

APPENDIX 1



For Schools & Trusts

Headteacher report

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Executive summary

Success this year...

- **Improved curriculum planning** - this is ongoing as we await the new national curriculum update from the government.
- **Events** - This academic year the schools have successfully conducted a wide range of events including...
 - *Two prayer space events per school (autumn 2025 and summer 2026), this will now be a fixture on the school calendar.
 - *Federation days.
 - *Residential to Eaton Vale (upper KS2).
 - *Curriculum trips such as Wells beach and King's Lynn museum.
 - *Sports days.
 - *Time for tea in church, learning together and well being event.
- **Teaching and learning support through subject leader roles.** All subject leaders have received support to conduct their role with non contact time timetabled for this. This is supporting teachers with all subjects.
- **Induction of new AHT.** AHT has made a great start and is already settled into the role.
- **CPD for staff** - Matched to school priorities with a range of external speakers and trainers alongside SLT.
- **Positive visit from director of education at the diocese.** Chris Allen made a visit to the schools as part of his rounds as new director of education for the diocese. He asked about strategic plans and the direction of the schools, Ofsted, school priorities and progress towards them. He was impressed by the work completed so far and the plans to continue.
- **Diagnostic visit for the federation.** Following our group one categorisation, schools can access various support from the LA. School has accessed a free diagnostic visit from an LA team. This was positive. *"The school appears well placed to move forward, supported by a carefully considered staffing structure, emerging systems for school improvement and a leadership team with the capacity and expertise to drive change."* (Norfolk County Council Education Strategy Service).

Challenges this year...

- Budgets remain tight. Loss of sports premium at short notice, with little information about the replacement, was unhelpful in summer term 2.
- Falling birth rates remain a concern for the country and intakes are reduced. Our intake at both schools is in line with recent expectations, however older year groups due to leave have higher numbers.
- KS2 SATs results were announced too late for discussion at governors and only just in time to make parents aware. Penultimate day of the academic year.

Any decisions which the governing board needs to take:

The board awaits a decision from NCC following the final report being submitted at the end of consultation two.

Other areas of focus:

Plans for 2026-2027.

- Awaiting school's status change from VC to VA
- Strong focus on 3 areas of school life.

*Promoting our schools/opportunities for parents and carers to share our work.

*Curriculum and pedagogy - developing in line with new national curriculum roll out - continuing our work with VNET and the Cambridge maths hub on improving standards in English and maths.

*Sustainability - budget and services.

And finally...

The two schools had an incredibly busy end of the year which included two very enjoyable KS2 productions.

These were a joy to behold. It is hoped that enrichment opportunities such as this will become a regular part of our wider offer.

Best wishes

Hilary