



HARLESTON SANCROFT
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Value for this half term: Perseverance

Theme for this week (04 December - 08 December 2023): **Persevering through adversity**

Life Skills theme for the week: We accept that along with rights come responsibilities

Life in All its Fullness:

We have entered the season of Advent, the time of waiting and preparation for the birth of Jesus.

BBC's Newsround has a brief explanation of the significance of Advent [here](#).

We would also like to share the Archbishops' Young Leaders' resources for young people, which explore a well-known Christmas carol and help us to think about what it was like for the shepherds, angels and kings in the Christmas story. Each of these groups had a different, but important part to play in bringing the news of Jesus' birth. Over the next four weeks, through [these slides](#), we will think about their responses to the news of Jesus' birth.

[Here](#) is a link to the Church of England's 'Advent Calendar', which features a daily family activity for Advent.

In school, in Year 7 and 8 form groups and in the secondary phase Library, we have copies of the "Follow The Star" Advent Calendar, which helps children to enjoy Advent and understand how and why Jesus came to be born in Bethlehem.

Fundraising success!

In addition to the £494.94 raised for Children in Need, over £100 was raised from poppy sales for the Royal British Legion.

We are currently collecting bags of granulated sugar for **Sugar for Shelters** (BEFA), a charity that helps the homeless and those in crisis over winter. Please send your child to school with a bag of sugar this week, if you are able to. Thank you once again for your very generous support.

Winter weather:

Please remind your child/ren to come to school dressed appropriately for the weather (coat, gloves etc.).

Our Vision

The Harleston Sancroft Academy is a community that flourishes, through God's love, to live

'Life in All its Fullness'

(JOHN 10:10 AND JOHN 13:34).

We are a foundation of **Hope**; a family of **Love**; a school of nurture guided by **Faith**; promoting a unique, personalised journey towards excellence.



Students who are keen to play football at break / lunchtime need to bring trainers in a bag which they should change into when they go on the Field.

Road safety: on these long, dark days, it is absolutely essential that students riding bikes / scooters to school **wear a helmet**, as per Mr Connelly's recent letter to parents/carers.

Support for families - help from our local foodbank:

We know that anyone can find themselves at crisis point for a number of different reasons.

'Waveney Foodbank' works using a voucher referral system which can be obtained from a variety of different agencies, including Citizens Advice, children's centres and health visitors, who will take some basic details for you. Once you have been issued with a voucher, you can exchange this for a minimum of three days of [emergency food](#) at your nearest [foodbank centre](#).

We are pleased to inform parents and carers that we are now able to support our families by issuing vouchers. Please speak to Mr Mullen (primary phase), or **Miss Booty** (secondary phase) if you would require a voucher.

Online Safety:

Please read the **December newsletter** which can be found on this page of the school website, [here](#).

Key dates for the next few weeks:

Mon 4 December: Year 10 exams continue

Mon 4 December: Year 11 Results Event (13:55)

Weds 6 Dec: Senior Citizens' Christmas Dinner

Thurs 7 Dec: Christmas Jumper Day - all other aspects of the uniform as as per usual

Thurs 7 Dec: Year 5 Christmas Activity Morning

Thurs 7 Dec: Christmas Showcase (Studio): music and drama performances - from 19:00

Fri 8 & Sat 9 December: Trip to the Germany - Christmas Markets

Every Saturday: Year 11 Maths Revision sessions with Mr Sherington

Tues 12 Dec: Flu vaccinations - all Year Groups

Weds 13 Dec: A-Team Christmas lunch

Thurs 14 Dec: Students' Christmas lunch

Thurs 14 Dec: Well-being café - Young Minds

Thurs 14 Dec: Y11 Parents'/Carers' Evening

Fri 15 Dec: KS3 Rewards Breakfast

Tues 19 Dec: Y7 Parents'/Carers' Evening



School website and X/Twitter: The [school website](#) is a useful source of information. Please also visit the Harleston Sancroft Academy [X/Twitter feed](#) for photos and updates.

Prayer for the Advent season

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Amen.