

## Narborough Newsletter for week ending 26th January 2024

The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

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### Dear Parents and Carers,

A Year 6 child came to me this week and showed real courageous advocacy, offering two suggestions on how she felt we could make Narborough even better. It was lovely to hear her suggestions as she had obviously put a lot of thought into them. The first suggestion involved certificates for every child every week saying some things that they had done well each week. A task that she agreed would be rather large in time taken to write them, card used and celebration collective worship time! We also decided that the Child of the Day certificate each day covered the recognition of positive attributes element of this idea. The second suggestion though was a real winner. She acknowledged that not all families have the time or ability to listen to their children read each night, so suggested that Year 6 children could give up some of their lunchtime to listen to these children read. We agreed that reading was so important to everybody that we would act straight away. She asked which Year 6 children would offer to give some of their time to this and, true to form, ALL of our amazing Year 6 children offered. We will now work on identifying children that need this support and making a rota of support each day. Thank you, Elsie, for your superb ideas!

### Upcoming Events next week

See Diary Dates for details.....

- Monday - Tamion's Challenge
- Tuesday - After School Football with ICS
- Wednesday - After School Dance with ICS
- Thursday - After School Multi-Skills with ICS
- Friday - After School Gymnastics with Premier Education



### Attendance Awards - w/e 19/01/24

Class	%
Hedgehogs	96.61
Squirrels	98.1
Foxes	96.8
Otters	97.41
Whole School	97.32

Well done to:  
Squirrels for achieving  
the highest attendance  
last week, well done  
Squirrels.



### Reminders and Information.....

A huge welcome to our newest and youngest members of Narborough CofE Primary Academy. Annalise-Rose, Jemima and Lottie joined us this week as our first Nursery children. The children in Hedgehogs have all been wonderful friends and excellent role-models welcoming them into class.

#### Congratulations

Well done to Kitt for achieving the **Lunchtime Award** this week.

#### Important Safety Reminder

It has come to our attention this week that several children are using WhatsApp outside of school and there has been some uncomfortable moments for children reading and sending inappropriate messages to each other. WhatsApp allows users to send text, voice messages, video messages, make voice and video calls, and share images, documents, user locations and other content. To connect you with others, WhatsApp checks your phone's address book for other users and automatically suggests these as your WhatsApp contacts.

WhatsApp is rated 16+ years, so is well out of all of our children's age range.

This age limit was increased from 13 years and is there for a reason. The risks include experiencing cyber-bullying, unwanted contact, sexual exploitation, other criminal exploitation, risk of fraud, and access to inappropriate and explicit content. There are also features of WhatsApp that increase these risks.

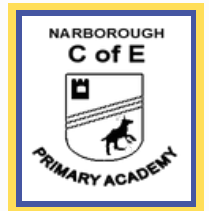
To find out more about how to keep your children safe on WhatsApp please visit:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/2023-01-12-is-whatsapp-safe-for-my-child/>

Or:

<https://www.kidscape.org.uk/news-and-blogs/2022/february/how-can-i-keep-my-child-safe-on-whatsapp/#:~:text=It%20is%20not%20without%20risk,WhatsApp%20that%20increase%20the%20risk.>

Thank you for your support in safeguarding our children.








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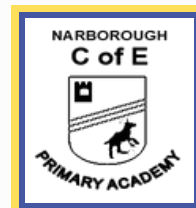
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## Hedgehogs Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Lilly	Accurately reading the first 3 pages of her new book without needing to sound out any of the words.
Writer of the week	Kitt 	Writing his words on cards independently and working hard on forming a capital 'K'.
Mathematician of the week 	Renesmee 	Working really hard on finding numbers that are 1 more and 1 less this week.
Shining Light 	Elizabeth	Always being kind and helping others whenever they need help.
Reads at home 	Well done to:	Brodee and Lilly for achieving 75 reads at home.

## Squirrels Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Scarlett	working hard on reading number words accurately.
Writer of the week	Samuel 	working really hard on his handwriting and spelling of words.
Mathematician of the week 	Charlotte 	writing super multiplication sentences.
Shining Light 	Jack	always being so well mannered and kind to others.
Tackling Tables		None this week keep practising Squirrels.
Reads at home 	Well done to:	Alfie, Jasper and Avaya.



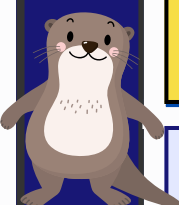
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## Foxes Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Arthur	Working so well in pairs in phonics
Writer of the week	Rosanna	For using great sentence openers in her balanced argument
Mathematician of the week	Olivia	Using her times tables knowledge well to divide
Shining Light	Scarlett	Being kind and considerate all day, every day
Tackling Tables	Well done to:	Harrison, Isla-Rose, Amelia and Khloe
Reads at home	Well done to:	None this week, keep going Foxes!



## Otters Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Sophie	Correctly identifying evidence to prove or disprove a statement.
Writer of the week	Theo T	Being an enthusiastic writer, correctly using formal conjunctions to link sentences.
Mathematician of the week	Nicole	For using the correct vocabulary to explain (and do) the necessary steps to add fractions with different denominators.
Shining Light	Elsie	For being proactive to implement and organise a reading buddy club to help younger children with their reading.
Tackling Tables	Well done to:	Elsie, Macie, Izabel, Logan, Esme, Jayden and Noah for achieving tackling tables certificates this week.
Reads at home	Well done to:	Rosie for achieving 50 reads at home. Ashden, Archie and Sophie for achieving 75 reads at home. Fearne for achieving 100 reads at home.



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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/4_7/)***  
***[https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/8\\_10/](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/8_10/)***  
***<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>***



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### Safeguarding

Whatsapp; some questions

Whatsapp can be a great communication tool when used safely.

Did you know that Whatsapp age recommendation is now 16+?

Did you know that some messages etc disappear after they've been read?

Did you know your child can share their location with the group unknowingly?

Did you know that Whatsapp is encrypted, which means content is not monitored, meaning that your child can be exposed to harmful or inappropriate content...posted by other children.

National online safety day is coming up, so take this opportunity to look at your child's Whatsapp with them.

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

We have been made aware of some whatsapp groups that are causing problems for children and contain some very inappropriate content. The annual main Parents/Carers' survey will be with you soon; please do share your views as they help us shape our schools.

We are particularly aware that online safety is a tricky area for Parents/Carers; children now are growing up as digital natives and can be way more savvy than we are when it comes to tech! We are asking a few questions in our questionnaire about this issue and will be arranging an evening meeting soon, so please watch out for that date.

In the meantime, please see this link to the NSPCC, who offer help and support surrounding the use of Whatsapp:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/2023-01-12-is-whatsapp-safe-for-my-child/>

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

Upcoming event:

PTFA School Disco is on 15th February - details to follow.

We will also be having our end of term sweet stall on the last Friday of term.

### Prayer for the Week

Dear God,  
Thank you for our lives, pets, family and education.  
Please help the homeless and give them water and food to live.  
Amen

By Archie in Year 5 Otters



Thank you as always for your support and partnership,

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Narborough C of E Primary Academy

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