

Narborough Newsletter for week ending 10th October 2025

The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

Executive Headteacher: Mrs Anne Neary
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you so much to all the Parents/Carers who joined us to celebrate our Harvest festival on Thursday and for your donations for the foodbank. It was lovely to see you all.

News from classes:

Hedgehogs: We have enjoyed reading 'Leaf man' and have had great fun making counting wands.

Squirrels: We have enjoyed writing about pyramids in English and cutting out our collage spirals in Art.

Foxes: In Maths, we have been learning about rounding to 10, 100 and 1000. In English, we have been learning how to write in chronological order.

Otters: WE have really enjoyed our art this week, using chalk to create an industrial scene with one point perspective. We have also enjoyed learning how to defend in football.

Upcoming Events

See Diary Dates for details.....

14th October - Woodpeckers Class trip to Norwich Castle Museum

16th October - Kingfishers Class trip to Norwich Castle Museum

17th October - Individual Photographs and Siblings

20th October - Y3-6 Cross Country at TNHA

24th October - We break for half term

KS2 Swimming -

This will start up again after half term. We will send details soon.

Reminders and Information.....

Parent Cafes

We would like to welcome Parents and Carers to join us for refreshments and an opportunity to find out more about your child's learning and how you can support their learning at home.

Monday 13th October 2pm Hedgehogs and Squirrels Parent Cafe

Monday 20th October 2pm Foxes and Otters Parent Cafe

Monday 20th October KS2 (Years 3-6) Cross country at TNHA

Tuesday 14th October Foxes Class Trip to Norwich Castle: Ancient Egyptians day

Thursday 16th October Otters Class Trip to Norwich Castle: Day with The Romans and Iceni

After School Club with Miss Gorman

Monday: Computing

Tuesday: Building and colouring

Wednesday: Cooking

Thursday: Outdoor games

Friday: Games and crafts

Military Families.....

Military Club with Mrs Jary is every Thursday lunchtime. Come along, eat your lunch, bring a friend and chat! In future we will be 'meeting' online with our other service children at Castle Acre and Sporle. 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.

Attendance Awards -w/e 2/10/25

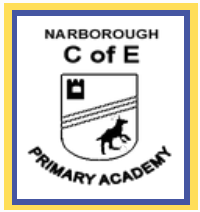
| Class | % |
|--------------|-------|
| Hedgehogs | 96.87 |
| Squirrels | 97.14 |
| Foxes | 96.52 |
| Otters | 98.57 |
| Whole School | 97.3 |

Well done to Otters Class!!!

Well done everyone!



AWARDS



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Hedgehogs Class

| Award | Goes to... | For..... |
|---------------------------|------------|--|
| Reader of the week | Cody | Great learning attitude in phonics and practising sounds at home |
| Writer of the week | Sophia | Super letter formation and having a go to write words |
| Mathematician of the week | Rocco | Great reasoning and counting this week |
| Shining Light | Arabella | Showing kindness and being a good role model |
| Reads at home | Well done: | 10 reads: Austin, Evie D, Arabella, Elliot, Winter, Chester |

Squirrels Class

| Award | Goes to... | For..... |
|---------------------------|------------|---|
| Reader of the week | Kitt | showing resilience in his reading assessment. |
| Writer of the week | Charlie L | working really hard on his Egypt Fact File. |
| Mathematician of the week | Rosa-Mae | starting to spot when her numbers are inversed and fixing them. |
| Shining Light | Aria-Raine | always being kind and patient. |
| Reads at home | Kitt | 25 reads |

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Foxes Class

| Award | Goes to... | For..... |
|---|------------|---|
| Reader of the week | Charlotte | picking out key details from a text to draw a fictional character |
| Writer of the week  | Braydon | neat and detailed handwriting in history |
| Mathematician of the week  | Louie | rounding multiples of 10 on a numberline |
| Shining Light | Jaxson | always showing responsibility in his learning  |



Otters Class

| Award | Goes to... | For..... |
|---|--------------|---|
| Reader of the week | Ellie-May | for always trying her best in reading lessons and for regularly reading at home. |
| Writer of the week | Lexie | for listening to and responding to feedback. |
| Mathematician of the week  | Arthur | great mathematical thinking and perseverance when solving problems.  |
| Shining Light | Emilia | For always working hard, taking an active role in group discussions and setting a good example to others, |
| Tackling Tables  | Well done to | Ariah and Harisson for earning tackling tables certificates this week |
| Reads at home  | Well done to | Isabella, Logan, Ellie-May, Emilia, Deborah and Bow for achieving 25 reads at home. |



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Help with online safety::



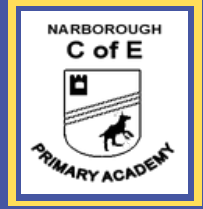
The CEOP website, run by the National Crime Prevention agency, gives helpful advice about when and how to report your concern.

<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/8_10/
<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>



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Safeguarding

Helpful guides including on how to use phones, smart speakers and games consoles safely can be found [here](#).

Also - please see this information from our Filtering and monitoring company, who watch all ICT interaction across DNEAT schools:

The misuse of AI chatbots is something the AMS team are noticing an increase of, especially since the return to the new school year. Chatbots are being used to replace real life interaction.

They can often begin quite benignly with a child using them as a knowledgeable friend who can help them explore the world. They may see them as someone with adult knowledge that doesn't get tired of all the questions, someone who they can explore topics that interest them with impunity. However, this creates a false sense of bonding with the chatbot, especially for children who struggle to differentiate between reality and fiction, where it can feel like a real person is there to give them advice, explore topics and be there when ever needed.

Children push boundaries constantly, this is true of any interaction they have, and with Chatbots this pushing of the boundaries means that they are often going into situations that are inappropriate or dangerous.

The AMS team have noticed a rise in interactions with chatbots that have ranged from bullying behaviour to sexual exploration. Chatbots can be seen as not only a friend but also as a romantic partner and due to this, children explore their sexuality and often in ways that involve sexual practices that are far beyond the norm for their age range. Due to this, negative emotions and mental health issues can occur. The creation of graphic pornography can traumatise a child or lead to addiction.

Healthy mind, healthy body

Could you drink more water to look after your body and mind?

Message from the Executive Headteacher....



Many of you have been asking for support with Online safety. I am very excited to share with you that we have been able to purchase a Parent Resource pack, delivered online so you can access it whenever and wherever it suits you. There are guides to things such as Roblox, Tik Tok etc and there is a training video for families that covers a wealth of information and offers support to draw up a family agreement. It cost us quite a bit of money so please take advantage of it and let me know of any feedback.

Username: narvalley_parents
Password: MidnightBrainsIdeally90

You can login [here](#).

Uniform; we would very much appreciate your support with ensuring that your children are in correct uniform. Wearing the uniform demonstrates that we are all a team together and it enables all children to have equity of clothing. No family should have to worry about the cost of uniform and no child should be disadvantaged. Birds of Dereham provide our items of uniform which have a logo and we also stock 'Nearly new' uniform in school, available at a cost of £1 an item, or you can bring an item to swap (items and sizes are subject to availability. See the office for stock). Summer dresses, polo shirts, trousers, shorts, PE t-shirts, PE shorts and tracksuits can all be bought anywhere, as can shoes and socks. Please see the attached poster for reference.

Narborough Parent/Teacher/Friend Association (PTFA)

We desperately need a volunteer from each class who can help us do a little event to raise about £150 towards each trip so that Narborough families can pay the same amount as Sporle and Castle Acre. We're happy to help but just need someone with a bit of energy and time to put towards one event - which could be as simple as a second hand toy sale, or a film night. Please help!



Prayer for the Week

Dear God,

Thank you for giving us the knowledge of right from wrong and sorry if we sometimes do the wrong thing. Please help us to always be happy.
Amen



from Bella

Thank you as always for your support and partnership,

Miss Christina Maskell
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