach to schools and families and, as a member of the Senior Management Team, to contribute to the overall direction and life of Norwich Cathedral.

The Head of Schools and Family Learning will manage the Schools and Family Learning team consisting of staff and volunteers, providing a vibrant learning programme which currently welcomes 7,000 primary and secondary school pupils each year in addition to providing family activities in the school holidays.

Full details about the position, application pack and application form can be located via https://cathedral.org.uk/vacancies/head-of-schools-and-family-learning/



Norwich Cathedral's Schools and Family Learning department hosts schools visits as well as regular events and activities. Details of the Diocesan Schools Day, EYFS Day and Year 6 Leavers' Day are listed below.

For further information, please visit https://cathedral.org.uk/learn/school-visits/

The department's current newsletter can be accessed via

https://cdn.sanity.io/files/98nevsj3/production/8fbd97631cebd7a7d92a052fafaecc5270 14935b.pdf









National Professional Qualification

National Society for Education



The Diocese of Norwich is once again linking up with Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich to offer

Church of England NPQ courses from January 2026.

The St Edmundsbury and Ipswich MAT will be delivering the NPQSL and NPQSEN as well as working again with the Diocese of Norwich to deliver the NPOH.

The National Professional Qualification for Headship (NPQH) course will be run by Richard Cranmer (former CEO of St Benet's Multi Academy Trust) and Penny Sheppard (former Headteacher of Queen's Hill Primary School and Managing Director of Valued Leadership Ltd). The five face-to-face days will take place in Norfolk.

Applications close when places are filled or on Wednesday 3rd December 2025. These are open to both church and non-church schools. The DfE registration is now **open**. For details, please visit **https://www.nse.org.uk/npq**

All the courses being offered contain a blend of face-to-face and online sessions. A unique feature of the Church of England offer is that small group online coaching is also built in as part of the programme.

Funding Arrangements for Cohort 9

There is limited funding available. The courses eligible for universal funding for Cohort 9 are **NPQH** and **NPQSENCO**. These are funded (until places are all filled) for participants in any maintained school or FE college. Places for **NPQSL** are funded for those working in disadvantaged schools. The DfE is defining this as those settings on the DFE PP50 list or those who are working in schools on the RISE targeted intervention list. In practice, many of the schools on the RISE list will likely also be on the PP50 list. An updated PP50 list has been released via

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/funding-for-national-professional-qualifications-eligible-settings

The current RISE list of schools is available via https://shorturl.at/7bf00



Contacts for Information

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2025/26 CPD EVENTS

Details of VNET's CPD events for this academic year can be viewed via

https://shorturl.at/IMyOM





VNET Education CIC is a wholly independent, notfor-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

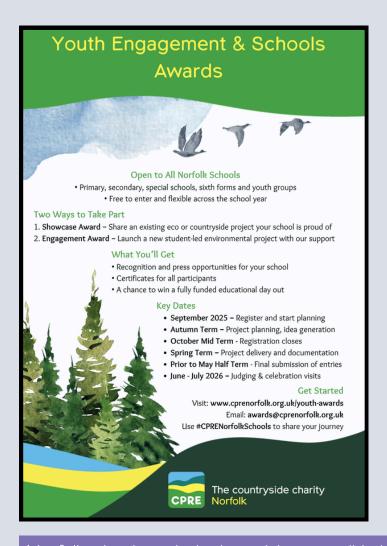








Youth Engagement & Schools Awards 2025/26







Norfolk schools are invited to celebrate pupil-led projects that protect and champion our countryside — such as wildlife habitats and pollinator gardens, litter-picking and waste reduction, bird boxes and bug hotels, creative writing and photography, or campaigning for cleaner air and better access. Schools can showcase an existing project or launch something new.

How to take part

Email <u>awards@cprenorfolk.org.uk</u> to register interest. Further information is available via https://www.cprenorfolk.org.uk/youth-awards/

Teachers who register will receive a resource pack, a poster, and invitations to optional Zoom Q&As (October–November).

Final entries are due before May half term 2026.



Springs Dance Company

Springs Dance Company offer RE workshops for primary schools. 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.

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.





"Amazing experience for the children. This has been **so** beneficial to our children. They have learnt a lot about refugees through their known story of Mary and Joseph. They were able to give high level responses about feelings of a refugee."

Deputy Head, St John's C of E Primary

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.



Diocese of Norwich Education Training and Events



All of our training events for this academic year are listed in our training booklet. Copies were posted to schools in June. Click on the booklet image to access the PDF version.

For further information, please visit https://www.dioceseofnorwich.org/about/education/training-and-events/

OCTOBER

RE Local Leaders' Forum

Monday 6th October - 1:30-4:00pm Diocesan House. Easton

Free

Book via http://dofn.org/LLF-Oct

Developing Pupils to be Responsible Leaders of Change

Monday 13th October - 3:30-5:00pm Online

£50

Book via http://dofn.org/DPLC-Oct

Spirituality, Prayer and Reflection

Wednesday 22nd October - 3:30-5:00pm Online

£50

Book via http://dofn.org/SPR-Oct

NOVEMBER

Ways of Assessing RE

Wednesday 5th November - 3:30-5:30pm Online

£95

Book via http://dofn.org/AssessingRE-Nov

On this programme you will have exclusive access to the new assessment framework to support the Norfolk Agreed Syllabus Review 2026

Collective Worship Network

Tuesday 4th November - 3:30-5:00pm Online

Free

Book via http://dofn.org/CW-Nov

Leadership Forum

Thursday 27th November - 1:00-4:00pm Online

Free

Book via http://dofn.org/LF-Nov



The Diocese of Headspace: Peterborough Launde Abbey

'Headspace' is a 24-hour facilitated retreat for Headteachers, running Thursday 15th-Friday 16th January 2026 at Launde Abbey in Leicestershire, organised by the Diocese of Peterborough.

The offer to attend is open to school leaders in the Diocese of Norwich.

Full details about the retreat are available via

https://d3hgrlq6yacptf.cloudfront.net/61e5d3ec 43e94/content/pages/documents/headspacelaunde-abbey-15-and-16-january-2026.pdf

The cost is £295 which includes accommodation, meals, and all sessions.

If you wish to book a place, please email Jodie Ballard, PA to the Director of Education via

education@dioceseofnorwich.org.uk who will liaise with the Diocese of Peterborough. There are 12 places available, so please email Jodie as soon as possible to avoid missing out.



Operation Christmas Child

Packing a shoebox is simple, fun and has a big impact!

This Christmas, you can bring joy to a child who may have never received a gift before. Would you consider sending a shoebox gift to bless just one child in need this festive season?

Full details and gift suggestions are available at

https://occ.samaritans-purse.org.uk/



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