



## Narborough Newsletter for week ending 6th December 2024

The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

Executive Headteacher: Mrs Anne Neary  
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### Dear Parents and Carers,

Sunday 1st December marked the first Sunday in advent, a time for Christians to prepare for Christmas. In school, preparations for Christmas are well under way, with nativity rehearsals, practising carols and learning about the Christmas Story. We can't wait to share our celebrations with you. You can find some advent resources here:

News from the classes:

**Hedgehogs:** We enjoyed our phonics cafe and going to watch a Christmas play at West Acre.

**Squirrels:** We have enjoyed starting to write our Quest stories in English.

**Foxes:** In English, we have been typing up our final drafts of our stories inspired by 'Stig of the Dump.'

**Otters:** We really enjoyed trying a range of sporting activities during the Sportshall Athletics competition at TNHA.

Just to let you know that Miss Chapman is not very well at the moment and won't be back until after Christmas. We are really fortunate to have Miss Greenfield covering Squirrels class for the duration.

### Upcoming Events next week

See Diary Dates for details.....

- 9th - 12th December - Bikeability
- 9th December - Foxes and Otters Parent/Carer Cafes from 2pm
- 10th December - PTFA meeting at 3.30pm
- 12th December - EYFS/KS1 Nativity Performance for parents/carers at 2pm
- 13th December - Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch



### Attendance Awards -w/e 29/11/24

Class	%
Hedgehogs	100
Squirrels	93.91
Foxes	91
Otters	97.84
Whole School	96.73

**Well done to:**  
Hedgehogs class for 100% attendance. Squirrels-improvement needed to be back to your usual high standard! Everyone else, really well done and keep it up!



### Reminders and Information.....

**Congratulations this week to:**

#### Otters Class

Otters Class participated in the Sportsha;; Athletics competition at TNHA. All children participated well in some very tricky events, they demonstrated good sportsmanship and behaved impeccably. Well done!

School Disco- Plea for help!

We still need a few more volunteers to help run the school disco. If you think you could lend a hand, please let the school know. Thank you.

#### Lunchtime Award

This week the lunchtime award goes to Elsie Y for being helpful and kind to others.

#### Dates to remember:

9th - 12th December - Bikeability for Yr 5 & 6

9th December - Foxes Parent/Carer Cafe 2pm

9th December - Otters Parent/Carer Cafe 2pm

12th December - Hedgehogs and Squirrels Nativity performance for Parents at 2pm - Tickets have been given to parents/carers.

13th December - Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper day. Only Christmas lunch option this day, if it is not booked, children will need to come in with a home packed lunch.

16th December - Narborough Church Service at 9.45 to 10.30pm

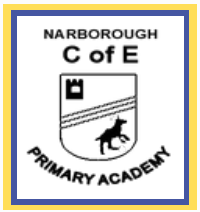
17th December - PTFA Disco, tickets on sale from the office.

19th December - Carols around the tree, 2.30pm

20th December - last day of term, children are back on 7th January 2025.



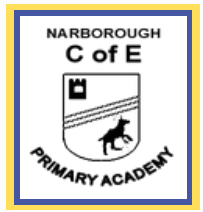
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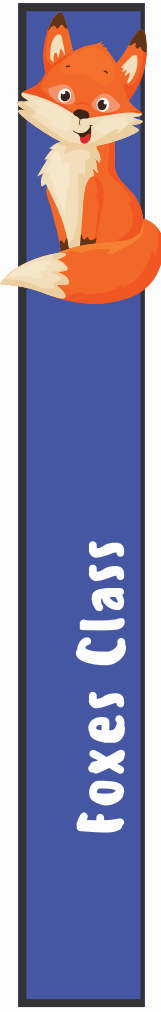


Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Matilda	Great communication when having a tea party with the Gruffalo
Writer of the week	Kyron	Great sound recognition and hearing sounds accurately when writing a letter to Santa
Mathematician of the week	Lottie	Fantastic representation of 5
Shining Light	Arabella	helping others during our phonics café 
Reads at home	Well done:	To Archie for 75 reads
Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Kitt	for reading brilliantly during partner work in phonics
Writer of the week	Esme	for beautiful writing in English
Mathematician of the week	Alfie	showing excellent working out in Maths
Shining Light	Oliver B	giving brilliant ideas in group discussions
Tackling Tables		None this week
Reads at home 	Well done:	25 for Oliver G and 75 for Jasper



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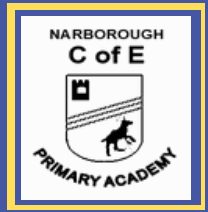
**Foxes Class**

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Elsie	For explaining and summarising our text extract this week with increasing confidence.
Writer of the week	Luna	For an original and inspired story, edited to include present tense vocabulary and well developed characters!
Mathematician of the week	Danny	For persevering with exchanges within subtraction.
Shining Light	Ruben	For an excellent performance when selected during the Christmas performance
Tackling Tables	So many this week!	Danny, Esme, Leo, Pavitha, Thea, Luna, Ariah
Reads at home	Well done to	Danny, Reggie and Elsie.



**Otters Class**

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Ellie	for improved fluency in her reading, using the punctuation to aid her intonation
Writer of the week	Sophie T	generating some excellent adjectives
Mathematician of the week	Lucy	making good progress in her maths tests
Shining Light	Dylan	always being kind, considerate and helpful
Tackling Tables	Well done to	none this week
Reads at home	Well done to	Amelia for earning her 25, 50 and 75 reads at home. Dylan for achieving 50 reads at home. Ellie-May for achieving 75 reads at home.



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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

There is growing evidence that children do not benefit from owning their own smartphone meaning that they spend extensive amounts of time on screen and exposure to harmful content on various social media apps. There are many positive uses of technology, such as communication, educational games, researching information etc. Opticians recommend no more than 20 minutes at a time on a screen such as a tablet or phone, and more than 30cm away from their eyes.

EE on their website have a section on how to set up their use safely, as do O2 and many other companies, so do have a look and check that your phones and tablets are set up safely so that the children are not exposed to online pornography, illegal content from extremist groups or terrifyingly, such content as deaths, all of which can be easily and accidentally found online without security measures in places.

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

I am delighted to be able to share with you our SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) report for Castle Acre. Whilst the inspection is obviously focused on Castle Acre, there are many elements that are consistent across our Federation and all our leaders contribute to each inspection success. We look forward to being able to share our Ofsted report for Narborough with you, but that won't be for quite a while as the quality assurance process takes quite a long time and they are not allowed to send it to us during the holidays.

What we can share is that at both schools our children were absolutely fantastic, showing their excellent behaviour, care for one another and their fabulous ability to talk about and recall their learning. We were very proud of our Sporle school choir who represented us so well - admirably trained by Mrs Henderson - last weekend at the Sporle 'Sing for Stroke' event and who helped to raise £175 for the Stroke charity. Well done children we are so proud of you!

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

The next PTFA meeting is being held on **Tuesday 10th December at 3.30pm**. Please do come along and support us. We really do need new members to come forward. Over the past year, the money the PTFA raised has reduced the cost of school trips for all children and purchased new play equipment. They also organise school discos, summer fayres and other events throughout the year. Without new members, these events will not be able to happen, resulting in school trips costing everyone more. We are a friendly bunch, and any support or help you can give will be greatly appreciated.

We are holding a PTFA School Disco on Tuesday 17th December, tickets are on sale from the office, priced at £2 each which includes a drink and biscuit.

### Prayer for the Week

Dear God

Thank you for my nice warm bed and learning at school and my teachers  
Amen

from Arthur H



Thank you as always for your support and partnership,

Miss Christina Maskell  
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Castle Acre, Narborough and Sporle C of E Primary  
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