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Value for this half term: **Wisdom**

Theme for this week (15 January - 19 January 2024): **Inheriting Wisdom**

Life Skills theme for the week: **We are reflective learners**

Life in All its Fullness:

In an [article](#) I read some years ago now, a journalist wrote: "Winter is the time for poetry. Nature gets dramatic at this time of year, and we attempt to match it as best we can. There is nothing better than wallowing in the words of a stranger when things are dark and gloomy".

I can relate to the idea of enjoying reading during the long dark evenings of the winter months, but I know that I also have to take the time to get outside, enjoying the different seasons - and avoiding almost complete hibernation! Although I am currently reading quite a lot, unlike the writer above I am not seeking out gloomy musings. Instead, I am enjoying the written and spoken word, listening to some great podcasts from the treasure trove of BBC Sounds - such as '[You're Dead to Me](#): the comedy podcast that takes history seriously' - and the deceptively light and witty poetry of Brian Bilston, the so-called poet laureate of X/Twitter. Take for instance this [poem](#), in which Bilston playfully explains where ice cream vans go in winter time; the answer is clear to the naturalist-poet: they migrate south!

As one bit of reading calls to mind another, so Bilston's migrating ice cream vans reminded me of this 'Booktrust' poem about starling murmurations that can be found below and [here](#).

"FYI - For Your Information":

This is the go-to source for health, wellbeing, and self-care for young people. Created by Norfolk and Young People's Health Services, **FYI** offers

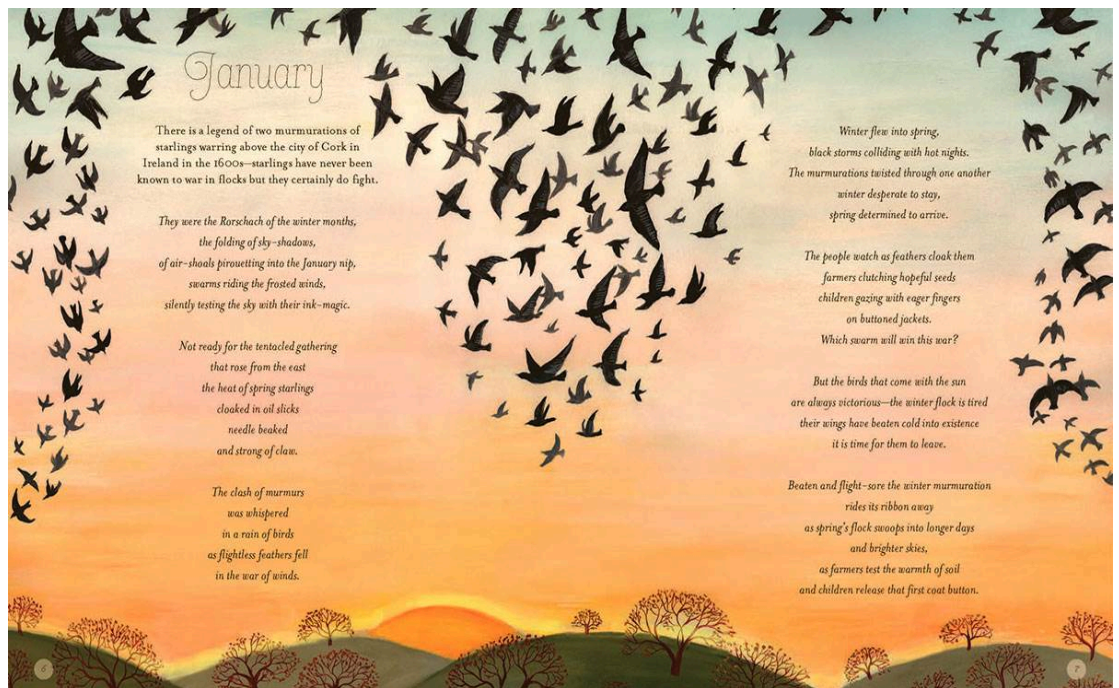
Our Vision

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.



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information, advice and quizzes for ages 11-24, covering a variety of topics.

- Health and Lifestyle
- Education
- Friendships and Relationships
- Emotional and Mental Health
- Home and Family Life



More information can be found [here](#).

Key dates for the next few weeks:

- 16 Jan: *Young Voices* choir event
- 17 Jan: Y10/11 Drama trip
- 24 Jan: Camps International information evening - 18:00
- 29 Jan: KS4 Finance careers event
- 12 Feb: Y9 Drama workshop
- 15 Feb: Y9 Parents'/Carers' Evening
- 16 Feb: Y11 Geography Field Trip



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.

On X and elsewhere, you might have seen the following post:

The Church of England [@churchofengland](#)

Let's welcome the new year with prayer. Did you know our Daily Prayer audio services were downloaded over 3.5 million times in the past year? The latest version of our free app now has services for 2024. Download or update free [here](#), or at <http://cofe.io/DailyPrayerApp>.

Prayer in the Midst of Winter

Dear Lord, in the midst of winter, when the days are cold and wind can pierce, remind us of the warmth of your love. In the midst of winter, when days are short, dawn comes late, and dusk arrives early, remind us that in the darkness your light still shines.

Amen.