

## Narborough Newsletter for week ending 20<sup>th</sup> June 2025

The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

Executive Headteacher: Mrs Anne Neary  
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### Dear Parents and Carers,

The days are certainly heating up! Our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children attended the fun run at TNHA this week and really enjoyed the experience, impressing us with their enthusiasm and energy! Next, week we have so much to look forward to: Federation days and a school trip for Hedgehogs. We also look forward to Sports Day on Tuesday afternoon- we hope that some parents and carers will be able to join us.

News from the classes:

Hedgehogs: We have been learning about African music, reading a book called 'Giraffes can't Dance' and painting animal patterns

Squirrels: We have enjoyed writing our persuasive texts about saving the ocean and have learned about the Hindu version of the creation story.

Foxes: In English we have been writing a diary entry in role as the fly from the poem 'The Spider and the Fly.' In computing, we have also been making dinosaurs spin in Scratch.

Otters: In maths, we have enjoyed learning about negative numbers, learning about money and what to do with it (e.g. spend or save) in PSHE. In swimming, the Year 6 children learned how to safely save ourselves and others.

### Upcoming Events

See Diary Dates for details.....



- Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June - Sports Day 1:30pm
- Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June - Reception 2025 intake parent meeting 6pm
- Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June - KS1 Federation Day
- Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June - KS2 Federation Day
- Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June - Hedgehogs Class Trip to Banham Zoo
- Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June - KS1 Active Kids Festival
- Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June - New Reception Intake Teddy Bear Picnic 3:30pm

### Reminders and Information.....

As we are currently experiencing a very warm spell, please can you ensure your children have a water bottle, sunhat and sun cream in school and have suncream applied before they come to school.

#### Year 5 Residential

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

Congratulations to Thea for always being well behaved at lunchtime.

#### Otters Tackling tables certificates:

Lacie: 7, Archie: 7, Theo: 8, Logan C: 3  
Nicole: 6, George: 6, Paige: 6, Sienna: 4  
Adriana: 3, Freya: 1, Olivia: 8, Dylan: 3  
Lucy: 3, Libby: 6, Fearne: 3, Emilia: 3  
Isabella: 1

### Attendance Awards -w/e 13/06/25

Class	%
Hedgehogs	95.86%
Squirrels	95.24%
Foxes	98.83%
Otters	96.8%
Whole School	96.65%

#### Well done to:

Well done Foxes class for the highest attendance last week.



#### After School Club Themes

The themes for After School Club are:

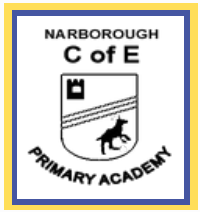
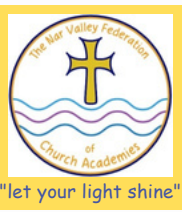
Monday: Outside Games

Tuesday: Art

Wednesday: Cooking

Thursday: Clay Modelling

Friday: Board Games



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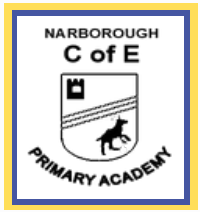
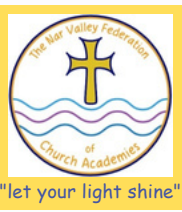
## Hedgehogs Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Quinn	Showing an interest in some phonics sounds and recalling some
Writer of the week	Archie	writing his name independently with no name card a and writing some phonics sounds
Mathematician of the week	Kyron	Fantastic recall of number bonds to 10 and applying these to word out maths problems
Shining Light	Emma	Supporting the younger children to learn new sounds
Reads at home	Well done:	Edward for 200 reads Esmae for 75 reads



## Squirrels Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Joshua	reading beautifully to teachers and asking when stuck.
Writer of the week	Isla	putting some interesting facts about ocean pollution into her writing.
Mathematician of the week	Casey	showing great maths skills, especially naming 2D shapes and their properties.
Shining Light	Oliver B	showing fantastic strength and stamina when running at the Fun Run.
Tackling Tables	Well done:	Arthur, Jasper, Jaxson, Joey and Ronnie
Reads at home	Well done:	25 READS: Ethan 100 READS: Blake



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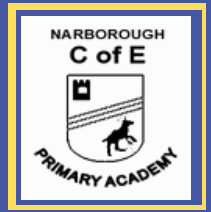
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## Foxes Class

## Otters Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Danny	a great understanding of 'You're a bad man, Mr Gum!'
Writer of the week	Charlotte	improved focus in writing and being able to explain what a main clause is.
Mathematician of the week	Thea	taking n a very tricky challenge in maths.
Shining Light	Ruben	behaving brilliantly on the residential and making us all proud.
Reads at home	Well done to	Samuel for 25 reads.
Tackling Tables	Well done to	Thea, Danny, Ariaah, Leo

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Khloe	using evidence from description, dialogue and action to support her ideas.
Writer of the week	Archie	making excellent progress in his writing, including descriptive detail to interest the reader.
Mathematician of the week	Sienna	for working collaboratively to use estimation to find 'the best fit' answer to a statement.
Shining Light	Sophie T	being really kind and helpful to others and for showing courgae during swimming this week.
Tackling Tables	Well done to	Over 70 tackling tables certificates were earned this week- we need a bigger box! See above for names and numbers!
Reads at home	Well done to	Ellie-May, Sophie T and Isabelle for achieving 200 reads at home



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**Help with online safety::**



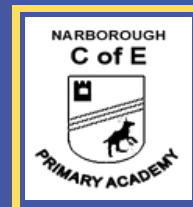
The CEOP website, run by the National Crime Prevention agency, gives helpful advice about when and how to report your concern.

***<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/4_7/)***  
***[https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/8\\_10/](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/8_10/)***  
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### Safeguarding

#### Smartphone Free schools

I am asking for your input regarding making our schools completely smart-phone free next year. As you know, we currently do not allow phones to be used in school, but do allow older pupils to bring them to school and hand them in. However, this implies an acceptance that our children can, will or should have smartphones, and all the research out there is increasingly suggesting that this is not so. We want to do everything to support our children's mental health, and so we would like to suggest that children are not brought smartphones, but those older pupils who parents may feel need a communication device are brought phones with no internet facility. I would be very interested in your views on this, particularly Y6 and Y5 Parents/Carers, so please do let me know when you see me. Many thanks.

#### Healthy mind, healthy body

A huge congratulations to our new Senior Leads in Mental Health at each school; Miss Everett, Mrs Jary and Mrs Joplin. They now have access to many resources in the local area, so can signpost you to sources of support.

### Message from the Executive Headteacher....



#### Y4 residential

An extra belated thank you to the Westacre estate, particularly Ross and Burgundy Birkbeck, for the loan of the bell tents. We are always really grateful and appreciate their support.

This week has been a week of having our Year Six writing moderated by external sources, and I am delighted to say that moderators agreed exactly with our judgments and were also hugely complimentary about our children's maturity of writing, particularly commenting on their use of emotion and empathy. The Trust said that our ethos as a school and the way that our children take on board our values was evident in the tone of their writing, which was a lovely compliment. Well done all our Y6 writers; you are very ready for secondary school writing!

We were also asked to share our good practice as small schools with mixed-age classes and hosted a Multi-Academy Trust from Essex, which again was a lovely compliment.

Finally, can I thank all those Parents/Carers who have been ensuring that all their payments are up to date before the end of the school year. We SO appreciate it as it means we can have authorisation for our children to do their usual activities. If you do still owe, please settle this as soon as possible.

#### Narborough Parent/Teacher/Friend Association (PTFA)

We would love to be able to arrange a school disco for our children before the end of term. However, this will not be possible without volunteers to help us. Would you be able to help? Please contact the school office, Miss Maskell or members of the PTFA if you think you might be able to help. Thank you.



### Prayer for the Week

Dear God,

Thank you for everything. Everyone is special.

Amen



from Sophie

Thank you as always for your support and partnership,

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