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Dear Colleagues

Welcome to the May 2024 'bumper edition' of the Information Flyer. We hope you'll find the following items of interest to you and your school. **Please circulate to all staff and particularly subject leaders.**

Psalm 90:17

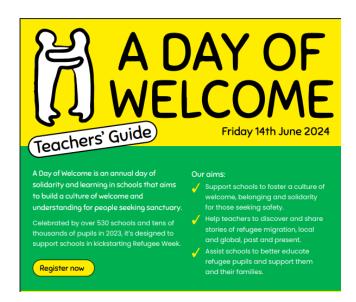
May the favour of the Lord our God rest on us; establish the work of our hands for us – yes, establish the work of our hands

Day by day staff in our schools are working hard using their hands, mind and whatever is needed to educate and care for the children in their school community! As you seek to build something special with your hands our prayer is that the 'favour of the Lord our God' rests on you.

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1. Schools of Sanctuary - A Day of Welcome



For more information, please see attached flyer

TO REGISTER PLEASE VISIT: A Day of Welcome - Schools of Sanctuary (cityofsanctuary.org)

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2. KS1 Reading Fluency Project pilot autumn 2024 - exclusively for small schools in Norfolk

Following the incredibly positive engagement of Norfolk schools in the EEF Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) **trial of HFL Education's KS2 Reading Fluency Project**, HFL are looking to pilot a KS1 Reading Fluency Project pilot autumn 2024 - exclusively for small schools in Norfolk.

If you are interested in taking part in this pilot please register by 24 May 2024 via the following link:

KS1 Reading Fluency Project pilot autumn 2024 - exclusively for small schools in Norfolk - Norfolk Schools and Learning Providers - Norfolk County Council

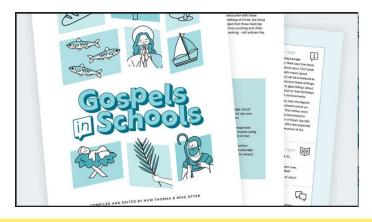
3. Bible Society - FREE resources

Free resources from Bible Society

Gospels in Schools and The Old Testament in Schools

Introduce your pupils to passages from the Gospels and the Old Testament and go deeper into well-known stories with these class discussion resources for KS1 and KS2. These resources offer:

- useful background information to contextualise each passage and support you in your planning and preparation
- thought-provoking questions to support pupils to consider their own experiences and values on a wide range of themes and issues
- helpfully identified themes for each passage which can be used to select the most appropriate readings
- enough passages to resource weekly readings and discussion for a whole school year
- Gospels in Schools available in two different Bible translations, the Good News Bible translation (GNB) and the English Standard Version (ESV)



Please do call us and leave a voicemail (01793 418222) or send an email to contactus@biblesociety.org.uk. Or visit: Gospels in Schools and The Old Testament in Schools - Bible Society

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4. Wraparound childcare



Wraparound childcare is childcare that wraps around the school day. This provision can be offered by schools, private, voluntary and independent (PVI) providers, including childminders and early years settings. It can be run on a school site or at another setting in the area.

The principal aim of the programme is to ensure childcare provision is regular, has longer hours and is more dependable for working parents. Schools can look at outside providers to run this for them within the school; the provision does not need to be run by the school itself. Wraparound can support vulnerable children, attract parents to the school, support a soft start to the school day and improve attendance.

Interested to get involved?

- Looking to extend your current offering to be available from 8am until 6pm Monday to Friday term time?
- Wanting to set up a new provision?
- Able to expand to offer more places?

To discuss further please email <u>wraparoundchildcare@norfolk.gov.uk</u> and a member of the team will get in touch.

There is funding, tapered over 5 terms, which can cover staffing, training, transport costs, resources, running costs whilst demand builds. Please <u>click to access the **Grant Expression of Interest** process.</u>

To find out more about the programme, please <u>visit our resources website</u> for access to a recent recording of our Wraparound Briefing, supporting materials, and guidance.

5. It's Your Move – helping the transition from primary to secondary

Navigating the move to secondary school can be daunting for children preparing to take that step. *It's Your Move* has been created especially for those getting ready to change schools this September.



It's Your Move has been given to over 2 million children across the UK! Each year since 2001, this fantastic book has been used as part of a programme to help children make the transition from primary to secondary school.

It's Your Move is made up of helpful information and advice for children moving schools. Also included are real-life stories of children who are about to make the move and those who have made it in the recent past. There are puzzles, quizzes and places to personalise the book through doodles, signatures, photo pages etc.

For more information and to order your copies please visit: <a href="https://linear.ncbi.nlm.

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6. AYLA - FREE webinars

AYLA Free Information Webinars



Free Twilight Webinars

Introduction to the Young Leaders Award

"The AYLA gave the children a comprehensive understanding of community. Pupils were empowered to engage with people and develop self confidence in speaking with members of the community... our pupils were able to witness how their actions brought joy." AYLA teacher

Looking for a programme that supports pupils to develop courageous advocacy, leadership and character and to serve their communities?

Come and find out more about the **Archbishops' Young Leaders Award** programme through our free online sessions this term for both Primary and Secondary schools. Sign up at www.abyyt.com/events.

7. Horstead Centre – information & availability 2024/25

We would like to share some of the exciting plans at the Horstead Centre in 2024 and beyond and the share current availability.

Availability in 2024 - We still have spaces from September onwards. This is a *beautiful* time to visit Horstead and is often popular with new year-groups; an early opportunity to bond, to succeed and to build resilience together.

Autumn Residentials. To encourage new schools to consider an Autumn/Winter visit, we apply competitive, low-season rates and are very happy to be more flexible with our minimum numbers, which we hope will help smaller schools to afford a visit. Between November and February, we apply an even more affordable *Winter Special rate*, currently at £120.50 per child for any two-night, full board residential stay which includes up to six activities of your choice!

Activity Days are also a great, affordable option for staff away days, or for pupils. A 3 or 4-activity day costs only £35 or £40 respectively, per person.

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Month	2023/24 Dates Available – (as of 25/04/2024)			
September	4-6th	9-11th	11-13th	23-25th
October	7-9 th	14-16 th		
November	4-6th	11-13th	18-20th	
December	All dates	-	-	
January	All dates			
February	5-7th			

New Activities: New activities that we have designed for 2024 include the following. We have also enjoyed We have begun work on some exciting new activities which will be available for 2024 and will, as always, be linked to national curriculum outcomes. **New Activities will include:**

Orienteering	Catapult Challenge (Pioneering)	Geocaching
Map reading, navigation, and independent thinking.	Teamwork, collaboration, and construction.	GPS navigation, setting clues and riddles.

Refurbished Back Lounge – During the Winter we had the back lounge refurbished new fabrics and we're planning further improvements to the décor and furnishings to improve the comfort of your stay.

Bookings in 2025 – 2025 is booking up fast! We value our returning schools, and we look forward to your visits. If you wish to secure a booking, do please get in touch to discuss dates asap. Office@horsteadcentre.org.uk

2024/25 Prices – Current price list is attached which is accurate until March 2025. The pricelist for all bookings post March 25 will be available from October this year; sales estimates will be sent to those school who have already made their bookings. **Prices exclude VAT.**



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8. Rise Theatre - special offer on bookings before 14 June!!

RISE Theatre are thrilled to announce their final God's Planet primary school tour of 2024/25

God's Planet will be blasting off for its final tour this autumn and **bookings are now open for 1st October - 29th November**. After multiple tours around the country and performing to over 150 schools this will be the final opportunity to book in 2024/25. God's Planet is **suitable for the whole school** and explores themes of climate change, the environment and God's love for each of us through performance, music and creative activities.

You can check out their website at www/risetheatre.co.uk/godsplanet.

***SPECIAL OFFER for all school bookings confirmed before the 14th of June as well as further discounts being available for academy and group bookings which we hope makes the day accessible for even more schools.

9. FREE Christian books for schools (up to £250)

The Speaking Volumes website https://www.speakingvolumes.org.uk/ is now open for grant applications to gain *free* books for your schools. The window closes on 10 June.

It is a simple process whereby you need to register and then complete an online form. As part of the application, you nominate your local bookstore of choice. We have been made aware of this opportunity through the Dereham based Green Pastures bookshop https://www.greenpasturesdereham.org.uk/ and suggest they would be a good option to choose. They are more than happy to work with schools across the Diocese.