

Annual Parish Meeting – head teacher’s Summary Report

Over the past year, the school has continued to move forward with a clear focus on strengthening our curriculum, improving standards, and deepening collaboration across our federation.

A key development has been the introduction of a new English curriculum, built around a carefully selected range of high-quality texts from Reception through to Year 6. This approach is already helping to enrich pupils’ experiences, promote a love of reading, and support ongoing improvements in teaching and learning. Alongside this, our partnership with Bramford C of E VC Primary School has strengthened further, particularly through closer curriculum alignment and shared priorities.

Leadership across the federation has also evolved. Subject leadership is now structured across both schools rather than within each setting individually. This has supported more effective collaboration, improved consistency in planning, and enabled staff to share expertise and best practice more widely.

Our REAL Life curriculum continues to be a strong feature of the school, with careers education becoming an increasingly important part of pupils’ experiences. This year will see the launch of our first Federation Careers Fortnight, bringing together a wide range of contributors from different professional backgrounds. Pupils will benefit from engaging with visitors and experiences spanning business, the arts, technology, and local industry. Cross-school opportunities, including shared visits and trips, have further enriched this provision.

Sport remains an increasingly important part of school life, with continued participation in the IPSSA football league and growing engagement in wider physical opportunities.

As with many schools, we have experienced changes in structure, including class organisation and staffing, alongside fluctuations in pupil numbers. This remains an area of focus as we look ahead and work towards building sustainable growth. We are now supported by a new Executive Head Teacher.

Looking forward, our ambitions centre on further strengthening the curriculum across the federation, including greater alignment in foundation subjects to support consistency and shared development. We are also keen to continue enhancing our learning environment—both indoors and outdoors—to ensure it reflects the quality of education we strive to provide. This includes plans to develop reading spaces, outdoor learning opportunities, and general improvements to the school environment.

As always, the support of the community plays a vital role in helping us achieve these goals. Whether through time, expertise, or partnership, we welcome opportunities to work together to further enrich the experiences we can offer our pupils.

We remain proud of what has been achieved so far and optimistic about the next steps in our journey.