

Narborough Newsletter for week ending 16th May 2025

The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy week it has been! The Year 6 children have worked so hard all week during their SATs, whilst the whole school community have pulled together to ensure that the tests can be carried out without being disturbed. Thanks to all the children and staff for enabling this week to run smoothly. We are so proud of them all! A huge thank you to the parents who also gave contributions to the year 6 breakfast club this week- you made this experience extra special for the children.

News from the classes:

Hedgehogs: We have been learning about fossils and enjoyed digging for dinosaur fossils in the sand. We have also been learning number bonds to 5 and 10.

Squirrels: We have enjoyed learning to tell the time in Maths and sketching trees and plants in Art.

Foxes: We have been learning about the story of King Midas and have created our own Greek pots in Art.

Otters: We have enjoyed our independent project on a country in South America, glad that the SATs are over, and solving problems in Maths.

Upcoming Events

See Diary Dates for details.....

- w/c 26th May - school closed for half term
- Monday 2nd June - return to school
- Thursday 5th June - Year 6 top up swimming sessions (3 weeks)
- Thursday 5th June - Quik Cricket
- 6th June - Year 5 Residential Information Evening at CastleAcre
- Thursday 12th June-Friday 13th June - Year 4 Residential at West Acre Theatre



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**

Year 4 Residential

Don't forget to click the link to sign up for the residential. It is a great opportunity for your child

PE Kits

Please can you ensure the children have their PE Kits in school. This should include a change of t-shirt, shorts/jogging bottoms and a change of footwear (plimsols or trainers). The PE days for each class are:
Hedgehogs: Tuesday and Wednesday
Squirrels: Thursday and Friday
Foxes: Wednesday and Friday
Otters: Tuesday and Thursday

We recommend the children bring their PE kit into school on a Monday and take it home on Friday.

Congratulations to Bella for always being kind to others at lunchtime.

Dates to remember:

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- Monday 2nd June - Return to school
- Thursday 5th June - Year 6 Top-up Swimming Sessions (3 weeks)
- Thursday 5th June - Quik Cricket
- Thursday 12th June-Friday 13th June - Year 4 Residential at Westacre Theatre
- Tuesday 17th June - Fun Run at TNHA for Years R-2

After School Club Themes

- The themes for After School Club are:
- Monday: Outside Games
- Tuesday: Art
- Wednesday: Cooking
- Thursday: Clay Modelling
- Friday: Board Games

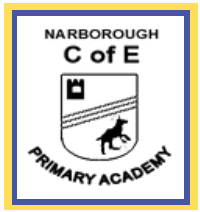
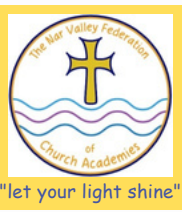
Attendance Awards -w/e 09/05/25

Class	%
Hedgehogs	99.17%
Squirrels	95.24%
Foxes	100%
Otters	95%
Whole School	96.99%

Well done to:

Well done Foxes class for the highest attendance last week.








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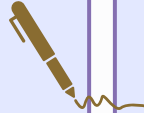


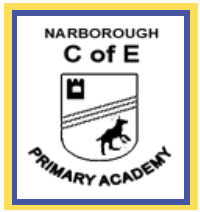
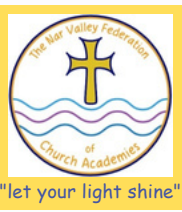
Hedgehogs Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Edward	Super recognition of words by sight and trying really hard in phonics this week
Writer of the week 	Elliot	Great name writing and formation of m,a, s, t
Mathematician of the week	Macy 	fantastic recall of some number bonds to 5
Shining Light	Esmae	having such a positive attitude to learning
Reads at home 	Well done:	Emma for 200 reads Lottie for 50 reads



Squirrels Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Jack	for recalling and explaining a story whilst adding prosody!
Writer of the week 	Jasper	creating a cohesive newspaper reports, whilst including interesting vocabulary and sentence starters.
Mathematician of the week	Kitt 	participating in class input when discussing and learning to recognise half.
Shining Light	Renesmee	Showing great focus and attitude to learning.
Tackling Tables	Well done:	None this week.
Reads at home 	Well done:	None this week. Please read with your children at home. It is important for their learning.



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Foxes Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Leo	confidently reading out loud to others,
Writer of the week 	Charlotte	producing some informative writing in her science work about skeletons.
Mathematician of the week 	Chloe	using different methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.
Shining Light	Debora	her effort and attitude towards all areas of recent learning.
Reads at home	none this week	



Otters Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Amelia	for reading aloud clearly, confidently, and with good expression.
Writer of the week 	Harvey	For independently researching and writing a fact file about a country in South America.
Mathematician of the week	Bella	For persevering to improve her speedy recall of division facts. 
Shining Light 	Nicole, Logan, Olivia, Paige, Lucy, Dylan, George, Adriana, Libby, Fearne, Freya, Sienna, Sophie T, Archie, Theo	demonstrating resilience, perseverance, and trying their absolute hardest during all of their SATs this week. We could not have asked for more. Well done!
Tackling Tables 	Well done to...	Isabella for achieving a tackling tables certificate this week.
Reads at home	Well done to	None this week



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Help with online safety::



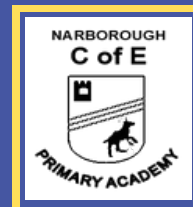
The CEOP website, run by the National Crime Prevention agency, gives helpful advice about when and how to report your concern.

<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

New Survey on Smartphones - South West Grid for Learning

The South West Grid for Learning launched a new survey this month. The survey seeks to understand the concerns, expectations and experiences that parents and carers expect to face after giving a child their first smartphone. The overall objective is to map how this milestone is seen by those charged with caring for children. This is a little understood area, despite the impact that smartphones have on children. In particular the role these devices play in introducing children to the digital world. This survey is designed to change that. With concrete insights into how families navigate this transition, the SWGfL seeks to produce a support kit to help with these issues. This survey would be well worth completing, and passing on to carers and parents in your institution. If interested please follow this [link](#).

Roblox and Parental Controls - South West Grid for Learning

Roblox, the popular minecraft 'style' game has announced a new raft of parental controls. The website which ranks among the most popular games for children in the e-space, has previously been accused of possessing weak child protection tools. Their new raft of adaptations is important due to the game's position among school aged children. The new features have been adopted to allow parents to take control of their children's game time in a more comprehensive manner. Parents will now be able to block individuals who communicate with their children, as well as have more detailed oversight over their usage of the programme. Real-time awareness measures have been increased and these changes represent a big step forward in making popular multiplayer games more secure for underaged users. If interested, the South-West Grid for Learning (SWGfL) has produced a comprehensive run down of these changes. Please follow this [link](#).

[Healthy mind, healthy body](#)

Mental Health awareness;

If you are needing support in this area then a really good source of help is the [NHS website](#). They signpost you to other organisations, such as Young Minds, who are very effective.

Message from the Executive Headteacher....



Well done to all our Y6 children for facing the challenge of SATS. We're really proud of you. Y6 are now ready to work hard on their writing which gets submitted later this term.

Ahead of the second Summer half-term, can I please urge you all to remember that term-time holidays cannot usually be authorised and we continue all our curriculum work until the very last few days of term, so it is really important for our children that they don't miss out on this and other opportunities, such as Sports Day. This year we will continue with our very successful Sports Day Finals, which will be held at

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 give everyone the love they deserve and let everyone be happy.

Amen

from Sienna



Thank you as always for your support and partnership,

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