

Narborough Newsletter for week ending 28th March 2025

The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We approach the upcoming Easter holiday with a mixture of happiness and sadness. Happiness that we will get to spend more time with loved ones, and sadness for those we are saying goodbye to. Miss Clifton's last day with us before she embarks on her retirement will be on Wednesday 2nd April. Mrs Fenn, who has been our linchpin in too many ways to list, will be leaving us on Friday 4th April. We thank them for their hard work and dedication and will really miss them. I'm sure you all join us and wish them all the best in their (early!) retirement.

News from the classes:

Hedgehogs: We have been enjoying the story of 'The Hungry Caterpillar' and have been finding doubles in Maths.

Squirrels: We have written our final draft of our diary entry on special paper to make it look old, and have been exploring measures in Maths.

Foxes: We have been learning how to sew in D&T so we can make our own cushion. We have also been converting improper fractions to mixed numbers in Maths.

Otters: We have enjoyed learning how to pass and dribble in hockey. We also enjoyed the 'Easter Experience' and learned that the hollow centre of an Easter egg symbolises the empty tomb that was discovered by Mary Magdalene on Easter Sunday.

Upcoming Events

See Diary Dates for details.....

- 3rd April - High 5 Netball at TNHA
- 25th April at 10am - Easter service at All Saints Church
- 28th April - Squirrels Class trip to Sealife Centre Hunstanton.

Reminders and Information.....

Comic Relief

Thanks to everyone who came to school wearing red on Friday last week and helped us to raise money for Comic Relief. Your generous donations raised £60 which will help support projects in the UK and abroad.

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

Attendance Awards -w/e 21/03/25

Class	%
Hedgehogs	94.41
Squirrels	94.76
Foxes	93.33
Otters	98.15
Whole School	95.49

Well done to:

Well done Otters class for the highest attendance last week.

Congratulations to Kitt for always showing lovely, polite manners when eating his lunch in the dining hall.

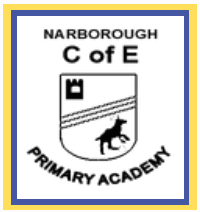
Dates to remember:

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.



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Hedgehogs Class

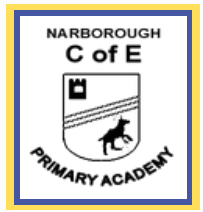
Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Joyce	showing great understanding of the Hungry caterpillar
Writer of the week	Kyron	persevering with your letter formation
Mathematician of the week	Macy	recognising and recalling maths vocabulary
Shining Light	Paige	always using your manners and being so welcoming to adults and peers
Reads at home	Well done:	Emma for 150 reads



Squirrels Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Oliver B	great retrieval and inference skills AND gaining 200 reads!
Writer of the week	Brodee	persevering with his diary writing and presenting it beautifully.
Mathematician of the week	Joey	using fraction language like denominator and numerator.
Shining Light	Jasper	being a great friend and role model.
Tackling Tables	Well done:	Ronnie and Joey!
Reads at home	Well done:	100: Brodee 200: Oliver B








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Foxes Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Bow	supportive paired reading and insight in to our class text.
Writer of the week 	Reggie	a focused and descriptive piece of writing based on 'Who Let the Gods Out?'
Mathematician of the week 	Samuel	bringing such energy and enthusiasm to our fraction learning.
Shining Light	Arthur	showing great kindness when a classmate was upset and for taking responsibility for his learning.
Reads at home	Well done to	Ruben for 25 reads 



Otters Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Khloe	Using appropriate evidence from the text to support her inferences.
Writer of the week 	Isabelle	beautifully presenting all of her written work this week.
Mathematician of the week	Harvey	always trying his hardest in maths lessons and calculation practice. 
Shining Light	Freddie	simply being a ray of sunshine and spreading joy. You will be missed!
Tackling Tables	None this week	Keep practising at home!
Reads at home 	Well done to	Dylan and Isabella for achieving 100 reads at home. Freya and Fearn for achieving 200 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

Thank you to everyone who has filled out our online survey. We've had about 13 responses from each school, which isn't enough to know how best to support, so please do take 5 minutes to fill this in if you haven't.

Message from the Executive Headteacher....



I just wanted to let families know about the financial situation currently in education. As you know, this is incredibly tricky and all schools are working hard to balance the books. Whilst we are in no danger in terms of sustainability, I wanted you all to understand the role you play in our budget.

When we write a new budget, as we are currently, we have to say what we are going to expend on trips, school travel, visitors and experiences etc. In order to balance our budget, we have to say that these are going to be paid for by parental payments.

If we then do not get the expected income from Parents/Carers, our budget does not balance. If we cannot make our budget balance then we are faced with not paying for or doing something else in order to make it balance, ie the children will miss out on something.

You may not feel like your £8 or £9 matters, but it does. Should we finish this school year with a cost against school trips, then we will not be able to do these next year and this year we will need to cut something already planned in the summer term in order to pay for the overspend. I really, really do not want to lose a trip or swimming or a family event so please, if you owe any monies to school, please, please do pay these as soon as possible otherwise the children's school life will have to change next year.

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 help all the people who need support and cannot do everything on their own.

Amen



from George

Thank you as always for your support and partnership,

Miss Christina Maskell
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