

## Narborough Newsletter for week ending 1st December 2023

The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

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### Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to the two parents who could make the parent forums this week. It is good to hear from you letting us know how things are going, so please do contact us by phone, email, Class Dojo or in person.

We have heard that some parents are not receiving emails since the change in our communication system. Please do check spam boxes in your emails as they may be going there. If you feel that you have not received emails, please let us know at the office or through your child's teacher and we will check the details that we have for you. We have had a brilliant week, including the PTFA movie night, which the children really seemed to enjoy, and culminating in our trips to find Gruffalo at High Lodge for Reception children and Treasure Island for Years 3 to 6 at Westacre Theatre. Lots of fun had by all and lots of learning too!

### Upcoming Events next week

See Diary Dates for details.....

- 7th December - Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch.
- 8th December - YR, to Y3 trip to Westacre Theatre to see The Goblin King.

### Reminders and Information.....

#### Pen Licences

Just a reminder that we award pen licences for consistently well-presented handwriting with clear letter formation, size, joins, spacing, ascenders and descenders and are always really pleased to be able to do so. This means that children with pen licences can use a pen instead of a pencil in their writing. A pen and certificate are awarded to these children, who must keep up the good standard of writing in order to keep the pen. Writing can sometimes become a little scruffier whilst children are learning to use the pen, but should soon be back to a high standard in order to keep the licence. **Congratulations on earning their pen licences to:**

Theo A, Elsie, Fearne, Libby and Theo W.

**Congratulations to Ellie-May** for being a captain of her own learning. Her diligence in learning her Tackling Tables in her own time is really paying off.

#### Children In Need

Thank you for your kind donations to Children In Need on 17th November. Together, we raised £73.00 for their very worthy cause.

Please ensure that children come to school every day with coats on. We get outside every day, in all weathers, and it is getting really cold, so it is essential that all children have warm outdoor clothing in school.

Christmas Jumper and Christmas lunch day is on Thursday, 7th December. Please remember to book your child's Christmas lunch in advance. Christmas jumpers can be worn in place of school jumpers with their uniform.

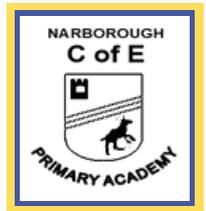
### Attendance Awards w/e 24/11/23.

Class	%
Hedgehogs	97.78
Squirrels	93
Foxes	98.8
Otters	94.07
Whole School	93.21

Well done to:  
Hedgehogs for  
achieving the  
highest attendance  
last week.



# AWARDS



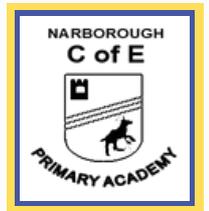
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## Hedgehogs Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Blake	Showing a real love of choosing books for our class story time.
Writer of the week	Eliza 	Working really hard on her letter formation all week.
Mathematician of the week 	Charlie	Excellent understanding and speedy recall of number pairs for 5.
Shining Light 	Lilly	Being kind, caring and always working hard in all learning.
Reads at home 	Well done to	Renesmee for achieving 25 reads at home. Elizabeth for achieving 75 reads at home.

## Squirrels Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Alfie	Fantastic work learning his common exception words
Writer of the week	Oliver G 	Really working hard on his letter formation and handwriting
Mathematician of the week 	Jasper	Learning from errors and finding ways to fix them
Shining Light	Isla	Being respectful and helpful throughout the day, every day
Tackling Tables	Well done to	Getting so close! Keep practising at home
Reads at home	Well done to	None this week 



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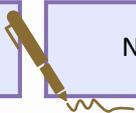


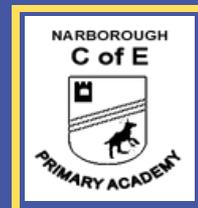
**Foxes Class**

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Lacie	Using evidence from the text to justify her answers
Writer of the week	Oaklie 	Always using his best handwriting
Mathematician of the week	Megan	Challenging herself in her learning
Shining Light	Bow	Always showing the school values, especially kindness
Tackling Tables	Well done to:	Debora, Harrison, Henry, Isla-Rose, Luna, Megan, Amelia, Khloe, Oaklie, Rosanna and Sophie
Reads at home	Well done to:	Sophie 



**Otters Class**

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Esme	For making good progress in her reading comprehension
Writer of the week	Noah 	For beautiful presentation of his writing in all subjects
Mathematician of the week	Adriana	Fantastic systematic working to find prime numbers
Shining Light	Ashden	Being incredibly positive and articulate about his learning.
Tackling Tables	Well done to:	Oscar, Macie, Theo W and Freya for achieving tackling tables certificates.
Reads at home	Well done to:	Noah for achieving 25 reads at home. Ashden and Archie for achieving 50 reads at home. Freya for achieving 75 reads at home.



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### Safeguarding

I just wanted to thank all our families for your work in ensuring that your children are in school. I was reading a thesis on attendance recently and one or two facts struck me: firstly, children showing chronic levels of absence in their Reception year (ie missing 10% of the year - just 10 days across the year, which is 2 sessions a day) are already behind academically by the time they enter Year One.

That means at 5 or 6 years old, a child who has missed 10 days in Reception already has huge gaps in their learning - and knows that there are things they don't understand or can't do - and secondly if their level of absence doesn't change, then they are significantly likely to fail to reach the expected standard in Y6, and then equally likely to go on to fail to achieve GCSE passes.

So a huge thank you to all our Parents/Carers who are making sure that your children have the best possible chance of achieving well.

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

Congratulations to all our children, as over the course of these last two weeks, as part of our first term's assessment of our school, I have been looking at their books, talking to them about their learning and listening to their views on school. Our children are a real credit to us and to you all; they are articulate and polite, helpful and enthusiastic about their learning.

Members of our Trust have been impressed with them and also with our excellent teaching team. Super attendance and super behaviour are also testimony to your support for your children. Well done everyone and I look forward to seeing you all at some upcoming Christmas celebrations!

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

Thank you for helping us to sell raffle tickets. We ask that you please return any money and completed stubs to school by Wednesday, 13th December at the latest. Please return any unsold tickets asap so that they can be redistributed.

Movie Night was a great success, the children enjoyed sharing films and refreshments with their friends.

Thank you for supporting our events.

### Prayer for the Week



Dear God,  
Thank you for our shelter.  
Thank you for our lives and our families.  
Please help us to have peace for the world, have hope in our lives and help the poor people in need.

By Ashden - Year 6

Thank you as always for your support and partnership,

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