



### Message from the CEO

As the year draws to a close it has been another busy term and at times a very hot one! We would like to thank parents and carers for their ongoing support this year. It is a pleasure to visit each of our sixteen schools and see all the hard work going on in them. As the Summer Term and academic year end can I wish all of our families a very happy and safe

Summer holiday. We send our best wishes to our Year Six children who will be transitioning to their new High Schools and we look forward to welcoming pupils back in September. **Melanie Barrow- CEO**



### All Saints, Laxfield Primary

Laxfield children had a fabulous time today learning about motorsport. We had a visit from Waysport, a Christian Motorsport team led by Paul and Mark Harvey. They talked about their faith in Jesus and their love of cars. The children asked some brilliant questions and lots of them got the chance to sit in the car.



### Benhall St Mary Primary

This month, we were proud to showcase artwork created by our pupils to celebrate the 100th birthday of David Attenborough. Thank you to Benhall & Sternfield Parish Council for funding the display panels, to Derek Chambers for selecting, installing and framing the artwork, and to Manette Baillie, whose coffee mornings funded book vouchers for the winning artists and contributed towards new art supplies for the school. It was lovely to work alongside local residents to create something for the whole community.



### Charsfield Primary

Pupils in KS2 enjoyed an exciting visit to West Stow Anglo-Saxon Village. They had the opportunity to explore the museum, handle authentic artefacts, and discover the different types of buildings people lived and worked in during that time. The experience brought history vividly to life, and the children had a fantastic day. The following week, we held a shared morning with parents, where the pupils proudly showcased what they had learned during their visit.

### Cockfield Primary

Years 5 & 6 at Cockfield have just returned from a spectacular residential trip to Norfolk Lakes. Children pushed themselves beyond their limits on climbing walls, obstacle courses. There was some deadly accuracy on the axe throwing activity and the giant paddle boards were a huge hit! It was wonderful to see the children working as a team and encouraging one another. There was genuine joy in the faces of children watching their peers succeed where perhaps they had been nervous. Mrs Tindall and Miss Tatum were bursting with pride at the manners and respect shown by the pupils as they conducted themselves in 'The Cockfield Way' around site.



### Dennington Primary

Our Swallows class had a fantastic trip to London. Travelling by train from Ipswich to Liverpool Street was an adventure in itself before heading to the British Museum. The children took part in an interactive tablet tour of the Elgin Marbles, which helped bring their learning about the Ancient Greeks to life. We finished the day watching the amazing performance of Oliver! at the Gielgud theatre. This term the whole school, from Reception to Year 6, took part in a 5.6-mile sponsored walk. Together we raised an incredible £2,536. The money will go towards an exciting new wooden Fort for the children to enjoy imaginative playtimes, as well as resources for our new SEN area, "The Nest". Watch this space for more exciting updates as these projects develop!

### Fressingfield Primary

#### Children at Fressingfield collaborate with Suffolk Wildlife Trust

Amazon and Zambezi Classes enjoyed their final Wilder Schools day of the year under blazing sunshine and torrid temperatures. Despite the heat, enthusiasm remained high and both classes achieved a great deal. Amazon Class worked in the churchyard of St Peter's and St Paul's Church, investigating how biodiversity changes across different habitats. They discovered that unmown areas supported far more plant species than mown grass and observed how shade beneath large trees can limit biodiversity. They also built a collection of hedgehog homes, creating sheltered spaces that will hopefully support local wildlife and help make Fressingfield a more hedgehog-friendly village. Meanwhile, Zambezi Class spent the morning weeding and planting a range of bee-friendly flowers, including buddleia, cosmos and lavender. In the afternoon, they built a hedgehog hotel for visitors to the school grounds. As we complete our third year of the Wilder Schools project, we would like to thank Lauren and the Suffolk Wildlife Trust for their support, enthusiasm and expertise. The children have learned so much and have been empowered to make meaningful, positive changes to their environment. We look forward to continuing and developing the project in the years ahead.



### Great Whelnetham Primary

There has been a real sense of excitement across the school following recent improvements to our library provision. Thanks to a successful grant application, we have enhanced the range and quality of reading materials available to pupils across all year groups. This strengthens our commitment to fostering a love of reading. Our Year 6 pupils have played an important role in this development, taking responsibility for organising our new books. They have approached this task with enthusiasm and care, while also enjoying the opportunity to explore and select new novels to read. Our dedicated Year 6 girls enthusiastically help Mrs Kimber to stamp and label £2000 worth of books acquired via a SCC Locality Grant. The books will be greatly enjoyed by pupils and we were delighted to receive this grant!

### Hardwick Primary

Hardwick's Year 5 children had a fantastic day at Gressenhall Farm and Workhouse Museum, where they stepped back in time and experienced life in the Victorian era. Dressed in Victorian clothes, the children fully embraced the day and enjoyed finding out what life might have been like for children their age over 150 years ago. They took part in a variety of activities that gave them a real insight into everyday Victorian life. From picking stones in the fields to washing and wringing out linen by hand, the children discovered just how much hard work was involved in daily life. They also had the chance to make bread and pancakes using traditional methods, learning about the time, skill and effort needed to prepare food before modern appliances existed. One of the highlights of the day was taking part in a Victorian school lesson. The children experienced the strict routines, high expectations and discipline that were common in classrooms at the time. Through activities and conversations with talented actors, they learned more about the lives of Victorian people, the challenges they faced and how much society has changed since then. Adding even more excitement to the visit, the children became historical detectives, collecting clues and examining evidence to solve a Victorian crime. This interactive activity brought history to life and encouraged teamwork, problem-solving and curiosity as they worked together to crack the case. The trip was a brilliant opportunity for the children to deepen their understanding of their history learning outside the classroom. They were a credit to the school throughout the day and returned with lots of memories, new knowledge and plenty of stories to share.





### Honington Primary

Willow Class (Y4) have been reading the text, 'The Varmints' for their English studies. The book is linked with our science topic 'Deforestation', and the children have enjoyed many practical activities to develop literacy and science skills.

They have planted seeds and written poems of hope for a greener planet. They have developed their oracy skills, debating, writing and delivering speeches to save the planet. The children have also produced some fantastic pieces of art using various mediums (charcoal, pastels and paint) to express how the characters in the story may be feeling. We are engrossed in this story and can't wait to find out what happens next!

### Ickworth Park Primary

Ickworth Park's Years 5 and 6 pupils had an unforgettable time on their residential trip to Norfolk Lakes. The children challenged themselves, built confidence, and developed a wide range of skills including the importance of communication and resilience. Throughout the trip, the children enjoyed a variety of exciting activities including aero ball, caving, climbing, paddleboarding, and raft building. They embraced every challenge with enthusiasm, supporting one another and celebrating successes. By the end of the trip, we had lots of tired but very happy children, full of wonderful memories and proud of everything they had achieved.



### Occold Primary

Occold Primary School's annual Book Festival was a fantastic success and a wonderful way to end the first half of the summer term. Over the three days, the children enjoyed visits from authors and illustrators Matt Robertson and Julia Groves, who shared their books and led exciting illustration, craft and book-making workshops across the school. The children also took part in a range of reading activities, including the older children sharing stories with the younger children, having a go at some Book Speed Dating, enjoying a toast and book tasting session as well as making their own picture books. We were delighted to welcome Erin from Suffolk Libraries into school on the Friday. She introduced the children to newly released books and this summer's Reading Quest. The week concluded with our annual Book Mastermind

Competition in the village hall, followed by a visit from Diss Publishing's travelling bookshop.

### Sextons Manor

Sunshine, teamwork and plenty of smiles made for a memorable wellbeing morning for our Year 3 and 4 pupils. Students from West Suffolk College visited the school to deliver a range of activities designed to support mental and physical wellbeing as part of their Level 2 qualification project. Pupils embraced every challenge, especially the human knot team-building activity, which they described as "really difficult" but great fun. A Year 4 pupil explained, "We wanted to help the students feel welcome and make sure they weren't nervous." The experience highlights the value of our strong partnerships across the local education community.



### St Peter and St Paul, Eye

#### Bringing the Philippines to life in our school!

Eye Primary have been on an exciting learning journey this week, discovering all about the Philippines for our cultural week. The whole school also enjoyed a special collective worship led by one of our parents with first-hand experience of this incredible country—sharing fascinating insights into daily life, schools, and their meaningful work with a local church.

Different classes have engaged in a variety of activities throughout the week learning about the Philippines. Year 5 had a visitor from the Philippines who shared all about its warm climate and stunning natural landscapes as well as its delicious food and vibrant culture, pupils have been inspired every step of the way! We finished the week today with a non-uniform day dressed in the colours of the country's flag.



### Stradbroke

This half term, the Year 6 pupils at Stradbroke visited The Mix and took part in the annual Crucial Crew experience. The children learnt a range of important skills, including CPR. They also engaged in discussions about challenging and important topics such as violence against women, staying active, wellbeing and mindfulness, knife awareness, online safety, drugs and alcohol, and first aid. All the children came away with many valuable skills to support both themselves and those around them. It was lovely to hear their thoughts, opinions, and understanding of these important issues, which were further developed through their Crucial Crew experience. The team

at Crucial Crew commented on how polite and respectful our children were!

### Thorndon

Thorndon Primary recently enjoyed a vibrant and exciting Holi celebration, packed with energy, colour and plenty of fun! We were delighted to welcome Kalpesh from KZ Dance, who spent the day teaching us traditional Bhangra and Bollywood dance routines. Students and staff enjoyed learning new moves and discovering more about Indian culture and traditions. Throughout the day, pupils showed fantastic enthusiasm, confidence and teamwork as they practised their dances. The school field was filled with laughter, music and smiles. To finish our celebration, parents were invited in and the children (and staff) performed the dances we had learned during the day, the parents loved it so much they joined in too! To complete the afternoon, we took part in a traditional Holi colour celebration, clouds of bright colour filled the air as friends and staff enjoyed this unforgettable activity together. By the end, everyone was a little messy, but it was well worth it! We all had a fantastic time and created wonderful memories.



### Wortham

**Mini Marathon Success** Wortham Primary School is proud to celebrate the success of our recent Mini Marathon, which saw pupils demonstrate fantastic determination, resilience, and team spirit. The event was a wonderful opportunity for children to challenge themselves physically while also coming together for an important cause. This year, we chose to support the Air Ambulance, raising vital funds to help sustain the incredible, lifesaving work they carry out in our communities. We are incredibly grateful for the generosity shown by our families and the wider school community. To enrich the experience further, we were delighted to welcome members of the Air Ambulance team into school. They delivered engaging and informative CPR workshops to our pupils, equipping them with valuable lifesaving skills and an understanding of how to respond in an emergency. The sessions were both

inspiring and practical, leaving a lasting impression on everyone involved. We are immensely proud of all our pupils for their effort, enthusiasm, and commitment. The Mini Marathon was not only a great sporting achievement, but also a meaningful way to develop awareness of community responsibility and the importance of helping others. We were delighted to raise £3,444 for an incredible cause.

### Trust News

We have recently been conducting a community consultation about Kelsale Primary joining All Saints Schools Trust. From September we will be providing interim leadership to the school as Mr Mark Taylor will be taking up post as Headteacher. We have welcomed Mrs Gemma Watts back from Maternity Leave before Easter and would like to thank Mr Bobby Varela for all his hard work as Acting Executive Headteacher at St Peter and St Paul, Eye Primary and Occold Primary. Mr Varela will be taking up a new post as Acting Executive Head of Fressingfield Primary and Wortham Primary in September. We welcome Ms. Lianne Walsh as the new Acting SENDCO and Head of School of Wortham Primary. Miss Hannah Cragoe will be taking up the substantive position of Head of School of Stradbroke Primary. Congratulations to all of our staff who will be taking up new roles! We offer congratulations to Mrs Hayley Clarke, Headteacher of Hardwick Primary who has had a little girl.

We are very proud of staff, pupils, Governors and the whole school community at Great Whelnetham and Benhall Primary Schools who recently had SIAMs inspections recently. They were both great reports.

We have recently conducted a very thorough catering tender and appointed a new catering company to provide school meals- Lunchtime Co. We look forward to good quality meals moving forwards- look out for new menus!