



FLOURISHING TOGETHER

RESOURCES AND INFORMATION FOR OUR CHURCH SCHOOLS

Dear colleagues,

We hope you like the new look school information flyer which we have renamed *Flourishing Together* to reflect our Diocesan school family more meaningfully.

Please share this with your staff, but particularly subject leaders who will hopefully get some inspiration from the contents.

Immeasurably More

At the recent VNET Conference we heard about the Pygmalion Effect - a psychological phenomenon where high expectations of others leads to an increase in 'performance'. This chimes with our Christian vision and ethos whereby we encourage our children and believe in them knowing they can achieve 'immeasurably more' (Ephesians 3:20-21).



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Free Information Sessions

Are you looking to develop a culture of **Justice** and **Responsibility** in your school? Do you want to support your pupils to become Agents of Change, taking an active role within their communities? Are you keen to find ways to improve the **social skills, confidence** and **resilience** of your pupils?



The Archbishops' Young Leaders Award (AYLA) is a fully resourced leadership and character education programme that could support your school in enabling pupils to flourish.

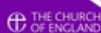
Find out more about the AYLA programme through free online sessions this term for both Primary and Secondary schools. Please refer to the [website](#) for further information and how to sign up.



WE HEAR YOU

Hearing what children & young people value in their leaders

Facilitators Guidebook



We Hear You

This has been released by the Growing Faith Foundation, in conjunction with the 30k Project. The concept is simple – school, church and community leaders run the four ready-to-use activities and then feedback their findings. The findings will help us all understand what children and young people value in their leaders and what the next generation of school and church leaders could look like. Please refer to the [website](#) for further information.

The Diocese of Norwich Education Team would love to learn of your experiences if you use the *We Hear You* activities with pupils! Please email Chris Allen via the address on Page 8 with details.

Living Hope



Living Hope is a series of new free collective worship material for Lent, from the Archbishops' Young Leaders Award. The material is aimed at KS2 and KS3 learners.

With six weeks of collective worship material, *Living Hope* will take pupils on a journey through Lent reflecting on Jesus' ministry and his message of hope for all people.

The resources can be used in the classroom or in a church setting, and you can use and adapt the material as best fits your school context.

The resources are designed to run from **Monday 24th February**, in the six weeks before the school Easter holidays. However, Lent starts on **Wednesday 5th March**.

The resources are flexible and you may wish to do all six weeks condensed into four weeks, or choose only four themes to deliver.

Key Themes

Trusting - Hope in the Wilderness

Together - Hope on the Water

Imperfect - Hope at the Last Supper

Noticing - Hope at the Cross

Courage - Hope at the Tomb

Transformed - Hope in the Resurrection

Please refer to the [website](#) for further information and how to sign up for the resources.

Springs Dance Company

Springs Dance Company are offering RE workshops for primary schools for Spring and 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.

The Easter Project

These much-loved workshops provide a fresh and exciting way to explore the Easter story. The workshops can be delivered as a one-off day or a longer project and can culminate in an informal sharing or performance by the pupils.

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.



Details on all of Spring Dance Company's work can be found via their [website](#).

For bookings and further information please contact touring@springsdancecompany.org.uk or call 07775 628 442.

YMCA Sleep Easy 2025

Join Norfolk YMCA for Sleep Easy 2025, a nationwide fundraising event on **Friday 7th March** and help tackle youth homelessness. The event invites participants to spend 12 hours sleeping outside, experiencing a glimpse of the challenges faced by those without a safe place to call home.

Please register by completing the [online form](#). Registration fee £15.

Why Sign Up?

Homelessness is a stark reality for many young people. Money raised during Sleep Easy enables YMCA Norfolk to deliver safe accommodation, educational and developmental opportunities, counselling, wellbeing and mental health resources, for over 360 homeless and vulnerable young people each year.

By signing up, you'll:

- Raise awareness of the challenges faced by homeless individuals
- Be part of a powerful movement driving change in your local community
- Help ensure that young people have the opportunity to rebuild their lives and reach their full potential.
- Raise much needed funds ensuring young people do not face the fear and loneliness of homeless.

Who Benefits?

Sleep Easy directly supports young people with nowhere else to turn. YMCA provides young people:

- a safe, secure place to live
- tailored support
- programmes that nurture their confidence and equip them with life skills.

**Listen to Damien's story:
a perfect example of why YMCA
does what it does!**



YMCA Sleep Easy 2025

The Event

Date Friday 7th March

Times 7:00pm-7:00am

Location

YMCA Norfolk Community Hub

61a Aylsham Road

Norwich

NR3 2HF



What to Expect

Participants are invited to take part in our competition to create the best shelter and sleeping area in our outdoor carpark and café decking space.

Activities, hot drinks and a soup supper are available to keep you warm until you're ready to settle down for the night where you can look forward to the full English breakfast available the next morning! A full participants pack jam-packed with further information and tips and suggestions will be provided upon sign-up.



Schools Information Pack

YMCA created this pack, outlining how schools can get involved and support Sleep Easy, including how schools can host their own event, fundraising and activities. Please click on the image to access the PDF.

For further information, please contact Elsie Green, Community Fundraiser at elsie.green@ymcanorfolk.org

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School logos should be submitted to Holy Land Gifts as .jpg files.

Please contact Holy Land Gifts for further information at 07974 433 013 or

sales@holylandgifts.co.uk

Orders **must** quote a purchase order number!



Events

Norwich Cathedral

The Cathedral has a vibrant Schools and Family Learning department, hosting schools visits as well as regular events and activities during school holidays.

To find out more about the Cathedral's work with children, young people and families and details of the below events, please contact Clare Williams, Head of Schools and Family Learning, by [email](mailto:headofschools@cathedral.org.uk).

Expressive Arts Day
NORWICH CATHEDRAL

Tuesday 4 March 2025
10am-2pm £4.50 per pupil
Suitable for KS2 pupils
Using music, dance, drama and art to explore Christians expressing faith through the arts
book now: headofschools@cathedral.org.uk

NORWICH CATHEDRAL
Follow the Good Shepherd
EYFS day

Wednesday 11 June 2025
10am-12noon £3.90 per pupil
Based on the story of the Good Shepherd, children will explore the Cathedral, make sheep, sing, worship together and finish with a picnic in the Cloister.
book now: headofschools@cathedral.org.uk

Year 6 Leavers' Day
NORWICH CATHEDRAL

Tuesday 1 July 2025
10am-2pm £4.50 per pupil
Based on the story of the road to Emmaus, children will explore looking back, capturing the moment and moving on - using the Cathedral as inspiration. They will be sent out in prayer.
book now: headofschools@cathedral.org.uk

Exploring Curriculum Conundrums Within Small Schools

Online Network Session

Tuesday 18th March
3:45-4:45pm

Click [here](#) to register.

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