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# BVS FORTNIGHTLY

Fortnightly news update from Bure Valley School



## MESSAGE FROM MR OLNEY, HEAD OF SCHOOL

Dear Bure Valley School Community

At the end of another busy week in school, I find myself reflecting on the myriad of experiences that continue to shape our educational journey and offer at BVS. It's been a week brimming with opportunities to showcase our school's ethos and accomplishments, reinforcing the strong foundations upon which our community thrives.

This week, I've had the privilege of guiding prospective candidates through our halls for the upcoming KS2 Deputy position, set to commence in September 2025. The calibre of professionals drawn to this role has been nothing short of impressive, each one attracted by our school's sterling reputation and unwavering values. As we traversed our grounds, the candidates' eyes lit up with admiration for our exceptional facilities and the palpable sense of community that permeates every corner of Bure Valley.

What struck me most was the consistent praise for our pupils. Their enthusiasm, engagement, and pride in their school left an indelible impression on our visitors. It's moments like these that remind us of the extraordinary environment we've cultivated together – a testament to the collaborative spirit of our pupils, staff and families.

The celebration of our school's ethos extended beyond potential new staff, as we had the honor of hosting our MP, Jerome Mayhew. Mr Mayhew's visit provided an excellent opportunity to spotlight our innovative pupil leadership model, a cornerstone of our educational approach. He was also impressed by the passion our children exuded when discussing their school and the opportunities they are given.

As we look ahead, I'm excited to announce our upcoming Maths Day on 7 February 2025. We invite all pupils to wear something adorned with numbers, as we kick off the day with a morning celebration of mathematics – a subject that underpins so much of our world.

In the spirit of our community's safety and well-being, I must emphasise the importance of utilising our Crossing Patrol staff on Hungate Street and Norwich Road. These dedicated individuals are here to ensure our families can navigate busy roads safely. For those who drive to school, please be mindful of our local residents, adhere to speed limits, and respect parking restrictions, including double yellow lines and zig-zags.

As always, I am filled with immense pride in our wonderful school community. The way our children champion their school and celebrate their achievements is a constant source of inspiration. Together, we continue to nurture an environment where every child can thrive, learn, and grow.

Kind regards,

J Olney




## ATTENDANCE WATCH

Our target school attendance figure is 97.2%.

Our current figure is… **94%**

Our class of the week is: **BRAZIL with 100%**

## 25 HALOS w/e 31 January

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| FRANCE | Belle C, Esmae W |
| SPAIN | Molly F, Ezra C, Henry H, Autunm C, Isabella C |
| BELGIUM | Milly C, Suzanna W, Penelope N |
| GREECE | Delilah W, Rosie F, Nala-Mai M |
| EGYPT | Bruce M, Daisy S |
| BRAZIL | Caleb D |

## 25 HALOS w/e 31 January

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| FRANCE | Joseph M |

## UPCOMING DATES

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| 4 Feb | Family Learning afternoon |
| 5-11 Feb | Book sale after school |
| 7 Feb | Maths day - wear number inspired clothes |
| 7 Feb | FOBVS - pre-loved uniform sale |
| 14 Feb | Last day of half term |
| 14 Feb | Mufti day - wear red! £1 donation please |
| 14 Feb | FOBVS Valentine's Disco |

## LOCAL MP VISITS BVS

We were delighted to welcome our MP, Jerome Mayhew, into school today.

Mr Mayhew spent some time meeting our Yr5/6 pupil leaders and finding out about the ways BVS children learn to serve and support the BVS community.

The children also spent some time talking with Mr Mayhew and asking questions about his life as a Member of Parliament.

(Mr Mayhew with our Head Boy and Girl team)



Bure Valley School

Part of the Aylsham Learning Federation

WORLD BOOK DAY

Dear parents and carers,

**World Book Day** is fast approaching and we will be celebrating again, as always! Any eagle-eyed readers of the English newsletter will know that this year, we will be taking the traditional approach of inviting pupils to come to school dressed as a favourite book character. Pupils are invited to come to school in their costumes on **Friday the 7th of March 2025**.

Pupils can dress as a character from a book, graphic novel or comic. With over a month to go, hopefully this is good notice to get creative and come up with some amazing ideas. Teachers and staff will (of course) be dressing up also!

There is no donation necessary to participate. If pupils do not want to dress up, they are welcome to come to school in their usual uniform.

In the meantime, keep an eye out for your child bringing home their £1 World Book Day voucher. We appreciate your support and keep on reading.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Brookes

Y5 teacher & English subject leader

Executive Headteacher: Mr D Spalding B.A. (Hons) M.Ed. (Cantab)
Headteacher: Mr J Olney B.A. (Hons)
Assistant Headteachers: Mrs H Howard B.A. (Hons), Mrs H Pope B.A. (Hons)
Director of Business and Community Strategy: Mrs J Tuttle

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## ART COMPETITON

**Reminder** - all pieces of artwork must be in school by Monday, 3 February (please take all pieces to the studio). These will be judged and chosen pieces selected and entered in to the Royal Academy of Arts Young Artists' Summer Show.

The artwork can be any original piece but ***must not*** be a copy of anything or AI generated.




## SPORT @ BVS



Well done to our year 3 and 4 girls who successfully defended their premiership league title at The Nest

Active Leaders day at UEA sportspark where our sports leader were being inspired with new ideas and gaining confidence leading others.





Well done to our Yr5 & 6 dodgeballers

A good start at The Nest for our year 5 and 6 girls in the U11 cup. One win and 1 draw so far.



# SEND Cafe

## Bure Valley School

## 9am -10am

## Thursday 6th February



# Bure Valley School

# Family Learning Afternoon

**As part of Children's Mental Health Week**
**please come and join us for**
**'Art for Well-being'**
**family learning activities with your child on**

## Tuesday 4th February

## 2pm - 3pm

**Arrivals from 1.45pm**

**We warmly welcome parents, carers, grandparents, aunts, uncles and younger siblings.**



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**(TERM TIME ONLY)**

**AYLSHAM HIGH SCHOOL**
**6pm - 8pm**

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CHARITY NUMBER 120577

FREE



# Maths Course

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**12 WEEKS STARTING**

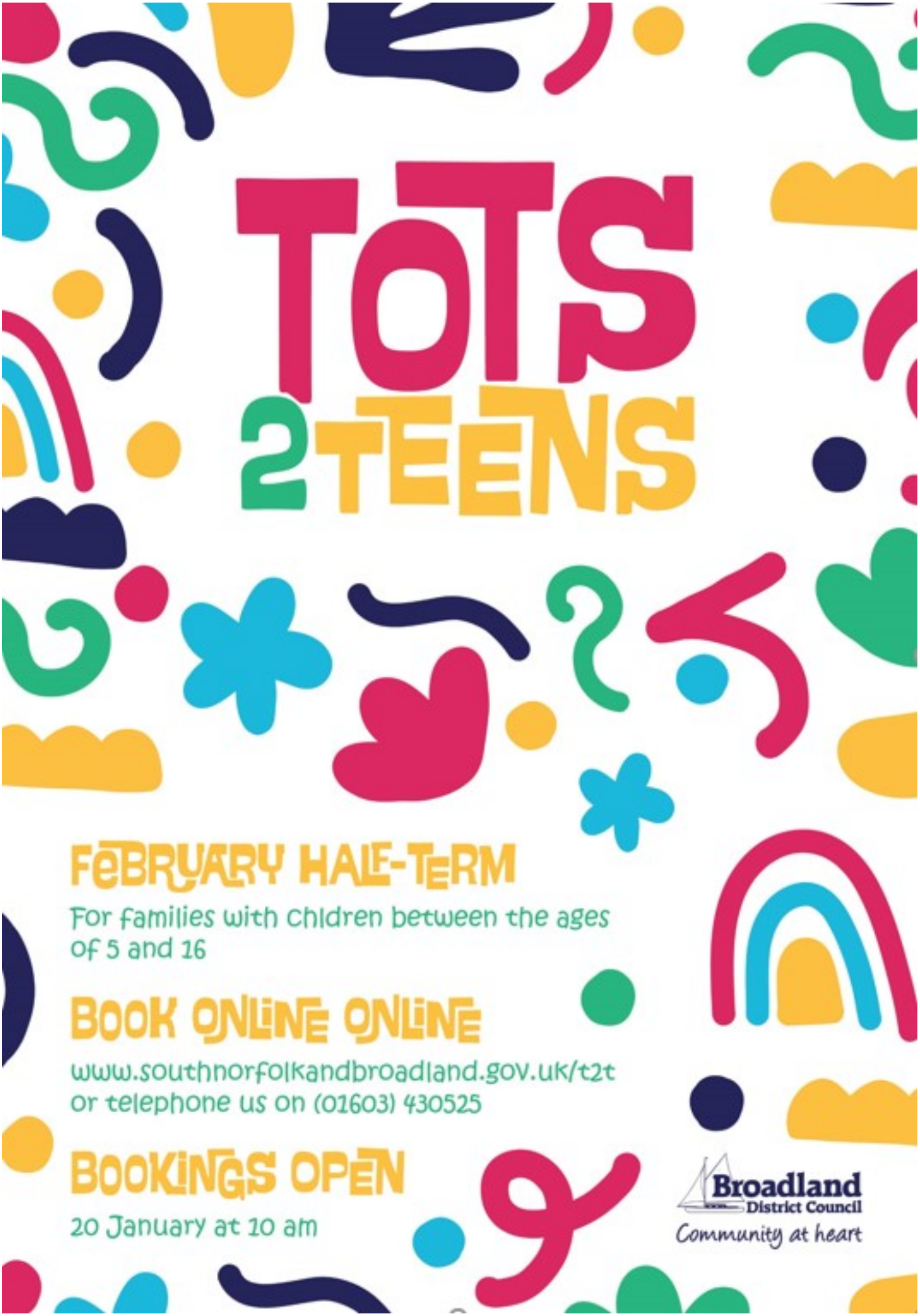
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# COMMUNITY SHED



## Who we are

Run by volunteers, we provide a community workshop space for local men and women to socialise and learn new skills.

## What we do

Shed members work on their own projects, undertake public commissions and engage in community based projects.

## Where and When

Based at Aylsham High School, our fully equipped workshop is open on Saturday mornings from 9:30am - 12:30pm.







## Share your skills and learn new things in our friendly community workshop.

**Community Projects and Bring Your Own Projects**

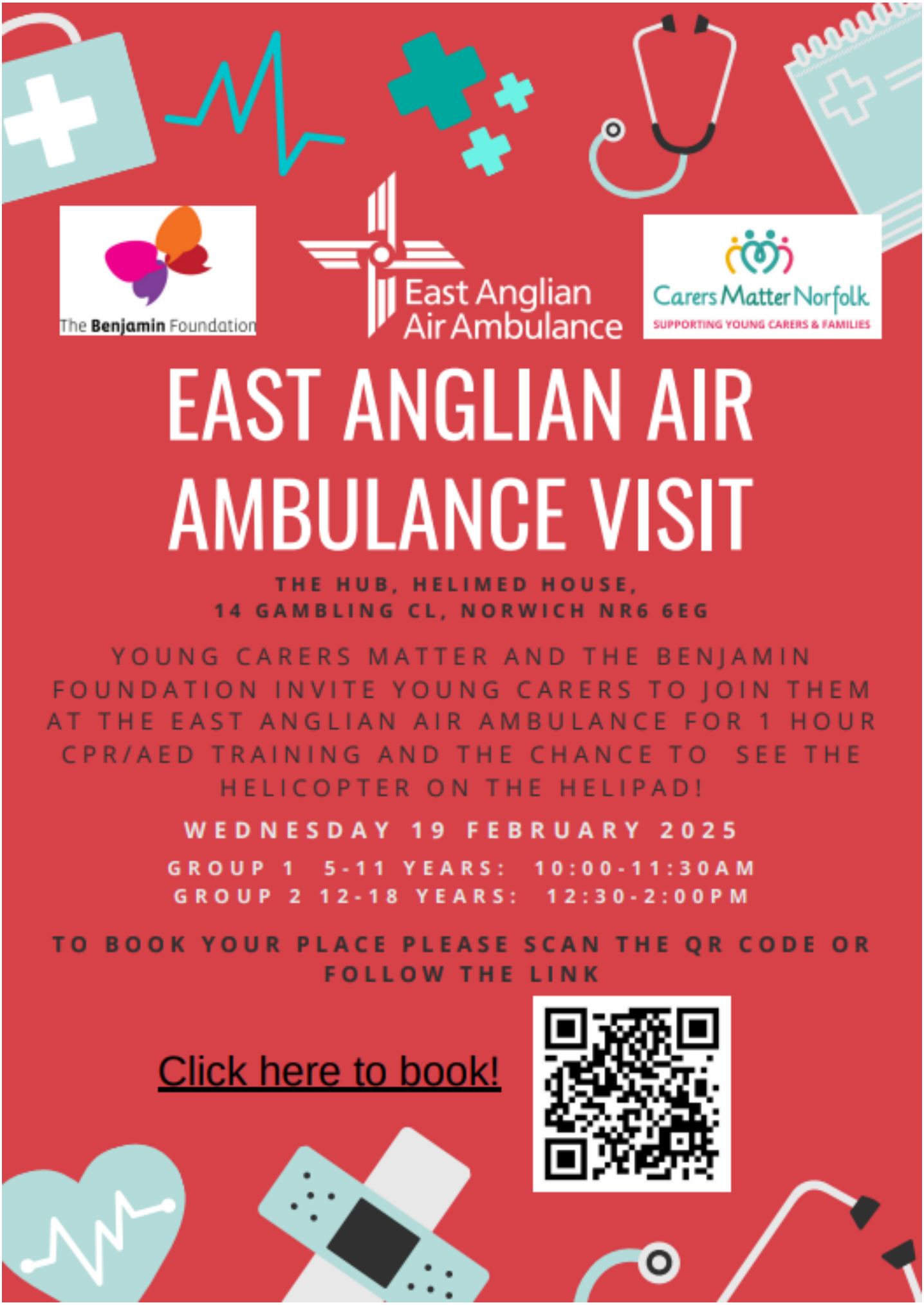
- Woodworking
- Arts and Crafts
- Textiles and Printing
- Skills Sharing Workshops

Find out more on our website
**www.aylshamcommunityshed.org**

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East Anglian Air Ambulance
Carers Matter Norfolk
SUPPORTING YOUNG CARERS & FAMILIES
EAST ANGLIAN AIR AMBULANCE VISIT
THE HUB, HELIMED HOUSE,
14 GAMBLING CL, NORWICH NR6 6EG
YOUNG CARERS MATTER AND THE BENJAMIN FOUNDATION INVITE YOUNG CARERS TO JOIN THEM AT THE EAST ANGLIAN AIR AMBULANCE FOR 1 HOUR CPR/AED TRAINING AND THE CHANCE TO SEE THE HELICOPTER ON THE HELIPAD!
WEDNESDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2025
GROUP 1 5-11 YEARS: 10:00-11:30AM
GROUP 2 12-18 YEARS: 12:30-2:00PM
TO BOOK YOUR PLACE PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE OR FOLLOW THE LINK
Click here to book!