

Narborough Newsletter for week ending 7th February 2025

The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It's hard to believe that there is only one week left of this half term. It has truly flown by! This week, we had a visit from our AGEP from DNEAT who went into each class to look at the children's writing. I am delighted to report that she was very pleased with the children's writing throughout the school. Well done to all the children and staff for their continued hard work.

News from the classes:

Hedgehogs: The reception children really enjoyed their space day at Sporle this week. Hedgehogs children have also enjoyed reading 'The man on the Moon' and producing some pictures and writing linked to this book.

Squirrels: The children in Squirrels Class have been enjoying their learning about Shabbat in RE and really impressed me with their knowledge about what Jewish people do to mark Shabbat each week.

Foxes: Children in Foxes Class have particularly enjoyed their unit of learning in PSHE discussing their hopes and dreams.

Otters: Otters have enjoyed writing a setting description in English and have used some fantastic descriptive phrases within their writing.

Upcoming Events

See Diary Dates for details.....



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.

Reminders and Information.....

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**

Mrs Neary has a small amount of change that remains unclaimed from the souvenir shop, as there were some children who brought their money in envelopes that were not named. If this is yours, please let the office know, otherwise we will put it in to the fund for supporting families with trips going forward. Many thanks.

Congratulations to Joey for being awarded the lunchtime award this week for great behaviour in the dining hall.

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:

- 14th February - last day of school for half term break
- 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 (more details to follow soon)

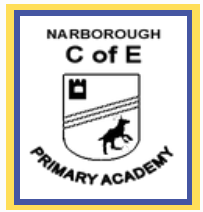
Attendance Awards -w/e 31/01/25

Class	%
Hedgehogs	98.76
Squirrels	96.82
Foxes	98.89
Otters	99.26
Whole School	98.44

Well done to:

Well done Otters class for the best attendance last week.
Superb whole school attendance everyone; top marks!





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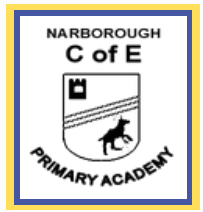
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Hedgehogs Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Macy	using Fred talk independently to read words
Writer of the week	Emma	Fantastic recall and formation of the alphabet
Mathematician of the week	Archie	Great recognition of numbers
Shining Light	Lilah	For using her manners and demonstrating our class values
Reads at home	Well done:	

Squirrels Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Jasper	scanning the texts and finding adjectives, adverbs and interesting vocabulary.
Writer of the week	Isla	working on her handwriting and producing beautiful, neat work.
Mathematician of the week	Brodee	consolidating subtraction within numbers 1-20.
Shining Light	Lilly	showing wisdom by asking questions to deepen her learning and contributing towards carpet input.
Tackling Tables		None this week. Keep practising at home; do you have your online login?
Reads at home	Well done:	150: Oliver B Lilly: 50

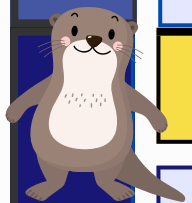


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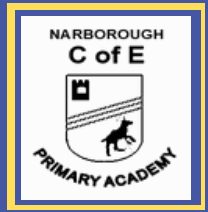


Foxes Class



Otters Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Charlotte	picking out information from a description to complete an accurate drawing
Writer of the week 	James	for super independent writing and using his phonics to support his spelling
Mathematician of the week 	Debora	using concrete resources accurately in maths this week
Shining Light	Isla	always being a good friend and showing kindness
Tackling Tables		none this week 
Reads at home	Well done to	Isla for 100 reads!
Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week 	Archie	correctly identifying if statements are fact or opinion.
Writer of the week	Lucy	responding very effectively to feedback to ensure the tense was consistent in her setting description. 
Mathematician of the week	Emelia	for using proof effectively to explain whether numbers are prime
Shining Light 	Dylan	Always trying his best in his learning and being kind, caring and helpful to others.
Reads at home 	Well done to	Dylan 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/
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Safeguarding

Online Safety survey:

I do appreciate that we have had a number of short surveys recently, but I would be very grateful to Parents/Carers for filling out our annual (and quite short) online safety survey that will be coming out soon. This helps us identify any areas that we need particularly to support through our curriculum, areas that you may need support with and also how effective our work to support has been. Many thanks

Could I also remind Parents/Carers that our staff work hard for your children and should always be treated with respect. Happily, incidences of this nature are very rare, but when they happen they upset staff.

Message from the Executive Headteacher....



This week seems to have flown by! Next week is also a very busy week with youth first aid, yoga, a Mini Medics course, actors in performing as part of the Swaffham literacy project, live online safety sessions for our children and the usual clubs to name but part of our week! We are also busy assessing our children this week to ensure that their progress is strong and their teaching is correctly pitched for them. Every day counts in school and I am delighted to see the number of children with less than 96% slowly reducing. We want every single one of our children to have the advantage of not missing out - is your child here enough? If they have less than 96% attendance then the answer is no - their life chances WILL be hampered by attending less. So make sure they're in all of next week so they don't miss out on everything that is happening!

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,

We would like you to give us more happiness and kindness. We thank you for the food we eat and the families we have.

Amen

from Sienna



Thank you as always for your support and partnership,

Miss Christina Maskell
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