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### Tri-School Federation Newsletter- Edition 2

Dear Parents/Carers,

*As we reach the end of a remarkable term, I want to reflect on the incredible journey we have shared and the progress we have made together. Our federation has been alive with learning, creativity and a strong sense of community — made possible by the dedication of our staff, the enthusiasm of our children and your continued support.*

*One of the greatest privileges of my role is visiting classrooms and seeing our children immersed in their learning. This term, I've observed them embrace new ideas, support one another, and apply their knowledge in thoughtful ways. Our curriculum is designed to build confidence and deepen understanding without overwhelming them. I've seen children explain scientific concepts, discuss historical events, and solve real-world problems with clarity and enthusiasm. Their work reflects not just skill, but a genuine engagement with their learning.*

*Each class's floor book captures these meaningful moments, showcasing their grasp of Social, Moral, Cultural, and Spiritual (SMCS) education. I've witnessed reflections on fairness, creative expressions of cultural understanding, and thoughtful discussions about kindness. These experiences show how our curriculum is developing children who are not only knowledgeable but also empathetic and reflective — a credit to both their effort and the dedication of our staff.*

*This term, the nativity performances were a true highlight. The title, 'Calendar Advent,' captured the spirit perfectly. Advent symbolizes anticipation and unity, and these performances brought each school's community together like a family. The children's talent, confidence, and joy shone through as they took to the stage, a testament to the incredible work happening in our schools. At the heart of all these successes are our amazing children and the unique energy they bring each day.*

*In a short time, we have achieved so much in learning outcomes, community engagement, and personal development. These successes deserve to be celebrated and shared, showcasing the strength of our collective effort. Promoting these achievements strengthens our community and highlights the progress we continue to make together.*

*Looking ahead to Spring Term 2025, we have much to anticipate. Although it is the shortest term of the year, it promises to be filled with opportunities for our children to continue growing, developing, and reaching their potential. From new learning initiatives to enriching activities, we will build on this term's momentum and ensure our schools remain vibrant hubs of learning and community spirit.*

*Thank you for your continued support and for being such an important part of our federation's journey. We are stronger together, and it is this spirit of collaboration and community that makes our schools truly special.*

*Wishing you a restful and joyful Christmas break, filled with quality time with your loved ones. I look forward to welcoming you back in 2025 to continue this journey together.*

Kind regards,  
Mr M Elcock  
Federation Headteacher



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### **School Value – next term**

Next term, we are focusing on the value of **Honesty**. Honesty means being truthful in our words and actions, even when it's difficult. It involves speaking the truth, admitting mistakes, and making choices based on integrity and fairness.

We encourage children to show honesty by:

- **Telling the truth** in all situations, even if they've made a mistake.
- **Owning their actions** and taking responsibility when things go wrong.
- **Being fair** and transparent in their interactions with others.
- **Speaking up** when they see something wrong or unfair.

When children practice honesty, they build trust, develop integrity, and form healthy relationships. This helps them become dependable and respectful individuals who can be relied upon by friends, family, and the wider community.

Honesty shapes confident and responsible members of society, empowering them to face challenges with courage and contribute positively to the world.

We will launch our focus on **Honesty** in class and during assembly in the first week back after the Christmas holidays. We look forward to seeing this value reflected in our children's words and actions throughout the term.

### **Autumn Term Assessments**

Well done to all the children for their hard work and determination during the autumn term assessments. Assessments can be challenging but every child did their best, and we couldn't ask for more.

These assessments provide teachers and leaders with valuable information to identify learning gaps and plan targeted support. This helps ensure that children are on track to meet age-related expectations.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss how you can support your child's learning at home, please speak to your child's class teacher to arrange a meeting. We are here to help and support you and your child.



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### **Hippodrome Trip**

Our recent trip to the Hippodrome marked an exciting milestone as our first outing as a federation. It was a wonderful opportunity for children to meet and bond with their peers from other schools in person, strengthening the sense of unity across our federation.

This trip was filled with joy and festive spirit as we watched incredible performances, shared laughter and created memories that will last a lifetime. Beyond the fun, experiences like this are invaluable for raising aspirations and exploring the wider community, helping children see the world beyond their immediate surroundings. We hope this inspires them to dream big, appreciate the arts, and continue to explore new horizons.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this trip possible and so memorable.

### **Thank You to Our Friends Groups**

A huge thank you to the Friends of Corpusty (FOC) and the Friends of Antingham & Southrepps (FOAS) for their incredible support this term.

- FOAS raised **£809.09** at the Christmas Fayre and **£88.90** at the Children's Christmas Bazaar.
- FOC contributed to the coach costs for the Hippodrome trip and organised the Christmas party and raffle, bringing joy to the children and raising valuable funds.

### **Update Behaviour Policy 2024/2025**

An updated Behaviour Policy will come into effect in February 2025 for CPS & FPS. This policy aims to promote a positive, respectful, and safe learning environment across the federation. Thank you for your continued support in reinforcing these values at home.

### **Swearing and Behaviour Expectations**

We are reinforcing the importance of respectful language and behaviour. Swearing or inappropriate language will not be tolerated, and we appreciate your help in reminding children about the importance of kindness and respect.



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### **Antingham & Southrepps Dining Hall Refurbishment Update**

We are excited to share that the dining hall improvements at Antingham & Southrepps are nearing completion. This updated space will enhance meal times and create a more welcoming environment for our children.

### **New Website Facelift – February 2025**

All three school websites will be getting a facelift, along with individual school websites, will be getting a much-anticipated update in February 2025. The new design will be more user-friendly, providing easy access to information, updates and resources.

### **Children's Christmas Presents**

Each child across the federation should have received a Christmas present — a new reading book — to encourage a love of reading and celebrate the festive season.

### **RSHE – Spring Term 2**

In Spring Term 2, we will focus on Relationships, Sex, and Health Education (RSHE), covering key topics to support children's understanding of relationships, well-being and safety. Please see below the updated PSHE curriculum content:

- Suicide prevention
- Sexual harassment and sexual violence, including stalking
- Loneliness
- The prevalence of 'deepfakes'
- Healthy behaviours during pregnancy, as well as miscarriage and pregnancy loss
- Illegal online behaviours including drug and knife supply
- The dangers of vaping
- Menstrual and gynaecological health including endometriosis, polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS) and heavy menstrual bleeding



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### **Oracy Commission**

Oracy is becoming a central focus in education, recognised as the 'fourth R' alongside reading, writing, and arithmetic. The Oracy Commission highlights the importance of developing speaking and listening skills to prepare children for their future and to combat misinformation. We are committed to enhancing oracy in our schools to support children's academic progression and life skills.

### **Governing Body Merger**

From January 2025, our schools will be overseen by a single governing board. This merger will streamline decision-making and ensure a more cohesive approach to governance. A detailed letter will be sent out in January with more information.

### **New Catering Provider – Aspens**

We are pleased to welcome Aspens from January 2025 as our new catering provider. They will be serving healthy, balanced and delicious meals that support the well-being and energy needs of our children.

### **Early Help Support**

Early Help provides advice and support for families facing challenges, helping to prevent small worries from becoming bigger issues. Support is available for families with children up to 18 years old (or 25 for those with SEND). We can also help with adult concerns, such as finances or mental health, that may impact children.

To request Early Help or for more information and support, or speak to a **Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)** in school.



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*Dear Parents/Carers,*

*We are writing to you as we have finally reached the last week of the Autumn term. This time of year, is always an incredibly busy and exciting time as we approach the Christmas break.*

*Across the federation we have enjoyed several performances of 'The Amazing Advent' where the children were fantastic in their roles performing with huge amounts of newfound confidence. I hope you all enjoyed watching the performances as much as we did. A highlight of this half term has been our whole school federation trip to the Hippodrome Circus in Great Yarmouth, all three schools from the federation were seated together enjoying the huge variety of acts, a great day was had by all.*

*The children across the federation have also completed a set of assessments this half term which help to inform their class teachers what is needed within their next steps of learning, these assessments are also a way of celebrating the learning success and progress that the children have made in such a short space of time. We hope you found the parents evening this term both informative and enjoyable hearing about both your child's academic learning and wider experiences at school.*

*We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support, whether it is attending school events, making nativity costumes, helping to hear you child read or perhaps helping out with sports trips or swimming. Your support is invaluable to your child getting the very best out of their time at primary school.*

*It just leaves us to wish you and your family a very happy Christmas with lots of fun, rest and opportunities to make some precious family memories, and we wish you a very happy New Year and look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January.*

*Kindest regards,  
Mrs Bourner*





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### Federation Diary Dates – Spring Term 2025

- **Spring Term Curriculum Letters** – Monday 13th January 2025
- **Maths Number Day** – Friday 7th February 2025  
*A fun-filled day focused on maths challenges and activities.*
- **Safer Internet Day** – Tuesday 11th February 2025  
*A day dedicated to promoting safe, responsible use of the internet.*
- **World Book Day** – Thursday 7th March 2025  
*(Tom Brigglesstone P4C workshop for all the classes. Come dressed as your favourite book character!)*
- **Sponsored Pancake Flipping** – Tuesday 4th March 2025
- **Curriculum Enrichment Day** – Thursday 13th March 2025
- **Year 5 & Year 6 Puberty Talk** – Monday 17th March 2025

### **Neurodiversity Celebration Week** – Monday 17th to Sunday 23rd March 2025

*(Celebrating the diverse ways in which our brains work and raising awareness about neurodiversity.)*

### Federation Diary Dates – Summer Term 2025

- **Key Stage 2 Statutory Tests** – Monday 12th May to Thursday 15th May 2025
  - 12th May: English grammar, punctuation and spelling papers
  - 13th May: English reading
  - 14th May: Mathematics papers 1 and 2
  - 15th May: Mathematics paper 3
- **Multiplication Tables Check (Year 4)** – W/C Monday 2nd June 2025
- **Phonics Screening (Year 1/2 Retakes)** – W/C Monday 9th June 2025
- **FPS Sports Day** – Monday 30th June 2025
- **CPS Sports Day** – Tuesday 1st July 2025
- **A&S Sports Day** – Wednesday 2nd July 2025
- **Year 6 Federation Leavers Event – Tubing** – Date TBC in early July
- **Step-Up Day (Transition Day)** – Thursday 10th July 2025  
*An opportunity for children to spend a day with their new teachers and classrooms in preparation for the next academic year.*
- **SLT Staff vs. Year 6 Football Matches**  
*Parents/carers are invited to cheer along for these special events!*
  - FPS – 2:00 pm Friday 11th July 2025
  - CPS – 2:00 pm Friday 11th July 2025
  - A&S – 2:00 pm Friday 11th July 2025
- **FPS Year 6 Leavers Assembly** – Tuesday 15th July 2025
- **CPS Year 6 Leavers Assembly** – Wednesday 16th July 2025
- **A&S Year 6 Leavers Assembly** – Thursday 17th July 2025



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