

Narborough Newsletter for week ending 21st March 2025

The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy week at Narborough. The children have been really respectful and considerate of those taking tests whilst completing their own learning. They have demonstrated fantastic learning behaviours- I'm really proud of them all.

News from the classes:

Hedgehogs: We have enjoyed looking out for signs of spring, painting daffodils and retelling the story of 'The Enormous Turnip.'

Squirrels: We have enjoyed writing our diaries about going to Antarctica and catching and receiving in PE.

Foxes: We have enjoyed writing our final draft of our explanation text about volcanoes and learning how to compare fractions in Maths.

Otters: We have enjoyed learning about economic activity in South America and try to solve the chocolate problem involving fractions in Maths.

Upcoming Events

See Diary Dates for details.....

- 3rd April - High 5 Netball at TNHA
- 25th April at 10am - Easter service at All Saints Church



Reminders and Information.....

Payments on Arbor

We understand that sometimes it's difficult to keep track of payments for various events. However, if we do not receive all of the payments in advance for clubs and trips, it means we are unable to cover the cost of them which could affect having them in the future. We appreciate your support as always. If we do not make the income we are predicted to - ie if not every parent pays - then it could mean losing things from next year's budget that the children have had this year, so please do your bit and pay. Thank you.

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 Adriana a positive attitude and encouraging others during lunchtime play. Good team work!

Dates to remember:

3rd April - High 5 Netball Competition at TNHA

6th to 22nd April - School Closed for Easter Holidays.

25th April - Easter Service at Narborough All Saints Church

28th April - Squirrels Class trip to the Sealife Centre - details have been sent to parents.

Road Safety: Polite reminder

As you are all aware, drop off and sometimes can be really busy. It is great that so many families are using 'green' methods of transportation (walking, scooters, cycling etc.) Please can you ensure that you are being considerate of all road /pavements users so that everyone can get home safely.

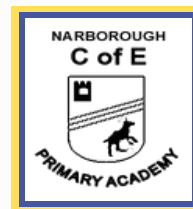
Attendance Awards -w/e 14/03/25

Class	%
Hedgehogs	98.14
Squirrels	100
Foxes	99.44
Otters	93.7
Whole School	97.44

Well done to:

Well done Squirrels class for 100% attendance last week.





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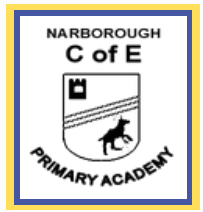
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Hedgehogs Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Esmee	for persevering in her phonics
Writer of the week	Lilah	for applying phonics knowledge independently
Mathematician of the week	Charley	for super independent maths
Shining Light	Edward	for being kind to others and helping
Reads at home	Well done:	Lily for 25 reads

Squirrels Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Jaxson	Progressing well and doubling his score in his reading comprehension PiXL.
Writer of the week	Kitt	making a good choice of doing some super independent writing.
Mathematician of the week	Sophie	using fabulous knowledge of maths during her PiXL test and scoring 15/20!
Shining Light	Alfie	being a star role model student to the other children in Squirrels class and around school.
Tackling Tables		Please can I encourage Year 2's to keep practicing at home as most children are very close.
Reads at home	Well done:	50: Sophie 100: Jack 150:Jasper.

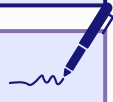




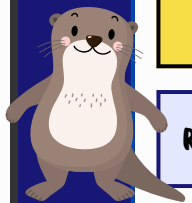
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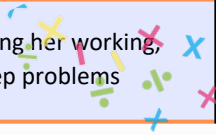




Foxes Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Harrison	using his reading learning and understanding of texts to support his writing
Writer of the week 	Leo	a huge effort with his presentation, content and handwriting in his explanation text.
Mathematician of the week 	Debora	brilliant approach in fractions learning
Shining Light	Ruben	excellent attitude towards his school learning this week
Tackling Tables		None this week. 
Reads at home	Well done to	Chloe for 100 reads and Bow for 100 reads



Otters Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Lucy	amazing progress in reading. Keep it up!
Writer of the week 	Khloe	writing a clear explanation of how micro-organisms are involved in the production of a sandwich.
Mathematician of the week	Nicole	for working systematically, clearly showing her working, applying her strategies to solve multi-step problems 
Shining Light 	Archie	for effectively leading a team, encouraging all to participate and applying his skills to solve a complicated problem involving fractions.
Tackling Tables	None this week	
Reads at home 	Well done to	Logan C for achieving 25 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

Attendance monitoring and letters:

You will be receiving these letters before we break up for Easter. We monitor your child's attendance daily, and where it is below 96% and we do not see improvement, then we decide what action to take. This is because we want all our children to have the best chance of reaching the expected level of attainment, because that is what supports them to go and achieve good GCSEs and the best life chances.

Attendance Information			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 day = 2 sessions There are 365 days in a year, pupils should attend 190 days - every day school is open Being late (after the registers have closed) counts as an absence 			
What is Excellent Attendance?			
97% and above Excellent	95% to 97% Good		
Less than 95% Concerning	Less than 90% Persistent Absence/Critical		
Less than 80% Severely Absent/Critical			
No more than 6 days/12 sessions absent in a year	No more than 10 days/20 sessions absent in a year		
More than 10 days/20 sessions absent in a year	19 days/38 sessions or more absent from school in a year		
25 days/50 sessions or more absent in a year			
Days off school add up to lost learning...			
There are 175 non-school days each year. That's 175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments.			
1 or 2 days absent a week might not seem like much, but...			
1 year 10M missed	That's equal to...	Which is...	Over 13 weeks of schooling, that's...
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 3 and a half years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 and a half years
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years
Think it won't matter if your child is late 10 minutes a day?			
Over missing 10M	That equals...	Which is...	Over 13 years of schooling, that's...
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1 and a half weeks per year	Nearly half a year
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40 minutes per week	Over 2 and a half weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
30 minutes per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 2 and a half years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2 and a half years
How We Can Help			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meet with you to discuss reasonable adjustments the school can make to support regular school attendance Develop a support plan Make referrals to other agencies and professionals for support 			

Message from the Executive Headteacher....

Miss Clifton; After many years of service to the Nar Valley Federation, as a teacher at all our schools, both in a class and teaching music and then latterly covering leadership release, Miss Clifton is retiring at the end of term. We want to thank her enormously for her contribution to the personal development offer to all our children, with excellent musical opportunities - she has worked tirelessly to secure grants, chances to hear live music, such as the harp, a memorable bagpiper on the playground during Covid and bands and orchestras. We thank her very much and wish her a hugely happy retirement and best wishes for all her future ventures. Excellent news; we have secured a teacher for our Oak class at Castle Acre; Miss Marina Camus, who has been teaching a number of years, spent the day with our children at Castle Acre yesterday, has been at Narborough covering too and will be joining us in Oak next week until the rest of the year or until we recruit permanently. We are delighted to welcome her and know she will be happy at Nar Valley Federation. We also thank Miss Willgress for the sessions she has done at Castle Acre now this has come to an end.

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,

Please forgive us when we make bad choices and thank you for all the food and water that we have been given.

Amen

from Nicole



Thank you as always for your support and partnership,

Miss Christina Maskell
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