

Narborough Newsletter for week ending 14th February 2025

The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is difficult to believe that we have come to the end of another half term and are now half-way through the school year. All the children have been working so hard and should be proud of their achievements so far. Hopefully the longer (and warmer) days will arrive in time for the half term break. We hope you all manage to find time to rest, recuperate and have some quality time together.

News from the classes:

Hedgehogs: Children in hedgehogs have enjoyed their learning in maths, using number blocks to order the numbers 1-5. They also enjoyed making valentines cards.

Squirrels: We have enjoyed using descriptive language to describe settings in English. We also enjoyed our learning on how to stay safe on the internet.

Foxes: We have really enjoyed building our own round houses in History and writing a set of instructions on how we made them.

Otters: This week we have really enjoyed creating our own painting inspired by David Hockney.

Upcoming Events

See Diary Dates for details.....



Reminders and Information.....

If you've considered a teaching career, UEA is holding information sessions where you can learn more about how to train to teach Primary or Secondary schoolchildren. The events will take place on UEA's campus, and are open to anyone.

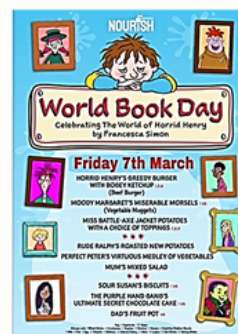
GCE Primary Teacher Training Information Session (3-11 yrs) - 1 February from 9:30 - 12:30. The PGCE Secondary Teacher Training Information Session (11-16 yrs) - 27 February from 16:00 - 19:00

Further details can be found [here](#).

- 14th February - last day of school for half term break.
- 24th February - Back to school.

World book day lunch - Friday 7th March

Please see opposite and book in the usual way on the morning



Y6 Horstead trip

First of all, please don't forget to keep your payments coming in for this if you do have an outstanding balance. Many thanks for everyone who has done so this month already. The deadline is **1st June 2025**

Congratulations to Freya and Fearnie for being awarded the lunchtime award this week for always being super role models to others at lunchtimes.

Parents/Carers' Evenings:

Don't forget to make an appointment for these evenings (dates below). Come along and discuss your child's progress and have an opportunity to see their recent work. Sign-up sheets are in each class- just ask your child's teacher/teaching assistant, or alternatively ring the school office to book an appointment. We want every single one of our children to have a Parent/Carer there. If you can't make it in person, a phone call can take place at a later time.

Dates to remember:

- 3rd March - Parents Evening - 5.00 to 7.00pm
- 4th March - Year 6 - Crucial Crew trip
- 6th March - Parents/Carers Evening - 3.30 to 5.30pm
- 6th March - Otters and Foxes trip to Flag Fenn
- 7th March - World Book Day - dress up and special lunch.

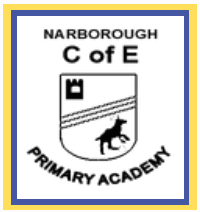
Attendance Awards - w/e 07/02/25

Class	%
Hedgehogs	96.27
Squirrels	98.64
Foxes	98.33
Otters	97.78
Whole School	97.83

Well done to:

Well done Squirrels class for the best attendance last week.





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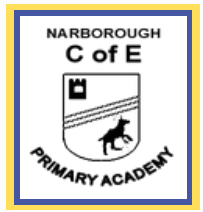
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Hedgehogs Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Charley	Great progress in her phonics assessments
Writer of the week	Lottie	Growing in confidence with independent writing
Mathematician of the week	Lilah	challenging herself and applying maths knowlege to own learning
Shining Light	Phoebe	showing perserverance and determination by having a go
Reads at home	Well done:	none this week

Squirrels Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Jaxson	applying his reading skills in all subjects.
Writer of the week	Olivia	writing independently and keeping her work neat and presentable.
Mathematician of the week	Blake	try really hard and applying his maths skills during PiXL tests.
Shining Light	Arthur	challenging himself in all subjects and producing high quality work.
Tackling Tables		None this week. Keep practising at home; do you have your online login?
Reads at home	Well done:	Lizzie & Kitt

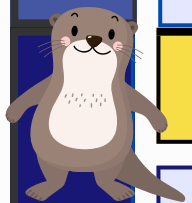


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Foxes Class



Otters Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Esme	offering ideas and insight in to our learning based on 'The Wild Robot'
Writer of the week 	Reggie	showing enthusiasm with writing his instructions and helping others
Mathematician of the week 	Luna	attempting challenges with a great attitude and always looking for ways to improve
Shining Light	Bow	for always upholding the school values and helping others
Tackling Tables		none this week 
Reads at home	Well done to	Thea for 100 reads
Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week 	Libby	fantastic progress in her reading this half term. Keep it up!
Writer of the week	Freya	writing a clear explanation about what factors can affect biomes. 
Mathematician of the week	Bella	for successfully using the expanded vertical method to multiply a 4 digit number by a 2 digit number
Shining Light	Adriana	for being respectful and having the courage to be honest.
Reads at home 	Well done to	Logan C for achieving 25 reads at home. Theo 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/8_10/
<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>



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Safeguarding

Parents / Carers Cyber Choices and Online Safety Events

There are 2 parts to the parent events, and you will need to register for each. Each session will be repeated 8 times until December 2025. Both are 1hr sessions and are suitable for parents/carers of children in Year 5 (age 9) and above.

Parents Event - Part 1 - Introduction to Cyber Choices and Online Risks

This session will introduce you to the [Cyber Choices programme](#) and will provide:
An overview to parents and carers on what cybercrime is; what the risks to young people are; how the Cyber Choices programme supports at-risk individuals; how you can refer a young person.

You will also receive an overview of:
Some of the potential risks that children and young people may experience online.
Advice to support parents to make informed decisions.

The event is free. Click for tickets:

- Wed 12 March - 10:00 - 11:00 - [click](#)
- Tuesday 22 April - 13:00 - 14:00 - [click](#)
- Thursday 15 May - 16:00 - 17:00 - [click](#)
- Tuesday 10 June - 10:00 - 11:00 - [click](#)
- Wednesday 9 July - 19:00 - 20:00 - [click](#)
- Monday 8 Sep - 14:00 - 15:00 - [click](#)
- Thurs 16 October - 16:00 - 17:00 - [click](#)
- Tuesday 25 Nov - 10:00 - 11:00 - [click](#)

Part 2 - Tools and techniques to improve the cyber security of your family.

- Wed 19 March - 10:00 - 11:00 - [click](#)
- Monday 28 April - 13:00 - 14:00 - [click](#)
- Thursday 22 May - 16:00 - 17:00 - [click](#)
- Tuesday 17 June - 10:00 - 11:00 - [click](#)
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- Tuesday 2 Dec - 10:00 - 11:00 - [click](#)

Message from the Executive Headteacher....



Thank you all for your support for your children this half-term.

We are all currently doing our half-termly assessments of the children's learning and are very pleased with their excellent progress.

We have Parents' /Carers' Evenings coming up after half-term as you know, during which your child's progress will be discussed, but you are always welcome at other times to come in and look at their learning and progress.

Remember, our homework is daily reading, daily practise of Tackling Tables and daily practise of Spelling Frame. Doing these activities regularly helps your children so much and we really appreciate this effort.

We look forward to a busy Spring 2 with many trips, exciting learning opportunities, clubs and fun.

Narborough Parent/Teacher/Friend Association (PTFA)

We desperately need new members to join us to support our fundraising efforts. Without your support, we will be unable to run popular events such as the discos. This will also mean that we won't have the funds to subsidise the cost of school trips, which will increase the cost to parents. We are a friendly bunch and will appreciate any support you can offer. Please get in touch with the office or Miss Maskell if you can offer to help. Thank you.



Prayer for the Week

Dear God,

Thank you for being there when we are having a really hard time.

Amen



from Lacie

Thank you as always for your support and partnership,

Miss Christina Maskell
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