



Schools of Sanctuary NEWSLETTER



Autumn 2022-2023



What have we done so far?

Last year we had a really busy year working towards becoming a School of Sanctuary, and we could not have done it without the help of our supportive communities – **thank you.**

- **Sponsored walk for refugees**

A massive thank you to all who supported our sponsored walk, across the Federation we raised a massive **£495** for Norwich charity New Routes'. This money will go towards supporting them in their work with local refugees.

- **Day of Welcome**

We joined lots of other schools across Norfolk to celebrate Day of Welcome in June. We learnt what it means to be seeking sanctuary and how we can become a welcoming school for all people.

- **Ukrainian Crisis**

Last year, in April, we held fundraising events to raise money for the families living in Ukraine and to highlight what was happening in Ukraine. We planted sunflowers to show our support, and we raised **£209** by dressing in blue and yellow. We also supported the collection of clothes, bedding and toiletries to support the refugees in Ukraine and Poland.



What will we do in 2022 to 2023?

This year we will be applying for Schools of Sanctuary status. We want to show that Ellingham VC and Woodton Primary Federation are welcoming schools for all and that we pledge to support people seeking sanctuary across the world and in our local communities. We will be taking regular assemblies in school to teach the children about what refugees can bring to our communities, and what it means to be seeking sanctuary.

We will be celebrating Day of Welcome, and we will be marking Refugee week in June 2023.