



Diocese of Norwich  
St Benet's  
Multi Academy Trust

## Little Plumstead Primary Academy Newsletter



### **Message from Mrs Holmes, Interim Head of School**

It is hard to believe we only have one week left of this half term. Over the past two weeks, we have seen our pupil leaders really embracing their leadership roles. This has included our head pupils being involved in showing potential new parents around the school. We are immensely proud of them; it is never easy talking to a large group of adults and confidently answering their questions. This week was also World Mental Health Day and all children had the opportunity to take part and were included in some focused reflection time in classrooms.

Next week, we are really excited to be holding a Talk for Money week across the whole school. This will be delivered using resources from Lifesavers – a financial education programme and Just Finance Foundation – a national charity dedicated to improving financial education so that every child and family has equal opportunity to thrive. The programme focuses on five big questions: Where does our money come from? How does money make us feel? What can we use our money for? How does our money help other people? How can we look after our money? Each class will be focusing on one area. In our next newsletter, we will share some of the amazing learning that happens over the week.

As this is our last newsletter before half term. I would like to confirm that we finish at 3.15pm on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October and we come back to school on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October. When we come back, we have parent consultation meetings on Tuesday and Wednesday evening. Please sign up to come and talk to your child's class teacher where we will be able to share with you all the fantastic learning they have been doing this half term.

It has been an amazing first half term for us all and I'd like to thank you for your continued support and I wish you all a restful holiday.

### ***Parent Consultations***

Parent Consultations this term will take place over two evenings

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 4:30pm - 7:00pm

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 3.30pm - 6:00pm

Online bookings will open on **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October for 7 days.**

### **ABSENCE REPORTING/SICKNESS POLICY**

We have received an increase in emails for reporting absences. We cannot guarantee the emails will be checked prior to the children starting at 8:55am.

Therefore, please could we ask you to call the absence line before 8.45am if your child/ren is too unwell for school or will be late due to an appointment. There is an answerphone so a message can be left at any time. Please call each day of absence.

If your child has vomited or has diarrhoea, they must be kept off school for **48 hours from the last episode.**

## Flourishing Foundations Curriculum

Our 'flourishing foundations' curriculum address four key elements of life which we feel are integral to children being able to flourish in the future. These four 'flourishing foundations' are woven into different subjects as well as having special events which focus on them.

### Financial Understanding

It is our aim that all our pupils will learn to be financially healthy, which includes learning to how budget, save and spend with wisdom and prudence. We will use the wonderful resources and materials from *The Just Finance Foundation* to explore questions such as, "How can we look after our money?" and "Where does our money come from?" You can find out more on their website [www.justfinancefoundation.org.uk](http://www.justfinancefoundation.org.uk)

Special Event: Talk 4 Money Week (16-20 October 2023)

### Spirituality

At Little Plumstead Church of England Primary Academy, spiritual development is defined as '*the life long journey of developing as a person even through times of challenge and difficulties*'. We develop our spirituality through daily collective worship or reflection times, but also integrate the concepts of awe and wonder, 'big questions' and morality into the rest of our curriculum. During the lead up to Christmas, we explore the values of service and generosity as we give back to our local community.

Special Event: Good Deeds in the Community Week (14-20 December 2023)

### Careers and Aspirations

Throughout our curriculum, we aim to broaden our pupils' horizons and aspirations towards the wide range of careers available to them, as well as the skills and knowledge they will need to acquire if they want to pursue them in the future. During the first half of the Spring Term, we will welcome employers and representatives from many different careers to speak to the children about their skills, education and passions.

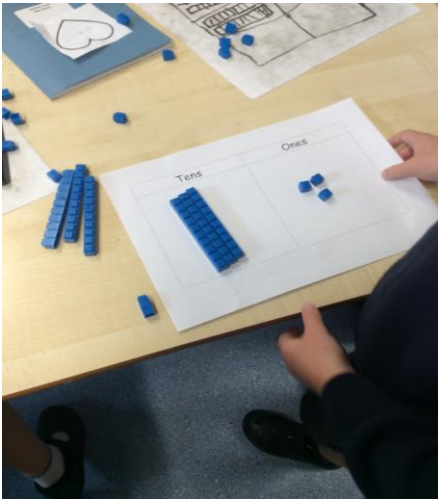
Special Event: Careers Project Launch (4 and 5 January 2024), followed by visitor presentations over the Spring 1 Half Term

### Global Citizenship

We aim to develop in our children's awareness of the world they live in and a sense of their role within it so that they can make our world a more equal, fair and sustainable place showing compassion for all. As well as being rooted in our Geography, PSHE, Writing and Reading curriculum, learning and experiences for this 'flourishing foundation' will also include a global citizenship week where we can celebrate music, food and culture from countries around the world as well as exploring themes of peace, respect and equality.

Special Event: Global Citizenship Week (15-19 July 2024)

# Year 2



*Nightingale class have been working really hard since the beginning of term. In maths we have been working on place value, odd and even numbers and simple adding and subtraction.*

*We have also been looking at Textiles and sewing. With a band of volunteers, we started making houses out of felt. The children loved the new experience of sewing and creating a final piece. We were really pleased with what we have achieved so far and will be finishing the others next week.*



### **Policy on Charging and Remissions for Academy Activities**

The Charging and Remissions Policy sets out what charges can and cannot be made for activities in academies in the Diocese of Norwich St. Benet's Multi Academy Trust. The policy has been drawn up in accordance with Sections 449-462 of The Education Act 1996 which sets out the law regarding what charges can and cannot be made for activities in schools maintained by local authorities. This also applies to the Academy Trust as set out in the Funding Agreement with the Secretary of State.

The policy includes a section detailing the actions to be taken for owed money and debt recovery.

Have you ordered your school photos yet? A polite reminder that the closing date for **free delivery** back to school is **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October**. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link on your proof or visit [www.tempest-orders.co.uk](http://www.tempest-orders.co.uk)

If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555(option 3).

### ***2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Uniform***

Thank you to everyone who has kindly donated spare uniform. We currently have a large supply of younger children's clothing, and ask if anyone has any clothing in larger sizes or any large children's wellies we would be very grateful.

Thank you

Norwich Foodbank collected your kind donations for Harvest Festival this week, and asked us to pass on a huge thank you to everyone who kindly donated.

The Thrive Room has received some lovely soft furnishings which were kindly donated by Dunelm. We would like to express our thanks to the Friends for organising this.



## Design your own Christmas cards

A prize for the best KS1 and KS2 design.

Children create one Christmas card design on an A4 piece of paper or card

Use bright coloured pens, paint, collages work really well too. See attached for ideas.

Please write the child's name and class on the back in pencil only as pen may show through when scanned and indicate which way up the card is to be scanned with an arrow.

Please return the designs to the school office by **Monday 16th October**.

Cards, mugs, wrapping paper and tote bags will be available to order once the designs have been scanned and returned by Art projects for schools.

Thank you

### CHRISTMAS CARD PROJECT

#### ARTWORK TIPS FOR BEST RESULTS

**USE BOLD BRIGHT COLOURS**  
The brighter the better, these will print most effectively. Use coloured paper/card for good background colour too.

**PLEASE DO NOT USE PENCILS OR CRAYONS AND BE CAREFUL OF THE EDGES!**

**FILL THE WHOLE PAGE**  
We print the whole A4 page, so please avoid tiny drawings on just one part of the paper as these will print with a lot of empty space around them.

**BE CAREFUL OF THE EDGES**  
Keep any important words and details away from the edges as 2-3mm are trimmed off when printed.

**COLLAGE LOOKS VERY EFFECTIVE**  
Use a wide range of art materials to create artworks. Please stick items on securely.

**ITS CHRISTMAS CARD TIME AGAIN!**

A prize for the best KS1 and KS2 design. Children create 1 Christmas Card design on A4 paper or card.

Use bright coloured pens, paint, collages work really well too. **Please DO NOT photocopy artwork labels.**

Please write the child's name and class on the back in pencil only as pen may show through when scanned and indicate which way up the card is to be scanned with an arrow.

Cards, mugs, wrapping paper and tote bags will be available to order once the designs have been scanned and returned by Art Projects.

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**ARTWORK GUIDELINES FOR BEST RESULTS**  
*See overleaf for examples*

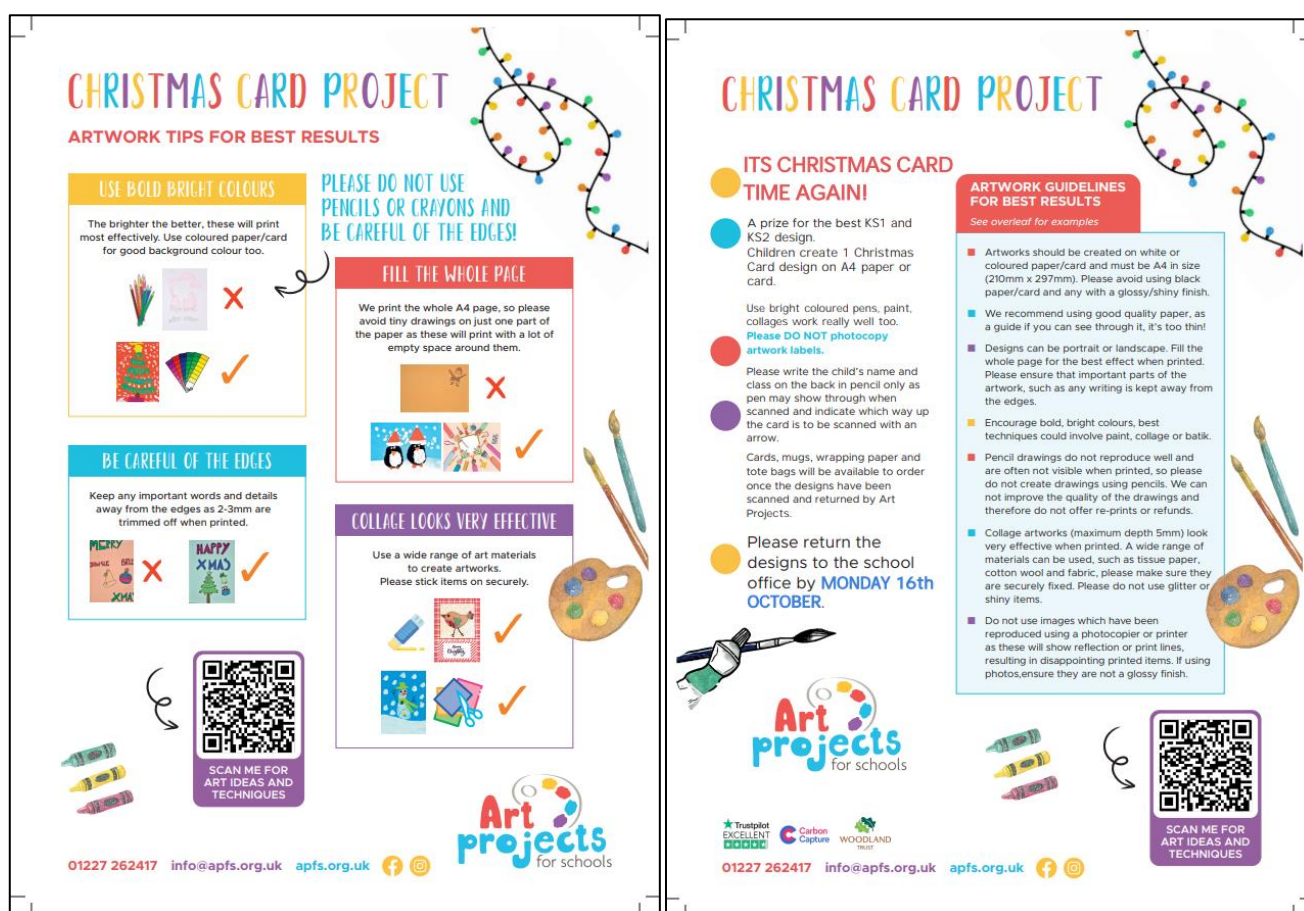
- Artworks should be created on white or coloured paper/card and must be A4 in size (210mm x 297mm). Please avoid using black paper/card and any with a glossy/shiny finish.
- We recommend using good quality paper, as a guide if you can see through it, it's too thin!
- Designs can be portrait or landscape. Fill the whole page for the best effect when printed. Please ensure that important parts of the artwork, such as any writing is kept away from the edges.
- Encourage bold, bright colours, best techniques could involve paint, collage or batik.
- Pencil drawings do not reproduce well and are often not visible when printed, so please do not create drawings using pencils. We can not improve the quality of the drawings and therefore do not offer re-prints or refunds.
- Collage artworks (maximum depth 5mm) look very effective when printed. A wide range of materials can be used, such as tissue paper, cotton wool and fabric, please make sure they are securely fixed. Please do not use glitter or shiny items.
- Do not use images which have been reproduced using a photocopier or printer as these will show reflection or print lines, resulting in disappointing printed items. If using photos, ensure they are not a glossy finish.

SCAN ME FOR ART IDEAS AND TECHNIQUES

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The image shows two versions of a Christmas Card Project information sheet. The left sheet is a poster with a white background and colorful text boxes. It features a string of colorful lights in the top right corner and illustrations of art supplies like a paint palette and brushes. The right sheet is a smaller version of the same poster, with a red header for the 'ARTWORK GUIDELINES' section. Both sheets include a QR code and contact information for Art Projects for Schools.

# Little Plumstead Scarecrow Trail

## October Halfterm

Maps will be available from The Walled Garden Shop and Cafe from Saturday 21st October for a suggested donation of £1 per map.

Let's see if you can spot all of our amazing scarecrows entries!

There will be a brief prize giving in The Walled Garden from 2pm on Sunday 29th October to announce our winners so be sure to vote for your favourites and return your completed maps to the shop by closing on Saturday 28th October.



### PARKING

There is limited parking at The Walled Garden, we encourage you to utilise the church car park where possible. We ask you to be considerate to our neighbours when visiting and parking in the area. All of the trail is accessible via foot and will start and end at The Walled Garden.



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<b>EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES</b>		
<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME (where applicable)</b>	<b>EVENT/ACTIVITY</b>
<b>23<sup>rd</sup>–27<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>AUTUMN HALF TERM</b>	
30 <sup>th</sup> October		School starts
31 <sup>st</sup> October	4:30pm – 7:00pm	Parent Consultations
1 <sup>st</sup> November	3:30pm – 6:00pm	Parent Consultations
6 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> November		Bikeability course Y5
6 <sup>th</sup> November	TBC	School Discos
7 <sup>th</sup> November	2pm	New Intake Open Day
10 <sup>th</sup> November		Armistice Service in church (Pupils only)
17 <sup>th</sup> November		Children In Need (details tbc)
30 <sup>th</sup> November		Flu Vaccinations
4 <sup>th</sup> December	9:15am	Y6 National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP)
5 <sup>th</sup> December	9:30am	KS1 Nativity
6 <sup>th</sup> December	1:30pm	KS1 Nativity
8 <sup>th</sup> December	2:30pm	KS2 Carol Concert
19 <sup>th</sup> December		Christmas Service in Church (Pupils only)
<b>21<sup>st</sup> Dec – 3<sup>rd</sup> January</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS</b>	
4 <sup>th</sup> January		School starts
w/c 5 <sup>th</sup> February		Children's Mental Health Week (details tbc)
14 <sup>th</sup> February		Church Service - Ash Wednesday, Lent begins (Pupils only)
<b>19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> February</b>	<b>SPRING HALF TERM</b>	
26 <sup>th</sup> February		School starts
27 <sup>th</sup> February	TBC	Parent Consultations
28 <sup>th</sup> February	TBC	Parent Consultations
4 <sup>th</sup> March	TBC	School Discos
6 <sup>th</sup> March	TBC	Mother's Day Assembly KS1
7 <sup>th</sup> March		World Book Day
8 <sup>th</sup> March	TBC	Mother's Day Assembly KS2
26 <sup>th</sup> March		Easter Church Service (Pupils only)
<b>28<sup>th</sup> March – 12<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>EASTER HOLIDAYS</b>	
15 <sup>th</sup> April		School starts
6 <sup>th</sup> May		Bank Holiday
13 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> May		KS2 SATS
22 <sup>nd</sup> May		Church Service (Pupils only)
<b>27<sup>th</sup>- 31<sup>st</sup> May</b>	<b>SUMMER HALF TERM</b>	
3 <sup>rd</sup> June		School starts

3 <sup>rd</sup> July	TBC	Sports Day
11 <sup>th</sup> July	TBC	School Discos
17 <sup>th</sup> July	9:30am	Leavers Service in Church
19 <sup>th</sup> July	TBC	Leavers Assembly



# October half-term at Strumpshaw Fen



## Spellbinding Wizard School - Family trail

Spooky woodlands, magical marshes and mythical waterways make Strumpshaw Fen the ultimate place to undertake your training and perfect your magic abilities this Halloween.



**Running daily 10am-4pm  
21-29 October 2023  
Cost £3.50 per child  
Plus Reserve Entry**



## Creatures of the night – Halloween at Strumpshaw



As night-time falls, venture out onto our reserve and get involved with some spine-tingling nature-themed activities. Finish off by warming up by the fire and toasting a marshmallow under the stars.



**Find out more about this event and book  
your tickets here:  
[bit.ly/StrumpshawHalloween](https://bit.ly/StrumpshawHalloween)**

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# WEDNESDAY

25TH OCTOBER 2023

PERFORMING ARTS  
WORKSHOP

10AM-3PM



AGES 5-18YEARS

Thorpe St Andrew School & Sixth Form

£22.50

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