

Narborough Newsletter for week ending 15th May 2026

The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

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Dear Parents and Carers

Another week has flown by. This week has seen the Year 6 children complete their SATs. I would like to say how proud I am of each and every Year 6 child- they worked incredibly hard, tackled some really challenging questions and persevered throughout every test. I would like to extend my thanks to all the children and staff in the school who were flexible with playtimes, and ensured they were quiet in school to enable our Year 6 children to focus and to our families who gave the children the best sleep and breakfasts that week!



Well done to this week's Shining light winners

Upcoming Events

See Diary Dates for details.....

Monday 18th May
Game Changers in school event for Otters.

Tuesday 19th May
Squirrels trip to Thetford Museum

Wednesday 20th May
Whole federation Forest School Day
Home packed lunch or School sandwiches no hot food available on this day.
We are asking if as many families as possible can avoid the use of cars for this day as we will have higher level of traffic due to the other schools also attending.

Fri 22nd May
Year 4 parents residential meeting 3.30pm

Friday 22nd May End of Summer 1 term children return 1st June

Reminders and Information.....



PE Days
Hedgehogs: Tues
Squirrels: Wed & Fri
Foxes: Wed & Thurs
Otters: Thur & Fri
On your child's PE day please send them in in full school uniform. You can either send the PE kit on the specific day but we encourage bringing them in on a Monday and taking them home on the Friday.

Year 6 Horstead Residential

It is not too late for your child to go. It really is an amazing experience and what better way to make memories from their time at Narborough! See here for details about the venue.



Year 6 Swimming



Please ensure you return the consent slip. There are still some outstanding and your child won't be able to swim without this

Weekly attendance Award

Class	%
Hedgehogs	95%
Squirrels	92%
Foxes	98%
Otters	99%
Whole School	96.1%

Well done whole school achieving over 96% 4th WEEK IN A ROW: come on Squirrels..do better!



School Trips:

Upon receipt of the email containing trip information for your child, please ensure you complete all 3 steps.

- 1) Complete the short form indicating preference on packed lunch etc
- 2) Give consent via the Arbor App
- 3) Pay for the trip (this will only be accessible once consent has been given)

Military Families

Military Club with Mrs Jary is every Thursday lunchtime. Come along, eat your lunch, bring a friend and chat! Our other service children at Castle Acre and Sporle meet online with us each week. We're proud of our Service personnel and proud to support our service families. We have strong links with the RAF base and look forward to our involvement in events.

Freddie the Teddy is off to spend the week with the Otters this week: well done Otters

AWARDS

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Hedgehogs Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Cody	Super reading during our phonics assessment
Writer of the week	Evie D	Trying hard in phonics and fantastic letter formation
Mathematician of the week	Levi	Matching quantities to numerals correctly up to 10, recaling number bonds to 10 and correctly counting to 30
Shining Light	Kobey	Making fantastic progress in all areas of his learning
Reads at home	Well done to	Joshua 10 reads, Kobey 25 reads, Oskar 50 reads

Our week in class

Hedgehogs:

We have enjoyed making cupcakes and making each side equal when we decorated them.




In Maths we have been learning how to double numbers.

In art, we have been painting animal skins.



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Squirrels Class	Award	Goes to...	For.....
	Reader of the week	Lilah	doing a fantastic job with her phonics test.
	Writer of the week 	Harley	making a big effort to keep his writing on the line.
	Mathematician of the week 	Fred	incredible work with adding, subtracting and multiplication.
	Shining Light 	Lilly	always demonstrating every school value.



Our week in class

Squirrels

We have enjoyed learning about the story of Moses in RE.

In Science, we have been testing materials to see if they are waterproof.

In Maths, we have enjoyed learning our 2, 5 and 10 times tables

In History we have been learning about why the Spanish Armada happened.



AWARDS

Foxes Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Scarlett	partner reading the BFG and helping others.
Writer of the week	Isla	writing some excellent similes about a giant.
Mathematician of the week	Oliver G	a great effort in arithmetic which has led to great progress.
Shining Light	Oliver B	demonstrating lovely manners, which has been recognised by all members of staff in school.
Tackling Tables	Well done to	Jasper, Leo, Oliver F
Reads at home	Well done to	Esme for 100 reads.

Our week in class

Foxes:

We have enjoyed writing similes about a giant in English.

In maths, we have been looking at money and its decimal form.

In science, we have recreated a digestive system to explain how it works.



AWARDS

Otters Class



Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Bow	having a great attitude towards reading in school and at home.
Writer of the week 	James	writing an excellent poem and presenting his work beautifully.
Mathematician of the week 	Arthur	persevering when using isometric paper to draw 3D shapes
Shining Light 		
Tackling Tables	Well done to	none this week
Reads at home 	Well done to	Sophie for achieving 75 reads at home. Harrison for achieving 100 reads at home.

Our week in class

Otters:

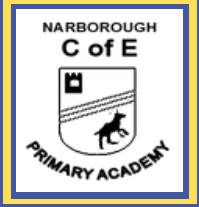
We have enjoyed writing poems in English.

In RE, we have been learning about good and bad Karma.

In ICT we finally managed to turn our microbits into compasses!

The year 6 children have really enjoyed having breakfast together. Thanks to Mrs Stanbury for sending in extra treats for us on Thursday.





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Safeguarding

No Smartphones in school - Could I remind you please that we do not condone children having smartphones and therefore do not accept them into school, in-line with Government recommendations. Your child is welcome to bring a non-smart mobile phone if they travel by themselves, but we will not accept smartphones and will telephone you to come and collect the phone should one be brought in. Thank you for supporting this policy, which we introduced after a parental consultation that was in favour of a smartphone ban.

Message from the Executive Headteacher....

BBC News - Click [here](#)

It seems to be a week where there is a lot to consider in terms of children's online safety. Thank you firstly to children at Castle Acre for their excellent tips about staying safe online and keeping our minds and bodies healthy - how wise our children are!

The above link is to a news article which I thought worth sharing as it concerns Whatsapp, which a lot of children are now on. Each week, I get an email from the company who monitors what children try and search for online across many schools nationally, and there is a clear trend of children (not at our school) trying to talk to AI Chatbots, being unable to understand that these bots are not people, and being influenced by what they tell them to do. The article is that Whatsapp's Chatbot can now be conversed with completely privately and the conversation will disappear, which means that you as parents/Carers will not be able to monitor what your children are talking about with the bots. Chatbots recently have told young people incorrect or dangerous information and have indeed turned the conversation to a sexual nature. **Children should not be on Whatsapp under 13**, and no-one would want a child to be exposed to dangerous and harmful content. Please consider removing whatsapp from your child and encouraging them to have face to face contact with friends, or old-fashioned telephone conversations instead.

Duck Race: An enormous thank you to the Friends of Castle Acre for another wonderful Duck Race that was not only a real joy to attend but raised a wonderful £1,421.50. Delicious food and excellent commentary topped off a great afternoon's entertainment. Thank you all for attending and supporting our Friends and our school.

Congratulations to our Y6 children for doing so well in their SATS and hopefully learning that a few nerves are useful, but tests are nothing to worry about and doing your best is what matters. Well done Year Six and I know you all enjoyed the beach trip today!

Healthy mind, healthy body

Whitebeam Class	Internet Safety Tip	Healthy Body, Healthy Mind
Ella	Only watch appropriate things or things you are allowed on	Learn more
Ivy	Ask a trusted adult before going on something you don't know	Exercise
Isla P	Do not answer a stranger's message	You should exercise
Florence	If you see something bad online tell a trusted adult	Learn more things
Lewis	Only talk to a person you know	Do more reading
Skylla	If someone is bullying you online, tell a trusted adult	Eat healthy food
Toby	Do not press yes on notifications, it might be a scam	exercise
Nalah	Don't talk to strangers on the computer	Drink water
Gracie-Mae	If you see a random app, please tell a trusted adult because you don't know what's on it	Drink water, exercise and keep learning
Olivia-Rose	If you see something scary online tell a trusted adult	Exercise and run around
Arly	If you are on your mum and dad's phone, ask your mum or dad ask them before you go on it because you don't know what's on it	Dance and drink water

Narborough Parent/Teacher/Friend Association (PTFA)

If you have any fundraising ideas or would like to join our PTFA, please contact Mrs Hamilton, Miss Maskell, or speak with the office, Thank you.



Prayer for the Week

Dear God,

Thank you for the food in my tummy and my family,
Amen
Reuben



Thank you as always for your support and partnership,

Miss Christina Maskell
Narborough C of E Primary Academy

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Healthy Body, Healthy Mind 😊

Healthy Body

To have a healthy body you could exercise and workout regularly.

Eating fruit and veges are another form of having a healthy body.

Sweets are very unhealthy because they are full of sugar.

Healthy Mind

Reading helps with your spelling as well as your mind.

Education is also a good thing for your mind.

Video games aren't very good for your mind.

Healthy Body, Healthy Mind

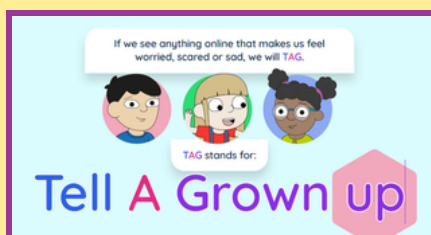


Help with online safety::



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/>