

Narborough Newsletter for week ending 11th September 2026

The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been fantastic to see all the children return to school with such a positive attitude. I have managed to spend some time in each class and have been really impressed with how calm, kind and focused the children have been. What a great start to the new school year! Each class have held their own elections to vote for children to participate in our councils, and I can now reveal who has been selected...

School Council: Chloe (Y6), Luna (Y6), Danny (Y5), Alfie (Y4) Kitt (Y3) Macy (Y2) Isla (Y1) Finley (R)
Eco Council: Arthur (Y6), Hughie (Y6), Esme (Y5), Thea (Y5), Oliver G (Y4) Casey (Y3) Liveo (Y2) Joyce (Y1) Millie (R)

Values Ambassadors: Aariah (Y6), Sienna (Y6) Reggie (Y5) Athea-Dee (Y5) Harrison (Y4) Lilly (Y3) Edward (Y2) Sophia (Y1) Evie (R)

Forest School Council: James (Y6), Riley (Y5) Arthur (Y4) Raphael (Y3) Lilah (Y2) Winter (Y1) Austin (R)

Upcoming Events

See Diary Dates for details.....

24th September - Squirrels Class school trip
Norwich Castle.



W/C 28th September Parent/Carer Workshops
or Cafes. More information to follow.

1st October - Nourish Special Menu
"Mr Nourish Birthday Menu"



16th October - Tempest Photographer to
take individuals and siblings



Reminders and Information....

We know the start of a new school
year can be a big transition for
children and their parents. With
this in mind, Home Start Norfolk
have put together a free Starting
School Resource Pack to offer
some additional support. Click the
picture below



PE DAYS

Hedgehogs

WEDNESDAY

Squirrels

TUESDAY & FRIDAY

Foxes

TUESDAY & THURSDAY

Otters

WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY

Please make sure the
children have their trainers
and kits in school for these
days



Please remember we are an Allergy Aware school. We
currently have children with an allergy so it is vital
that nuts or nut products are not brought into school
(including Nutella)

Weekly attendance Award

Class	%
Hedgehogs	98%
Squirrels	96.6%
Foxes	93.6
Otters	100%
Whole School	96.9%

Well done overall
Foxes: let's get
you over 96%
this week!

Freddie the
Teddy will be
joining Otters
this week!



Celebration Worship

If your child is awarded a certificate,
you will be invited to join us! Keep
checking your messages on dojo.

Please note, you will only be invited if
your child is receiving an
award that week

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.

AWARDS

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 Hedgehogs Class	Award	Goes to...	For.....
	Reader of the week	Austin	having a super attitude in phonics this week
	Writer of the week	Parker	great letter formation when writing his name
	Mathematician of the week	Maga	Great ordering of numbers up to 10
	Shining Light	Thea	settling in so well to school and being polite and kind to others
★	Reads at home	Well done to	

Our week in class

Hedgehogs:

Hedgehogs have had a great first week making new friends.

They have loved reading the book "The Colour Monster" and creating faces using sticks, stones, conkers and other materials they found.

They have enjoyed learning new phonics sounds and playing outside.



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Squirrels Class	Award	Goes to...	For.....
	Reader of the week	Charley	being keen to read the questions aloud in maths.
	Writer of the week 	Macy	an unbelievable effort in joining some letters.
	Mathematician of the week 	Liveio	staying focused and completing his work with numbers to 10.
	Shining Light 	Winter	an incredible, positive start to Year One always listening to adults around her.
	Reads at home 		

Our week in class

Squirrels

This week they have enjoyed learning about the battle of Hastings in History.

In English they have enjoyed learning in phonics how to say more difficult words.

They have really enjoyed their first week making some new friends.



AWARDS



Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Joshua H	reading clearly and with prosody.
Writer of the week 	Ethan	self-correcting spellings and being really focused in writing.
Mathematician of the week 	Lilly	a great effort with making numbers using base 10.
Shining Light 	Olivia	always being a kind, responsible and helpful member of the class.
Tackling Tables	Well done to	none this week.
Reads at home 	Well done to	none yet!

Our week in class

Foxes:

This week the Foxes have enjoyed Football in PE.

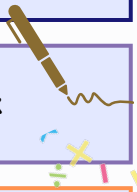
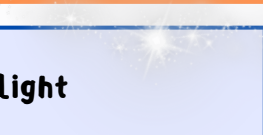
In English they have enjoyed writing fact files about France.

In Maths they enjoyed learning about place value.

They loved playing heads down thumbs up and getting to know some new friends.



AWARDS

 Otters Class	Award	Goes to...	For.....
	Reader of the week	Leo	participating with enthusiasm during echo reading
	Writer of the week 	Athea	beautiful presentation and accurate punctuation
	Mathematician of the week	Arthur	persevering when solving a complex multi-step problem
	Shining Light 	James	demonstrating a fantastic attitude towards his learning. An excellent start to Year 6!
	Tackling Tables	Well done to	none this week
	Reads at home 	Well done to	none this week

Our week in class Otters:

This week Otters have enjoyed doing fitness in PE.

Also, they have enjoyed learning about different tenses in English.

In Art they have practiced the technique of collaging.





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Safeguarding

Are you aware of the Smartphone Free Childhood campaign? Would you like to be our Parent Ambassador for this and work together with a parent from each of the Nar Valley schools to encourage our families to sign the Parent Pact? It won't be a lot of work but would be an exciting way to keep our children safe. Please contact me if you are interested.

Healthy mind, healthy body

This Sunday is the Sporle Lazy Sunday afternoon - 2pm-4pm. Come along, sit in (hopefully) some sunshine outside the Church and find some plants, tea or cake to keep you feeling relaxed and peaceful of mind! It would be great to see some competition entries - we've extended this to be a picture or model of something you did over the Summer holidays that was healthy for your mind. Entries to be in by half-term. Good luck!

Message from the Executive Headteacher....

School Uniform;

As you know, the Government is keen to ensure that there is choice in suppliers of uniform, that there are not too many branded items of uniform, and that there are options to make it more affordable. We now have two uniform stockists, **Birds of Dereham** and **Stratfords** in Kings Lynn. On the Birds website we are listed as our individual schools here and on Stratfords we come under Nar Valley Federation, here: There are differences in price so do check. We have many items of 'Nearly new' uniform at school, which can be bought for 50p per item, or more if you wish! You can also bring an item to swap.

We want all our children to access the branded uniform so that they can feel part of the team. **Our compulsory branded items are the sweatshirt or cardigan, polo shirt and jumper.** A PE hoodie is an optional branded item. If you currently have plain ones that is fine to keep wearing those until you purchase new ones, when you should ensure you purchase branded ones, either from our Nearly New at school (50p) or from Birds or Stratfords. Many thanks for supporting our children to feel part of our school and Federation team.

Attendance;

At Nar Valley, we've had a super start, with all three schools above the national average! Well done everyone and keep it up. Did you know 55% of children who miss the some of the first few days go on to be persistently absent and to drop at least one grade at GCSE? They also miss out on relationship forming with new teachers or children in their class, so it is so important to be in school. Each week going forward, I will check that every child is on track to be able to attend the Attendance Reward evening at the end of the year. To help you going forward, there is some very clear guidance from the NHS on when or when not to keep your child off school here

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 friends and family. Please help endangered animals.

Amen

Reggie



Thank you as always for your support and partnership,

Miss Christina Maskell
Narborough C of E Primary Academy

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The poster is titled "Healthy Body, Healthy Mind" with a smiley face. It is divided into two main sections: "Healthy Body" and "Healthy Mind".

Healthy Body:

- To have a healthy body you could exercise and workout regularly. (Illustration of a person on a treadmill and another lifting weights.)
- Eating fruit and veges are another form of having a healthy body. (Illustration of various fruits and vegetables.)
- Sweets are very unhealthy because they are full of sugar. (Illustration of a lollipop and a candy cane.)

Healthy Mind:

- Reading helps with your spelling as well as your mind. (Illustration of a person reading a book.)
- Education is also a good thing for your mind. (Illustration of a person at a blackboard.)
- Video games aren't very good for your mind. (Illustration of a person playing a video game.)

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/>

