

## Narborough Newsletter for week ending 22nd March 2024

The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

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### Dear Parents and Carers,

It was really super to join Sporle and Castle Acre for our joint Playground Proms on Thursday afternoon. The children and staff all had a wonderful time and our children sang beautifully throughout. I especially enjoyed the brilliant last verse to the anthem that our Year 5 & 6 children created and the whole school worked so hard to practise. They sounded amazing! The children (and staff) were all really well-behaved, excellent ambassadors for the Federation. As you know, this will be my last newsletter to you all. It was lovely to chat to so many of you at the Easter Tombola and Raffle afternoon on Wednesday and the Parent Cafes in class on Friday. I really appreciate your kind words and thoughtful wishes. Thank you so much. I hope that you all have a happy Easter and a very successful future filled with love and laughter.

### Upcoming Events next week

See Diary Dates for details.....

- 26th March - High 5 Netball at TNHA
- 27th March - Easter Church Service
- 27th March - Last day of term

8th July: A Narborough 'Old Pupil', Michael Martin, who went to Narborough, leaving in 1970 and now lives in New Zealand, is visiting our school on the 8th July. He would love to meet up with anyone who also went to Narborough around that time or even more wonderful, was in his class. Please could you ask your parents, friends and neighbours if they knew him, and if so, get in touch with us? Many thanks!



### Attendance Awards - w/e 15/03/24

Class	%
Hedgehogs	99.03
Squirrels	100
Foxes	94.58
Otters	97.41
Whole School	97.42

**Well done to:**  
Squirrels for achieving the  
highest attendance last  
week with a perfect 100%.



### Reminders and Information.....

#### Congratulations

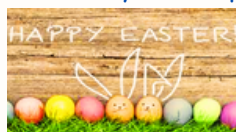
Well done to **Fearne** from last week and **George-Henry** this week for achieving the Lunchtime Award for excellent behaviour and kindness at lunchtimes.

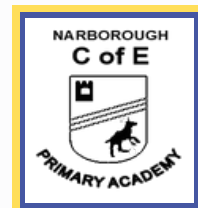
We are really proud of the Years 1 & 2 that attended the Infant Agility on Tuesday. The children really enjoyed demonstrating their throwing skills, overcoming the obstacle course and excelling in the track events. The children all represented the school with their usual enthusiasm and outstanding behaviour. Well done, Squirrels.

A super well done to all of the children that attended the Key Stage 2 Football Festival on Thursday. The Year 5 & 6 girls wowed by coming first in the festival and the Year 5 & 6 boys came fourth. Although the Year 3 & 4 teams were not playing for positions, due to their younger age, they all played super well and I was told that they won almost all of their games. Well done to everybody - you all showed super sportsmanship.

We look forward to seeing you at Narborough All Saints Church on Wednesday 27th March at 9:30am to celebrate our **Easter Church Service** together. The children have been busy practising their hymns and performance and look forward to sharing them with you.

Please remember that our last day of the Spring term is Wednesday 27th March and the Summer term will start again on Monday 15th April.





# AWARDS

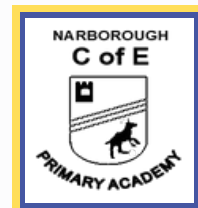
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## Hedgehogs Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Renesmee	asking good questions about Megan's story.
Writer of the week	Lilly 	writing an excellent final step for her growing seeds explanation.
Mathematician of the week 	Elizabeth	making some complex patterns with the bears.
Shining Light 	Joyce	settling into Nursery well and making lots of good friends.
Reads at home 	Well done to:	Blake for achieving 100 reads at home.

## Squirrels Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Samuel	doing super Fred talking and spelling of his words in phonics.
Writer of the week	Alfie 	writing a lovely introduction to his plant explanation text.
Mathematician of the week 	Scarlett	persevering in maths and trying her hardest.
Shining Light 	Avaya	being an amazing asset and friend to Squirrels class!
Tackling Tables		Come on everyone, you need to be getting your awards..especially Y4 who need to complete Red by the Summer term!
Reads at home 	Well Done	Jack



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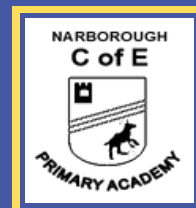
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**Foxes Class**

**Otters Class**

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Logan	Persevering in phonics lesson to make sure he gets the sounds right
Writer of the week	Megan	Using the grammar we have learned in class to write her own story
Mathematician of the week	Henry	Working hard in our fractions topic and with enthusiasm
Shining Light	Arthur	Having the courage to stand up in front of all three schools and sing at the playground proms
Tackling Tables	Well done to:	Isabelle and Scarlett
Reads at home	Well done to:	Olivia and Bow

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Esme	being an avid and enthusiastic reader.
Writer of the week	Paige	for using her prior knowledge to identify language features of discussion texts.
Mathematician of the week	Elsie	for having completed tackling tables. Great work!
Shining Light	Theo A	for consistently demonstrating the school values, working hard in all subjects and making excellent progress.
Tackling Tables	Well done to:	Elsie, Sienna and Gabriela for earning tackling tables certificates this week
Reads at home	Well done to:	None this week.



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### Help with online safety::



The CEOP website, run by the National Crime Prevention agency, gives helpful advice about when and how to report your concern.

***<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Get-help/Reporting-an-incident/>***



See these links for further information, games and tips:

***[https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/4\\_7/](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/4_7/)***  
***[https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/8\\_10/](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/8_10/)***  
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### Safeguarding

According to a recent Ofcom report\*, what percentage of children below the age of 11 have had a social media account setup for them by a parent?

Fifty-eight percent - the top five most popular being: YouTube (33%), TikTok (18%), WhatsApp (17%), Snapchat (14%) and Facebook (9%). It's worth noting that on 11th April 2024, WhatsApp is changing their minimum age to allow children aged 13+ to use the service (down from 16). WhatsApp offers end-to-end encryption - a security feature that scrambles messages to ensure no one can view the contents.

**How much do children (aged 8 - 17) spend on video games (including in-app purchases)?**

The Insights Family\* data (Ofcom, 2023) suggests that children aged 8-17 who spent money on video games (including in-app purchases) had spent an average of £38 in the past month.

#### Further research

\*The Ofcom report makes fascinating reading across a number of areas of children's media use. You can download it here:

<https://www.ofcom.org.uk/research-and-data/media-literacy-research/childrens>

You can interrogate the data here:

<https://www.ofcom.org.uk/research-and-data/media-literacy-research/childrens/children-and-parents-media-use-and-attitudes-report-2023/children-and-parents-media-use-and-attitudes-report-2023-interactive-data>

### Message from the Executive Headteacher....



Congratulations to the Nar Valley Federation Dodgeball Team, a group made up of all 3 of our schools, who despite not having played together before, came together fantastically at the tournament this week, demonstrated all our school values, and are through to the final! Really well done to all our participants - and I think you can see from the photos they meant business!



Naming of some streets in Narborough; well done to our Head Pupils, Macy and Theo, pictured here with David Williams, Chair of the Parish Council and the Community Centre, Helen Pipe, Vice-Chair, Cameron Harris, Burmor Quantity Surveyor and Oleg Barsoukov, Senior Project Manager at Flagship Homes, who worked with those people to present our children's ideas for naming some of the new roads. Oak Tree Way and Willow Way were chosen, so very well done children!

It's been a fantastic week across the Federation, with our Trust very pleased with the standard of the children's learning, excellent learning behaviours and super spelling! Well done NVF Team!

### Narborough Parent/Teacher/Friend Association (PTFA)

Thank you to you all for the support at the Easter egg tombola and Cake raffle we raised amazing £195.60.

We will keep you updated about the outside equipment and how we are getting on with deciding what the children would like.

Dates for the diary will come out after the Easter break.

From the PTFA hope you all have a great Easter Holiday 🐣



### Prayer for the Week

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. (1 Peter 1:3)

Heavenly Father,

Please help us to always love and help each other the way you love and help us.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ Our Lord, Amen



Thank you as always for your support and partnership,

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