

West Earlham
Infant &
Nursery
School

Top Of The Class

One of the schools in our area, West Earlham Infant and Nursery School, has had a busy few weeks! They have been named the winner of the Best Early Years School of the Year award at the EDP Norfolk Education Awards 2024, a wonderful achievement!



The team at the Henderson Herald took the opportunity to catch up with the goings on at the school and to find out what made them so successful.

The judges for the award were impressed by West Earlham’s provision and support for their young pupils and families in the local community, going above and beyond what is required. The school is passionate and committed to offering all students an inclusive, kind and nurturing environment which focuses on allowing all children to love learning. This was recognised by the awards panel and led to them being named the winner!

But the award wasn’t the end to the achievements for the school.

Soon after the award, West Earlham Infant and Nursery School were visited by Ofsted, the organisation that monitors school performance and rates them as to how well

they are doing. Following the two-day Ofsted inspection in October, the school retained its outstanding judgement, the highest rating possible. The Ofsted Inspector described West Earlham as “a school at the heart of its community”. It was also noted that “the school has constructed an ambitious curriculum which meets the emotional, social and academic needs of its pupils”. Alongside this, the provision for pupils with Special Educational Needs was seen as exemplary, and pupils knowing that staff care about them highlighted the staff’s “ambitious vision for their pupils’ lives”.

Since the last inspection in 2017 the school has seen a growth through the development of two classes for children with special educational needs and a change in leadership.

Headteacher Jade Hunter commented, “Our school is at the heart of this community and that is at the forefront of everything that we do. It is a fantastic achievement for our Local Authority maintained school. It has relied on a highly committed staff team and the support of our amazing community and fabulous children. I would like to say a big thank you and well done to everyone involved in both the recent achievements of the school.”

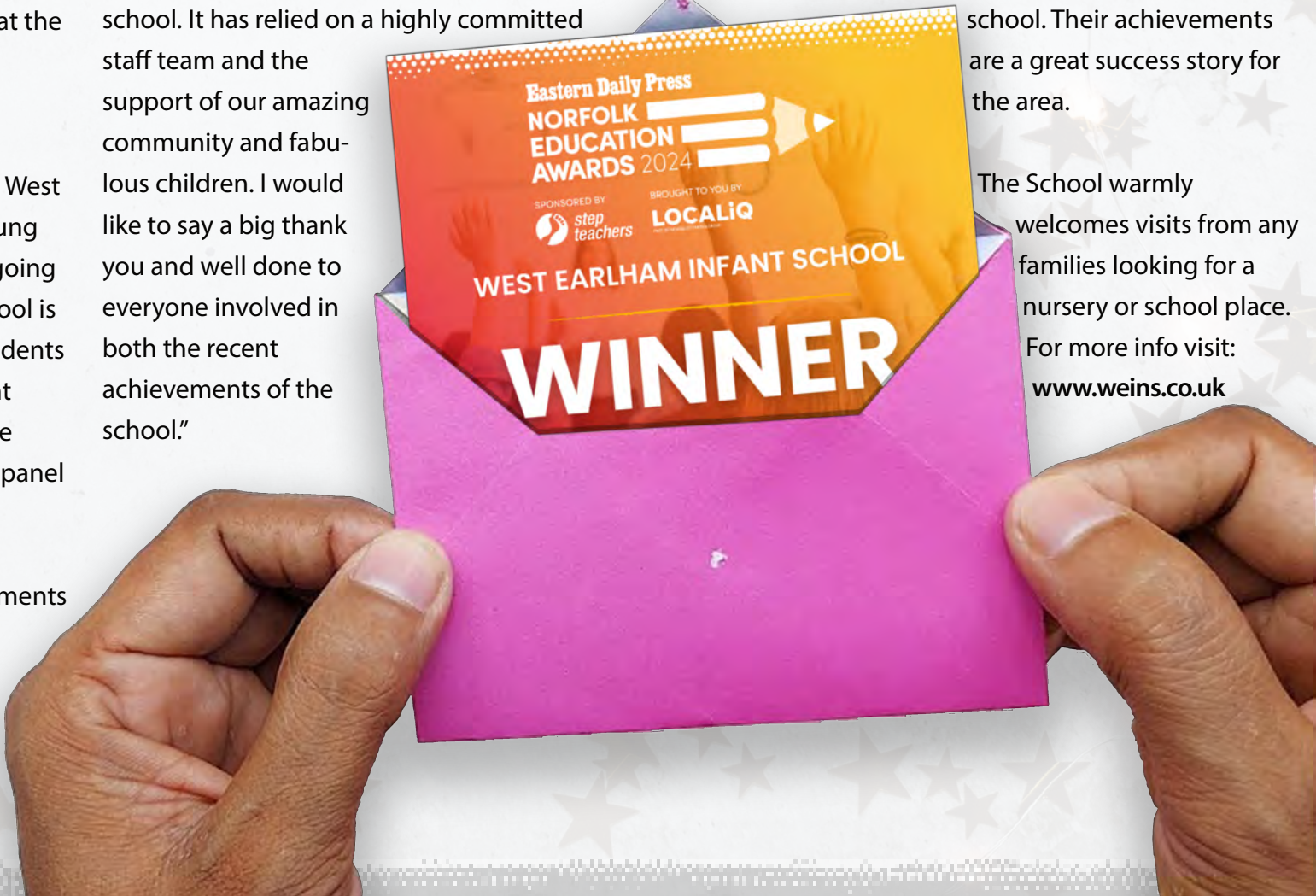
Alongside this, the school continues to provide their pioneering initiative of providing regular



dental care for all pupils, an initiative that has now been shared nationally. Mrs Hunter added “We have worked hard to improve the lives of our children and their families and will continue to do this in any way that we can”.

With this in mind, the team at the Henderson Herald would like to echo Mrs Hunter’s words and say a big well done to all the staff and pupils at the school. Their achievements are a great success story for the area.

The School warmly welcomes visits from any families looking for a nursery or school place. For more info visit: www.weins.co.uk



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Norwich Foodbank is pleased to start a new partnership with BookBanks, a new charity that launched in 2022.

Founded by Emily Rhodes, Bookbanks provides a staffed stall of donated books and printed materials to Trussell Trust's Norwich Foodbank based at Henderson Business Centre.

Wymondham Community Outreach Project in South Norfolk and as of November, Trussell Trust's Hammersmith and Fulham Foodbank and the Norwich Foodbank's.

Hannah Worsley, Project Manager at Norwich Foodbank told us, "Norwich Foodbank is delighted to welcome a new partnership with BookBank, launching at our Bowthorpe distribution centre in the winter.

We know lots of people come to use the Foodbank

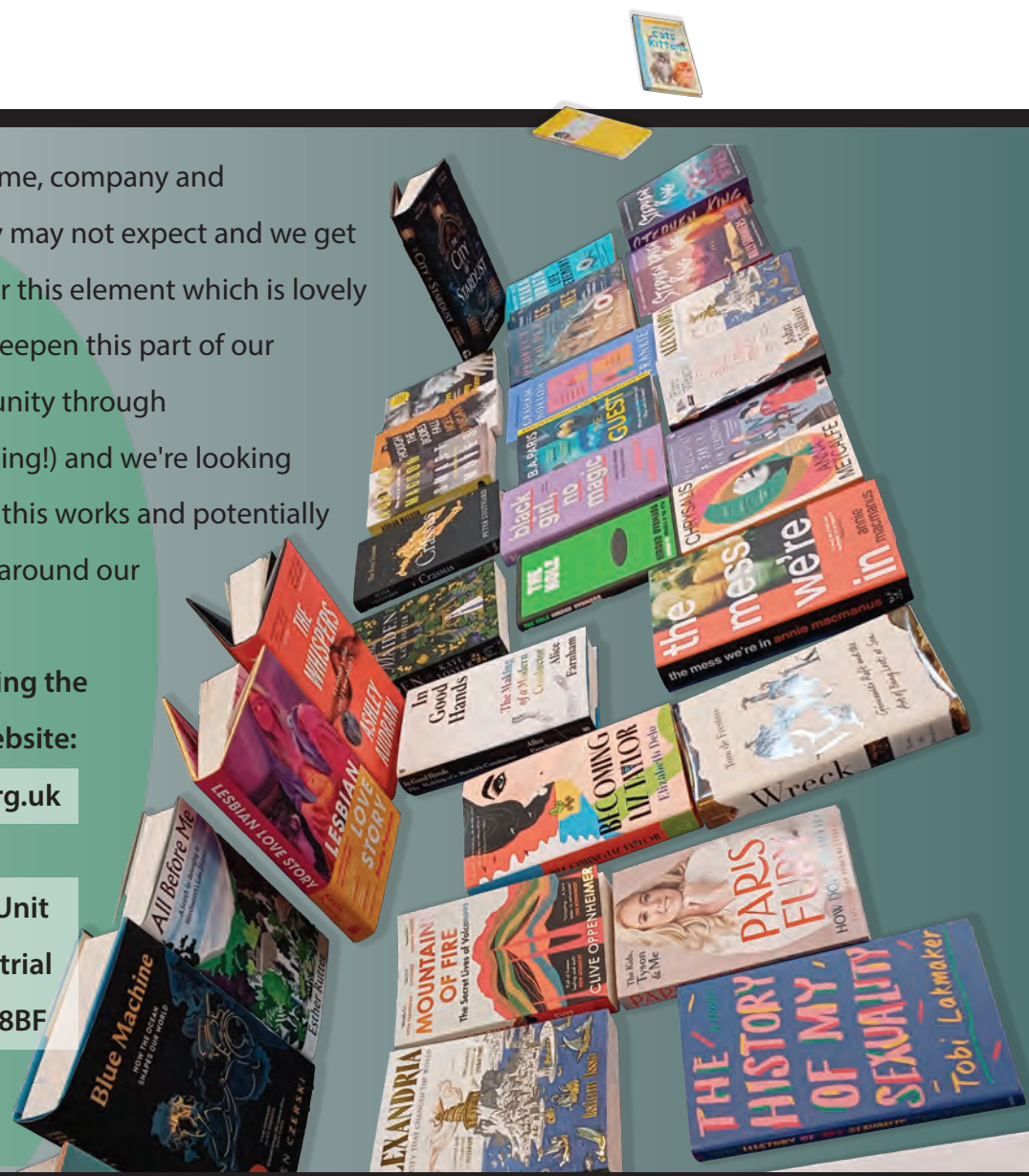
and find a warm welcome, company and community which they may not expect and we get people coming back for this element which is lovely to see. BookBank will deepen this part of our work - building community through conversation (and reading!) and we're looking forward to seeing how this works and potentially developing more sites around our Foodbank's patch."

Find out more by visiting the Norwich Foodbank website:

norwich.foodbank.org.uk

Or visit:

Norwich Foodbank, Unit
14, Henderson Industrial
Units, Ivy Road, NR5 8BF



Books For Valley

Valley Primary Academy is thrilled to announce the arrival of an impressive new collection of books to inspire and educate our young leaders for years to come! Thanks to the school's dedication to literacy, children will now have access to a wide variety of books carefully chosen to suit all ages and interests. From classic stories and modern adventures to colourful picture books and interactive non-fiction, this collection has something for everyone.

The new additions to the library aim to foster a love of reading among children and provide them with resources to expand their imaginations, vocabulary, and world views.

The Power of Reading studies consistently show that reading is one of the most effective ways to enhance academic skills as it builds vocabulary, improves concentration and stimulates creativity. For young readers, books open doors to new worlds and ideas whilst helping to develop empathy, curiosity and critical thinking. "Books allow children to explore places and emotions they may not encounter in their everyday lives," said Ms. Bush, Valley Primary Academy's Head. "With these new resources, we're making sure our children have every



opportunity to explore, imagine, and grow."

Investing in the Future. At
Valley Primary

Academy, we believe that every child deserves access to quality educational resources.

This significant investment in books not only benefits our current children but will continue to support literacy efforts for future generations.

Valley Primary Academy is excited to see the many ways this addition will positively impact our children's learning journeys, and we look forward to watching our young readers discover the joys and benefits of reading.



Valley
Primary Academy

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Credit to Cadge

Norfolk First Credit Union opens collection point at Cadge Road Community Centre. After departing their former premises in West Earlham, Norfolk First Credit Union is now offering a monthly collection point at Cadge Road Community Centre.

This means that members of the Credit Union, or people who want to find out more about what it can offer, can come along to the community centre and speak to a member of the Credit Union team. At the collection you will be able to pay in money or ask any questions you may have.

Withdrawals are not available in cash at the centre, but the team there can pass on your request so that you can make a withdrawal to your bank account, or guide you through applying for a loan online.

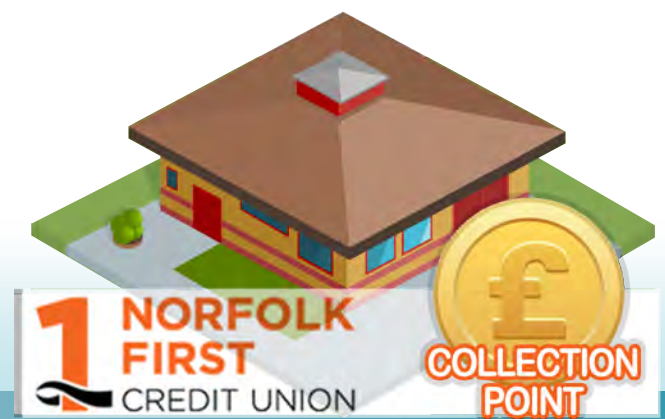
In the near future, the team at the community centre hope to have remote access, so you can also come in and check your account balance and details.

Ian Leather, President of Norfolk First Credit Union, commented, "It was disappointing to have to leave our premises within the community, but the costs of running the building were simply too high for

us to continue there. Our offices are now in the Henderson Business Centre, so we are still very much based in the community, but we hope by offering this service at Cadge Road, members that aren't as confident accessing their accounts online can still come and speak to someone in person".

Norfolk First Credit Union will be in the youth hub at the community centre on the third Tuesday of the month between 10:30am and 12pm on the following dates.

**Tuesday 21st January
Tuesday 18th February
Tuesday 18th March**



Raise Your Hands!



meaning more than 170 people have taken part in the artwork which sits next to the school's vision. 'At Henderson Green we belong together'. Headteacher Emma Andrewes said: "We wanted to focus on belonging and develop the theme of

what it is and what we want it to be.

"By placing the artwork at the entrance to the classrooms, it gives everyone a chance to reflect on the sense of belonging and how this is crucial in everything we do."

A unique school-wide project focusing on belonging at Henderson Green Primary School.

Recently the pupils of a local Primary School have been getting their hand dirty!

The hands of every pupil at Henderson Green Primary

Academy in Earlham Grove were painted to produce the piece of artwork proudly hung in the school.

They have been joined by all staff members,



belonging to our school and our community.

"If we can foster this, it gives everyone a sense of caring for their school and shows that everyone is an important part of making Henderson Green



The theme of belonging is a key priority for Unity Schools Partnership, of which Henderson Green became a member school at the start of September.

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The Twelve
Differences?**

Christmas Sudoku Puzzle

It's our Christmas Sudoku - Fill in the grid with letters S, N, O, W, F, L, A, K, and E, making sure no letter is repeated in every row, every column and within each mini grid.

E		F		O				A
	W		L		S	F	K	
S				F				N
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