

## Narborough Newsletter for week ending 28th November 2024

The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

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### Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy and eventful week we have had! Our children have been absolutely amazing! During our visit from OFSTED, they really lived our ethos of 'Let your light shine.' We couldn't be more proud of them.

News from the classes:

**Hedgehogs:** We have enjoyed learning about the celebration of a birth and exploring ice.

**Squirrels:** We played a teddy bear game in PSHE where we had to get into different sized groups- the adults joined in too.. It was really fun!

**Foxes:** In science, we have been learning about fossils and made models of fossils out of clay.

**Otters:** We enjoyed learning more about the Battle of Britain by looking at a pilot's log.

### Upcoming Events next week

See Diary Dates for details.....

- 4th December - Rec - Yr 2 trip to Westacre Theatre.
- 4th December - Parent/Carer Forum at 3.15 or 6pm, please sign up if you wish to come.
- 5th December - Yr 5 & 6 Sportshall Athletics at TNHA AND Theatre performance at for Y3-6
- 5th December - Hedgehogs Parent/Carer Cafe from 2pm
- 6th December - Squirrels Parent/Carer Cafe from 2pm



### Attendance Awards -w/e 22/11/24

Class	%
Hedgehogs	98.72
Squirrels	97.83
Foxes	99
Otters	95.56
Whole School	97.55

#### Well done to:

Foxes class for the highest attendance. Keep it up everyone and Otters - a slight improvement needed to be back to your usual high standard!

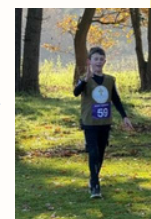


### Reminders and Information.....

#### Congratulations this week to:

##### Cross Country

Huge congratulations to James this week who represented our school in the county final cross country competition. He ran superbly and was placed 29th out of the top 80 competitors in Norfolk. Well done James! A fantastic achievement.



##### Lunchtime Award

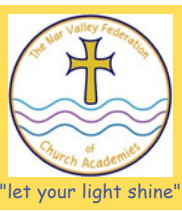
This week the lunchtime award goes to Ruben for sitting nicely while eating his lunch in the dining hall.

##### Farewell

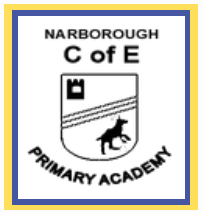
Last week, we said goodbye to Mrs Melissa Adcock who has left us to pursue her work with disadvantaged young people. Melissa has worked with us for a number of years in a variety of roles supporting children's learning, and was also a valued member of the PTFA. We wish her all the best for the future- she will be sorely missed by us all. We have appointed a new member of staff - more to follow next week!

#### Dates to remember:

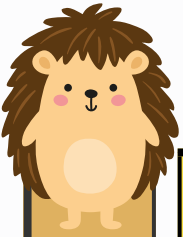
- 4th December - Parent/Carers' Forum 3.15 or 6.15pm; please book in using the form that will be out soon.
- 4th December - Rec, Yr1 & 2 Westacre Theatre trip to see Night Before Christmas
- 5th December - Sportshall Athletics Year 5 & 6
- 5th December - Theatre Production for KS2 at Narborough
- 5th December - Hedgehogs Phonics Cafe for parents at 2pm
- 6th December - Squirrels Parent/Carer Cafe 2pm
- 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 - more details to follow.
- 13th December - Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper day. Christmas lunch needs to be booked in advance; a form has already been sent to you.








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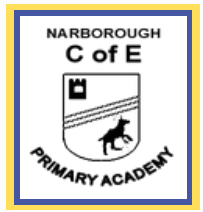
## Hedgehogs Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Harper	for confidently blending words when reading
Writer of the week	Edward 	persevering with learning new skills in using the correct grip to hold his pencil
Mathematician of the week 	Lilah 	representing number bond to 5 using cubes
Shining Light 	Esmee	Always showing kindness to other members of the class 
Reads at home	Well done:	Emma for 50 reads



## Squirrels Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Joey	for showing huge improvement in building up his fluency and speed in reading
Writer of the week 	Arthur	for coming up with really interesting and exciting story starters, using exciting adjectives and verbs
Mathematician of the week 	Esme 	for showing a really good understanding of 10 more and 10 less in Maths
Shining Light 	Jack	for showing huge improvement in his work and always persevering
Tackling Tables		None this week
Reads at home 	Well done:	to Sophie, Olivia and Scarlett for 25 reads



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Foxes Class



Otters Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
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Reader of the week	Ariah	for accurately answering all test style questions this week independently!
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Writer of the week	Thea	for producing an astounding amount of writing of good quality, editing to include our success criteria.
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Mathematician of the week	Harrison	for exploring with adult support visual representations and methods to multiply fractions. Also for persevering to seek challenge in Maths from adults.
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Shining Light	Danny	for excellent behaviour in class and for checking in on others when they needed a friend AND for communicating excellently during a PE game, showing aspiring team work!
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Tackling Tables	Leo	for Blue multiplication
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Reads at home	Well done to	Reggie, Elsie and Harrison for 50 reads. Elsie and Pavitha for 75 reads. Luna for 100 reads
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Award	Goes to...	For.....
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Reader of the week	Fearne	For using evidence form the text to justify her impressions.
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Writer of the week	Freya	For always taking great care over her writing and presenting it beautifully.
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Mathematician of the week	Sophie M	persevering and always trying her best.
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Shining Light	Lacie	Listening and responding to feedback to improve the quality and accuracy of her work.
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Tackling Tables	Well done to	Lacie, Isabelle, Amelia and Archie for achieving tackling tables certificates this week.
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Reads at home	Well done to	50 reads at home: Lucy, Nicole, Theo, Logan and Lacie 75 reads at home: George
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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

This Parent Toolkit on Birmingham City Councils' website is a selection of useful websites (with links) offering free advice and support on a range of topics, tailored to parents and carers. Some of these are:

**CEOP**  
CEOP aims to help protect children and young people from the threat of online child sexual abuse and exploitation.  
Child Accident Prevention Trust  
Free child safety advice for parents and carers.

**Family Lives**  
Offers core family support services, working in many different areas and providing tailored support around issues such as bullying, special educational needs, and support for specific communities.

**Get Safe Online**  
Advice for parents and carers on how to take a balanced approach to your children's online safety.

**ICON**  
Advice and resources for parents and carers on how to cope with a crying baby.

**Kooth**  
A digital mental health and wellbeing company working to provide a welcoming space for digital mental health care, available to all.

**Mermaids UK**  
Mermaids UK provides support for transgender, nonbinary and gender-diverse children, young people, and their families.

**NSPCC**  
Support and tips to help you keep your children safe. From advice on children's mental health to staying safe online, support for parents and what to do if you're worried about a child

**YoungMinds**  
Lots of practical advice and tips on supporting your child - from how to encourage your child to open up about their feelings to dealing with mental health services.

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



Well, it's been quite a fortnight at Nar Valley with a Church Schools inspection at Castle Acre and an OFSTED inspection at Narborough! Everything went very well and the reports will come out to you as soon as they are available, which could be late January due to the Christmas break. Just to say a big thank you to all our staff team, whether they contributed by directly interacting with the inspection team or by supporting at our other schools so staff leaders could go across to Narborough or Castle Acre, and thank you to all our families for your super support and of course our Trust and Governors. Also really well done to our fabulous children who all talked so well about our learning and our schools.

Not to be outdone, another of our amazing children this week is James from Foxes at Narborough. Coming 29th out of around 80 is a superb achievement. Really well done James, we are so proud of you!

Mr Chris Read from our Trust spent some time at Sporle and was very complimentary about how calm, studious and well-behaved our children were. Well done all at Sporle!

Coming up at the weekend we have Castle Acre Friends' Christmas Fayre, from 12-3. If you cannot come along..fear not! You can still support the event and buy your raffle tickets! Great prizes to be won- Goodie hampers, Theatre tickets, Brunch for 2, Whisky, Cuddle Corner Voucher, Wine and a Gingerbread house kit! Simply message Libby on 07825229345 :) Thank 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.

Shout out for any unwanted Nativity costumes you could donate to the school please... King's, shepherd, sheep or star costumes would be very welcome.



### Prayer for the Week

Dear God

Please stop animal cruelty and stop world hunger. Also please stop crime.

Amen

from Lucy



Thank you as always for your support and partnership,

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