

Narborough Newsletter for week ending 2nd October 2026

The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

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Dear Parents and Carers,

A big thank you to all the parents who joined us for our parent cafés this week. It was lovely to see so many of you and to have the opportunity to spend time together. The children really enjoy being able to share some of their learning with you.

Our Eco council have been very busy this week, working with Anglian Water checking the taps and toilets for leaks, and coming up with an action plan to reduce our consumption of water.

A gentle reminder to help keep our children safe on their journey to and from school: please encourage children to stay on the paths and not to run or ride bikes in the car park or down the middle of the main road. We have seen some lovely examples of collaborative learning in Hedgehogs this week! The children have been busy role-playing a doctors' surgery, building ramps for cars and creating wonderful conker monsters. It has been fantastic to see them working together, sharing ideas and learning through play.

Congratulations to Brodee for receiving the Good Samaritan award this week. Brodee demonstrated responsibility and kindness by helping another child tidy up.

Upcoming Events

See Diary Dates for details.....

13th October - 9.30am Harvest Festival Service at All Saints Church, all welcome.

16th October - Tempest Photographer to take individuals and siblings

22nd October - last day of term. We return on Monday 2nd November

22nd October - Cross Country at TNHA - Y3-6

Celebration Worship

Celebration Worship on a Friday: every Parents/Carer is welcome to our Celebration worship at 2.45pm each week whether your child is receiving a certificate or not - you are very welcome to come and be spiritually uplifted by the joy of our children's achievements and we'll always be delighted to see you!

Reminders and Information.....



After the incredible kindness and success of last year's Christmas appeal, we are thrilled to bring back our Christmas Hamper Raffle and Pre-Loved Jumper Sale!

To make this year just as successful, we are kindly asking for your support and donations:

- Christmas Hampers: We welcome food items, chocolates, festive treats, toiletries, bottles, or new/unused gift items.
- Jumper Sale: Christmas or winter jumpers for adults or children.

We know the sun is still shining and this may feel premature, but wanted to give as much notice as possible. Thank You.

We are holding a fundraising afternoon on the **20th October** from 2.45pm in the school hall to raise money for our upcoming school trips!

We would love for our school families to come along, enjoy some refreshments, and have a catch-up before the children finish, or once you have collected them.

How you can help:

Bake or Donate: We would be incredibly grateful for any donations of cakes, bakes, or biscuits that we can sell on the day.

Shop Pre-Loved: We will also be running a pre-loved uniform stall, so you can grab some essentials while supporting a great cause.

Donations for baked good to the office on the 19th or the morning of the 20th. (Please be allergy aware)



Weekly attendance Award

Class	%
Hedgehogs	95.5%
Squirrels	92.1%
Foxes	96.3%
Otters	97.7%
Whole School	95.8%

Well done Otters,
our winners this
week and well done
foxes.



OPEN EVENING
Thursday, 15th October 2026
6:00 - 8:30pm
Lenten House, Church
Broom's Barn, 102-104

• Tour the school
• Meet teachers
• Review curriculum
• Ask questions

Arrange a daytime tour
• Book call
• 01603 780000
• open@thinkuknow.org.uk

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

CEOP
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/>

Childline
ONLINE, FOR THE PHONE, ANYTIME
www.childline.org.uk

Tell A Grown up
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/>

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	Thomas	For trying really hard in phonics this week and always being eager to have a go
	Writer of the week 	Marshall	a brilliant drawing of the wolf from the Three little pigs
	Mathematician of the week 	Asher	Super problem solving to create a ramp for the cars
	Shining Light	Lily	Trying really hard with her learning this week ta
	Reads at home	Well done to	

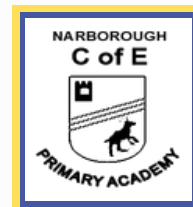
Our week in class

Hedgehogs:

Hedgehogs have enjoyed collecting signs of Autumn and using conkers to create monsters.

They have also enjoyed learning how to mix different colours.





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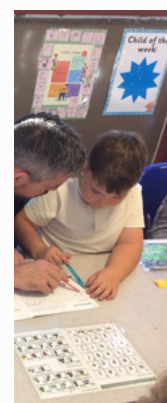
Squirrels Class	Award	Goes to...	For.....
	Reader of the week	Sophia	trying so hard with her reading.
	Writer of the week 	Esmæ	beautiful writing about the Battle of Hastings and really taking care with her handwriting.
	Mathematician of the week 	Rosa-Mae	counting on when adding together.
	Shining Light 	Elliot	starting to solve his own problems and ask adults for help when he needs it.
	Reads at home 		

Our week in class

Squirrels

Squirrels class have enjoyed learning about the Normans and the Battle of Hastings.

In Science, they have also enjoyed learning about what an animal needs to survive.



AWARDS

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Blake	reading out loud confidently and beginning to ask questions as a reader.
Writer of the week 	Charlie	a coherent piece of writing about France, including his own ideas.
Mathematician of the week 	Brodee	always putting his hand up in maths and accurately adding using place value.
Shining Light 	Jack	being a fantastic listener and a kind friend.
Tackling Tables	Well done to	Fred and Kitt
Reads at home 	Well done to	Joshua H and Kitt for 25 reads

Foxes Class

Our week in class

Foxes:

Foxes have enjoyed using their knowledge about France to write a fact file.

They have also enjoyed experimenting with torches and mirrors in Science.

Foxes also enjoyed their parent cafe, making collages with a range of materials.



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Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Danny	effectively using skimming and scanning to retrieve information from a text and writing his answers concisely
Writer of the week	James	writing a paragraph about Winston Churchill using a range of sentence structures
Mathematician of the week	Thea	working carefully and precisely to ensure her answers are accurate
Shining Light	Leo	always putting 100% into everything he does, listening to feedback- a superb attitude to his learning
Tackling Tables	Well done to	Ruben for achieving a tackling tables certificate
Reads at home	Well done to	James Lewis for achieving 25 reads at home.

Our week in class Otters:

Otters Class have enjoyed writing a paragraph about Winston Churchill in English, using different sentence structures.

In reading, they have enjoyed learning about the Blitz and using scanning and skimming to answer questions.

Otters also really enjoyed working with their parents on their collage during their parent cafe.





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Safeguarding

As you know, we have 3 online safety days a year, one per term. We use these to go alongside our carefully planned teaching programme to tackle any issues or areas for development that affect our children.

Is there anything you want help and support with? Is there an area of online safety you would like our information for families to focus on on each of those days? Is there anyone who works in the online world that might want to come and present some information to Parents/Carers? Do please get in touch.

Healthy mind, healthy body

This week's tips come from our lovely children in Hedgehogs (Nursery and Reception) at Narborough:
"we need to eat our vegetables....that helps us be good ALL OVER!"
"I love BANANAS!!!"
"Eating fruit makes me happy!"
Well done children, quite right!

Message from the Executive Headteacher....



This week has been another lovely busy week for me with Parents/Carers' cafes - it was lovely to be part of Foxes! - getting to spend some time in EYFS, and to read some fantastic feedback from Ofsted.

As we said last week, the level that Ofsted expect is to be a very good school, and I am proud of all our team and children at Sporle for living up to that (and of course the rest of the children across NVF do too!)

I am also very grateful to all the families who took the time to respond to Ofsted - thank you so much for your support!

I was fortunate enough to see the books that our youngest children are doing their learning in - what a wonderful way to finish the week!

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 all our animals and the wonderful lives we have. Thank you also for our living resources (food, drink & air).

Amen
Harrison



Thank you as always for your support and partnership,

Miss Christina Maskell
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