



Narborough Newsletter for week ending 9th May 2025

The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all enjoyed the bank holiday weekend. Although this has been a short week, it has been jam-packed. Alongside their learning in class, the children all celebrated the 80th anniversary of VE day by learning about how people celebrated VE day in 1945, making flags, bunting and spitfires, and participating in a range of games and activities that children in the 1940s would have played. We also marked the 2 minute silence to remember all those whose lives were affected by the war.

News from the classes:

Hedgehogs: We have enjoyed reading 'Tyrannosaurus Drip' and learning about where dinosaurs lived. We also enjoyed learning about the Union Flag.
Squirrels: In Maths, we have been learning to tell the time (o'clock, quarter past and quarter to) and have started to learn about Grace Darling in History.

Foxes: We have been learning about coordinating and subordinating conjunctions in English, and have been learning to tell the time in Maths.

Otters: We have enjoyed learning about the meaning of VE day and organising the games for our celebration afternoon. We have also enjoyed learning how to find percentages of amounts in Maths.

Upcoming Events

See Diary Dates for details.....

- Monday 12th May- Thursday 15th May
Year 6 SATs
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Year 6 SATs breakfast club
- Friday 16th May Y6 trip to Wells
- 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

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**

KS2 SATs week: 12th-15th May

Next week the year 6 children will be sitting their SATs. They have worked really hard all year and we couldn't be more proud of them. Over the weekend, please encourage your children to relax, have fun and spend some quality time with the family. The year 6 children are also invited to join us for breakfast from 8:20 from Monday 12th-Thursday 15th May.

Attendance Awards -w/e 02/05/25

Class	%
Hedgehogs	100%
Squirrels	100%
Foxes	100%
Otters	96%
Whole School	98.73%

Well done to:

Well done Hedgehogs, Squirrels and Foxes class for the highest attendance last week.

Congratulations to Amelia for always showing lovely, polite manners at lunchtime.

Dates to remember:

w/c 12th May - KS2 SATS WEEK

w/c 26th May - Half term week, school closed

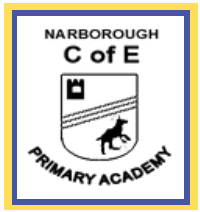
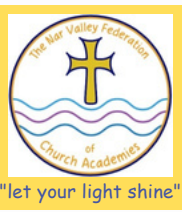
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Thursday 12th June-Friday 13th June - Year 4 Residential at Westacre Theatre

Tuesday 17th June - Fun Run at TNHA for Years R-2



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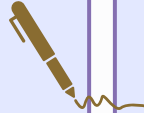




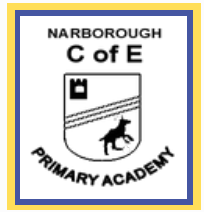
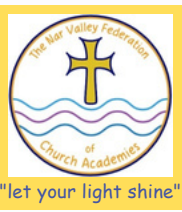
Hedgehogs Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Lilah	Great recall of sounds and tricky words
Writer of the week 	Lottie	fantastic description of a dinosaur and showing independence in writing
Mathematician of the week	Phoebe	super understanding of repeating patterns
Shining Light	Evie	always being so polite and using manners
Reads at home 	Well done:	Archie for 100 reads.



Squirrels Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Joey	extracting different forms of grammar when reading a model newspaper text.
Writer of the week 	Elizabeth	finding different ways to address a person when writing a newspaper.
Mathematician of the week	Blake	showing fantastic knowledge and understanding when looking at adding equal groups. 
Shining Light	Brodee	Having a fantastic week! Great learning and great focus!
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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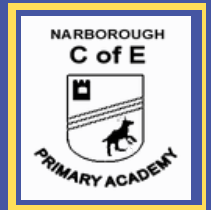
Foxes Class



Otters Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Ariah	taking great care with her reading learning and producing a well-thought out explanation.
Writer of the week 	Arthur	accurately writing compound sentences about Greek mythology.
Mathematician of the week 	Harrison	always taking on a challenge in maths.
Shining Light	Esme	demonstrating resilience and courage in her learning.
Reads at home	Reggie	100 reads 

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Logan G	thinking very carefully about clues in the text to make his inferences
Writer of the week 	Olivia	accurately changing sentences from active to passive voice.
Mathematician of the week	Paige	accurately finding percentages of amounts 
Shining Light	Lucy	a positive attitude towards her learning and always trying her best in lessons.
Tackling Tables	Well done to...	None this week.
Reads at home 	Well done to	Emelia for achieving 200 reads at home.



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Help with online safety::



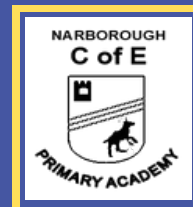
The CEOP website, run by the National Crime Prevention agency, gives helpful advice about when and how to report your concern.

<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

Newspaper Article:
Below is an article that is quite long but well worth a read. It contains some incredibly worrying information. Please note, I am in no way endorsing any newspaper or journalist, I am simply sharing information that may support families, as requested in our questionnaire.

https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2025/may/07/the-crux-of-all-evil-what-happened-to-the-first-city-that-tried-to-ban-smartphones-for-under-14s?CMP=Share_iOSApp_Other

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.

<https://www.nhs.uk/every-mind-matters/supporting-others/childrens-mental-health/>

They signpost you to other organisations, such as Young Minds, who are very effective.

Message from the Executive Headteacher....



It was lovely to know that we were all marking VE day this week and good to hear children reflecting on how things used to be and the sacrifices people made. Thank you to the staff for their efforts for this day.



Year Four Residential; I am very much looking forward to this trip and as families you are in for a treat - please mark the afternoon of Friday 13th June in your diary to come and watch your children perform Shakespeare on a professional stage in the open air. It really is a fantastic occasion full of surprises, so please do come! We have a meeting about the residential on Tuesday 13th May at Westacre theatre so you can see where the children will perform, so do come along and ask any questions.

Our Federation day, this term at Castle Acre, on the theme of Forest schools, is coming up soon, with KS1 going on June 25th and KS2 going on June 26th. We wondered whether families transporting their children to Castle Acre instead of their usual school would be manageable, and will be sending a quick one question survey out soon.

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 the wonderful food we eat. Thank you for water and sunlight.

Amen



from Lucy

Thank you as always for your support and partnership,

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Miss Christina Maskell
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