

Narborough Newsletter for week ending 6th June 2025

The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a relaxing half term break. As we begin the final half term of the academic year, we have many exciting events to look forward to- more details below.

News from the classes:

Hedgehogs: We have enjoyed learning about safari animals and reading 'Dear Zoo.' We have also been learning how to make 10 using number blocks and rekenreks.

Squirrels: We have enjoyed learning about $\frac{1}{4}$ in maths and how to sew a pouch in D&T.

Foxes: We have finished our learning about Ancient Greeks by discussing their legacies. We have started to learn about decimals by using tenths. In art, we have painted our greek pots.

Otters: We have enjoyed learning how to use the vertical method to multiply larger numbers. We have also enjoyed our athletics lessons, practising relays, hurdles and shot put.

Upcoming Events

See Diary Dates for details.....

- Thursday 12th June-Friday 13th June - Year 4 Residential at West Acre Theatre
- Tuesday 17th June - Fun Run at TNHA for Years R-2
- Tuesday 24th June - Sports Day
- Tuesday 24th June - Reception 2025 intake parent meeting 6pm - TBC
- Wednesday 25th June - KS1 Federation Day
- Thursday 26th June - KS2 Federation Day

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

Congratulations to Ellie-May for being helpful to the MSA's at lunchtime.

Dates to remember:

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Wednesday 2nd July- Friday 4th July Year 5 residential

After School Club Themes

The themes for After School Club are:

Monday: Outside Games

Tuesday: Art

Wednesday: Cooking

Thursday: Clay Modelling

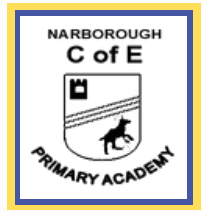
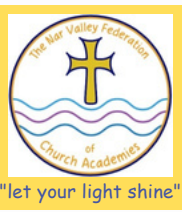
Friday: Board Games

Attendance Awards -w/e 23/05/25

Class	%
Hedgehogs	96.58%
Squirrels	95.24%
Foxes	96.11%
Otters	92%
Whole School	94.66%

Well done to:


Well done Hedgehogs class for the highest attendance last week.



AWARDS

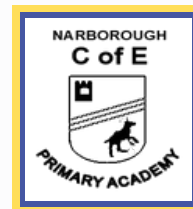
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Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Esmæ	Super reading by sight and using Fred in your head
Writer of the week 	Lilah	having a go at writing independently and showing determination
Mathematician of the week	Lottie	Great understanding and representation of numbers up to 10 using a rekenrek
Shining Light	Arabella	being helpful and being considerate of others
Reads at home 	Well done:	None this week











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Reader of the week	Lilly	working hard to read the text and answer retrieval and inference questions in her PiXL test.
Writer of the week 	Scarlett	using persuasive language and giving reasons for her opinions.
Mathematician of the week	Arthur	showing great knowledge of temperature and explaining problem solving questions.
Shining Light	Alfie	showing perseverance when sewing in DT.
Tackling Tables	Well done:	Oliver G, Alfie and Oliver B
Reads at home 	Well done:	50 READS: Jaxson

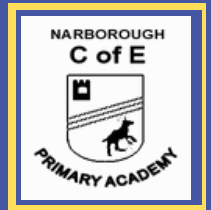


AWARDS

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Foxy Class	Award	Goes to...	For.....
	Reader of the week	Thea	always being enthusiastic about reading and sharing book recommendations with others.
	Writer of the week 	Samuel	being courageous and adding brackets to his writing.
	Mathematician of the week 	Bow	making HUGE improvements in both her arithmetic and application of reasoning.
	Shining Light	Ariah	always being helpful and thoughtful to both children and adults in school.
	Reads at home	Well done to	none this week. 
	Tackling Tables	Well done to	none this week.

Otters Class	Award	Goes to...	For.....
	Reader of the week	Fearne	consistently reading at home with enthusiasm daily
	Writer of the week 	Lucy	for accurately punctuating dialogue and adding thoughtful description.
	Mathematician of the week 	Ellie-May	accurately using the expanded vertical method to multiply a 2 digit number by a 2 digit number.
	Shining Light 	Freya	demonstrating great courage during swimming 
	Tackling Tables	Well done to	None this week
	Reads at home 	Well done to	None this week



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Help with online safety::



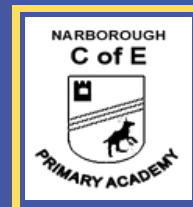
The CEOP website, run by the National Crime Prevention agency, gives helpful advice about when and how to report your concern.

<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/
<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>



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Safeguarding

The Safer Phones Bill from Terry Jerry MP
Member of Parliament for South West Norfolk

I am supportive of the aims of the Safe Phones Bill. Research shows that the average UK 12-year-old spends 21 hours a week - equivalent to a part-time job - on their smartphone, and that one in four children and young people use their smartphones in a way that is consistent with a behavioural addiction. There is a growing body of evidence demonstrating that smartphones, and social media in particular, are negatively impacting children's mental health, sleep and learning.

There are also concerns about the time children are losing from real life play and interactions. The impact is more acute for vulnerable children. Over two-thirds of voters (68%) agree that smartphone access is causing harm to children. More than 75% of voters feel the government could take a more active role in safeguarding against harmful content and other online risks.

Aside from conventional guardians, social media firms and smartphone manufacturers are deemed chiefly accountable for tackling smartphone-related issues.

Children's excessive use of smartphones has a proven link to a number of developmental issues including increases in ADHD, a reduction in academic attainment and damage to emotional and social development. There are also several physical health issues that can arise from excessive smartphone use such as poor eyesight, obesity and worse sleep. We need to do more to protect children and tackle the issues I have outlined above.

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....

Term time holidays:

A huge thank you for the very clear reduction in term time holidays. It genuinely makes a really positive difference to the children; they learn more effectively, they access more opportunities and they are more settled in and routine. At this time of year, please can I just remind families that we continue learning right up until the end of term, so every day continues to matter, whether because of their writing portfolio, their chance to act on a stage or their chance to star in the Sports Day finals!

Monies owing to school:

Again, a huge thank you to everyone who pays on time for the various activities and to the very few people who did owe us money, a massive thanks for clearing that debt. We are so finely balanced, with no 'slush fund' to cater for anyone not paying. If someone doesn't pay, it has to be absorbed by NOT buying something else. For example, if we don't have all the money for the summer top-up swimming for Y6, then we cannot do as many sessions, or maybe cannot do it at all. So please do keep ensuring that any debts are cleared as every tiny amount adds up and we all want our children to be able to access as many excellent opportunities as possible.

Narborough PTFA - are there just two parents who would be able to spare some time to help us with this? We don't need lots of time in school or lots of effort, just someone who is willing to give a little and liaise with us so that we can have some school events and keep our children in lovely fun 'extra' equipment and being able to go on school trips. It benefits everyone by keeping the cost down and meaning we can do trips. If we can't get one, then Narborough parents are going to have to pay more. For example, our recent trip to the Sealife Centre cost £9.99 per child as the PTFA had funds allocated to support it. Without that, it would have cost £14 per child. The PTFA has little or no funds left, and at the moment, there are no events planned because the vast majority of the members either have children who have moved on and left, or they have become staff members. Please help - we will support you, there are people who know what events are easy to put on and we are all keen to help you out! If you're willing to help, please get in touch with Miss Maskell or myself. Thank you!

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,

Please help us to remember to be kind. Please keep soldiers safe when they are fighting for other countries' freedom.

Amen

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Thank you as always for your support and partnership,

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