

## Narborough Newsletter for week ending 9th February 2024

The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

Executive Headteacher: Mrs Anne Neary  
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### Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fun week the children have had with visits to Pensthorpe for Squirrels class, where the children especially enjoyed feeding the ducks from the palms of their hands, hunting for mini-beasts and using binoculars for bird watching. Meanwhile, Foxes class had great fun learning about Ancient Greece from their time-travelling visitor. They were thrilled learning about how to make shields and some very interesting foods.

We also had Internet Safety Day across the school, where we were discussing topics such as, what to do when we see something online that we do not like in Hedgehogs; navigating change online in Squirrels and Foxes and Otters had an excellent debate about AI - is it good or not? So be ready for your children to ask your opinions!

### Upcoming Events next week

See Diary Dates for details.....

- 12th to 23rd February - Sponsored Read
- 13th February Hedgehogs trip to Abbey Farm, East Walton.
- 14th February Otters trip to West Stow Anglo-Saxon village.
- 15th February - PTFA Spring Disco.
- 16th February - PTFA end of term sweet stall.



### Attendance Awards - w/e 02/02/24

Class	%
Hedgehogs	83.65
Squirrels	87.62
Foxes	95.6
Otters	98.52
Whole School	93.05

**Well done to:**  
Otters for achieving  
the highest  
attendance last week.  
Keep up the good  
work, Otters!



### Reminders and Information.....

#### Congratulations

Well done to Debora Pinho Antunes for achieving the **Lunchtime Award** this week.

Hedgehogs are really looking forward to their trip to Abbey Farm in East Walton on Tuesday 13th February, where they will get to feed the expecting ewes and baby lambs.

Otters are also very excited about their trip to West Stow Anglo Saxon Village on Wednesday 14th February.

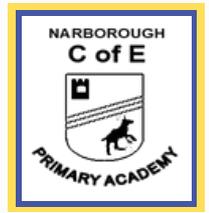
More information about the PTFA Spring Disco on Thursday 15th February from 5pm to 6:30pm is in the PTFA section.

Please remember that we will be holding our usual sweet stall on the last Friday of half term - 16th February.

You will have received information regarding our Sponsored Read, which runs from Monday 12th to Friday 23rd February. Children can get themselves sponsored to read each day. They can read anything they like - all words count! The children have brought home a sponsorship form for them to collect sponsors on and any money raised will go towards getting brand new books for our school

Please remember that next week is our final week of the half term with half-term break being 19th to 23rd February.

Please sign up for a Parents/Carers' Evening appointment slot for the Monday or Thursday after the break.  
Monday 26th February 4:00 to 6:50pm and Thursday 29th February 3:30 to 5:30pm.



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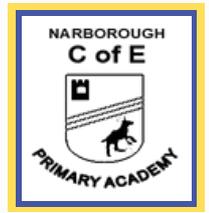
## Hedgehogs Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Matilda	Sharing her book beautifully on the carpet with Mrs Painter.
Writer of the week	Charlie 	Working really hard on writing his animal description.
Mathematician of the week	Renesmee	Working out doubles and always ready to learn new maths.
Shining Light	Blake	Trying his hardest in all lessons this week.
Reads at home 	Well done to:	Unfortunately, nobody earned a reading certificate this week. Please remember to read to an adult every day and ask them to record it in your home reading record.



## Squirrels Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Pavitha	retrieving information accurately and always participating in class discussion.
Writer of the week	Scarlett 	trying hard in your assessment and working hard on your hand writing.
Mathematician of the week	Joey	doing so well in your maths assessment this week.
Shining Light	Arthur	making good choices and following class expectations.
Tackling Tables		None this week keep practising Squirrels.
Reads at home 	Well done to:	Esme, Scarlett and Arthur.



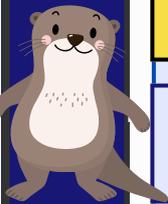
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## Foxes Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Megan	Always being engaged in reading lessons
Writer of the week	Harrison	Using neat and joined handwriting consistently
Mathematician of the week	Finley	Using inverse operations to check his answers
Shining Light	Logan	Remembering the classroom expectations
Tackling Tables	Well done to:	Isla-Rose, Olivia, Amelia and Khloe
Reads at home	Well done to:	Logan, Ellie-May and Megan



## Otters Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Ashden	referring back to the text to answer retrieval questions accurately.
Writer of the week	Nicole	Listening carefully to feedback to improve the quality of her writing.
Mathematician of the week	Izabel	For astounding work in maths this week, particularly when dividing fractions by integers.
Shining Light	Sophie	demonstrating a really positive and enthusiastic attitude towards her learning this week.
Tackling Tables	Well done to:	Ashden, Oscar, Logan, Elsie, and Macie for achieving tackling tables certificates this week.
Reads at home	Well done to:	Nicole for achieving 75 reads at home.



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## Help with online safety::



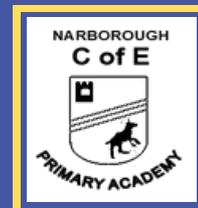
The CEOP website, run by the National Crime Prevention agency, gives helpful advice about when and how to report your concern.

***<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/)***  
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### Safeguarding

We held our Online Safety day this week, to coincide with National Online Safety day on 6th February.

Following our Parents/Carers' questionnaire, we are arranging some workshops for Parents/Carers and details will be available soon.

Here is what some of our children have learned during Online Safety day:

- "To always tell an adult if something is wrong"
- "Report a person if they are saying mean stuff"
- "don't share personal information on the internet"
- "Use the block feature if people say something mean"
- "Don't watch scary things before going to bed."
- "Don't stay on your phone too long because you may get tired and sore eyes"
- "It's important to have some time away from the internet"
- "AI can be helpful but may not always be"
- "Don't let AI take over your life"
- "Not everything you see on the internet is true-photoshop"
- "Influencers only share the good parts of their life"

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



A message of thanks firstly, to all families who are ensuring that their children are in school 96% and more - to give you an idea, this means missing less than 8 school days in the year.

I wanted to show an illustration of the huge link between attendance and attainment. Below are the marks of two of the children in our Federation's Y6. Child A and Child B both had poor attendance last year. Neither have additional needs and both are were performing at similar levels, which were not as good as they need to be and could be.

At the end of Autumn 2, when letters had not made a difference to their attendance, we held an attendance meeting with both families. Child A's attendance did not improve, but Child B's family made sure that their child did not miss a single day between the meeting and today. The score is their age standardised score - 100 is the expected for the end of Y6.

Child Autumn1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	
Child A	91	91	92
Child B	96	96	99

Can you see the difference that the 100% attendance in Spring 1 has made? Child B has made a significant jump upwards and is so very close to achieving 100 on their SATS test and looks likely to do so. Child A is not going to make it. Child B is now many times more likely than Child A to achieve Grade 4 or above at GCSE and yet both children are capable.

The advantage of strong attendance is something that only you can provide for your child, so thank you so much to the vast majority of families who do this for their children.

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

School Spring Disco 15th February 2024.

5.00-6.30pm. £1.00 entry. Tickets available from the office.

Hot dogs/vegetarian hot dogs £1; Sweet bags 50p/£1; Fizzy drink cup 50p;

Glow sticks £1.

There will also be free squash available.

Any volunteers to help on the evening will be greatly appreciated.

### 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 - Year 5

Thank you as always for your support and partnership,

Head of School  
Narborough C of E Primary Academy

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Castle Acre, Narborough and Sporle C of E Primary  
Academy