

Narborough Newsletter for week ending 7th November 2025

The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

Executive Headteacher: Mrs Anne Neary
Web: www.narvalleyfederation.co.uk

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a relaxing, fun-filled half term. The clocks going back, marking the end of British summer time, always makes me think of what is to come. The lengthening nights whisper of winter's approach, as darkness lingers a little longer with each fading sunset.

News from classes:

Hedgehogs: We really enjoyed our trip to High Lodge, trying to find the Gruffalo. We also had lots of fun making edible sparkles.

Squirrels: In English, we have enjoyed reading a letter from Walter (a soldier). We also really enjoyed our trip to High Lodge and playing on the giant instruments.

Foxes: We have really enjoyed learning about the water cycle in science and writing an explanation about it.

Otters: We have enjoyed using mental and written methods to add and subtract in Maths.

Upcoming Events

See Diary Dates for details.....

KS2 Swimming for all children in year 4, 5 and 6.

This will start on Wednesday 5th November, and will be every Wednesday until Wednesday 10th December. Please ensure your child has their swimming kit on these days.

Anti-Bullying Week: 10th-14th November

In collective worship throughout the week, we will be discussing the different forms of bullying and how to seek help.

Children in Need 14th November non-uniform day, see information section adjacent

Reminders and Information.....

Congratulations to:

Reneseme for receiving The Good Samaritan award this week for demonstrating kindness by helping another child when they had fallen over.

Remembrance Service: Tuesday 11th November

We will be taking the children to the war memorial outside All Saints Church on Tuesday 11th November for a short child-led service and 2 minute silence to pause and reflect on the sacrifices made by those who have served in the armed forces and to remember those who have died in conflict.

Children in Need: Friday 14th November

To help raise money for Children in Need, we are inviting children to come to school in non-school uniform and bring a donation. Children will also be participating in the 'Strictly 25 step dance challenge.'

After School Club with Miss Gorman

Monday: Computing

Tuesday: Building and colouring

Wednesday: Cooking

Thursday: Outdoor games

Friday: Games and crafts

Limited places available so please do sign up quickly if your child would like to come.

Military Families.....

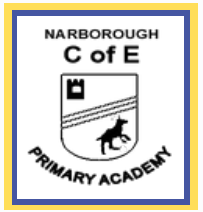
Military Club with Mrs Jary is every Thursday lunchtime. Come along, eat your lunch, bring a friend and chat! In future we will be 'meeting' online with our other service children at Castle Acre and Sporle. We're proud of our Service personnel and proud to support our service families. We have strong links with the RAF base and look forward to our involvement in events.

Attendance Awards -w/e 07/11/25

Class	%
Hedgehogs	94.64
Squirrels	94.55
Foxes	93.7
Otters	96.09
Whole School	94.71

Well done to
Otters Class!!!

Well done everyone!





AWARDS

The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies



Hedgehogs Class

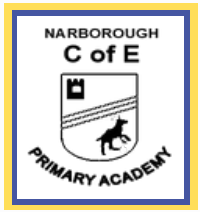
Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Arabella	Super blending of some words in phonics
Writer of the week 	Winter	Showing independence and having a go at drawing the Gruffalo
Mathematician of the week	Eric	Great problem solving to create a potion
Shining Light	All of Hedgehogs	Presenting our school so well on our trip
Reads at home	Well done:	Evie R and Evie D for 25 reads Sophia for 50 reads 



Squirrels Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Charlie L	reading the trail signs enthusiastically and fluently on our trip.
Writer of the week 	Kitt	for trying particularly hard with his handwriting.
Mathematician of the week	Macy	eagerly contributing in class discussions in maths. 
Shining Light	Esmae	showing kindness and helping the younger children on our trip.
Reads at home	Kyron	25 reads





AWARDS

The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies



Foxes Class

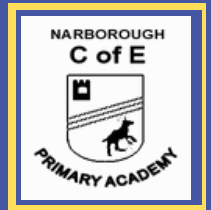
Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Leo	confidently reading a passage to our class.
Writer of the week	Oliver G	excellent application of spelling.
Mathematician of the week	Alfie	always challenging himself in maths.
Shining Light	Scarlett	being a fantastic role model and always demonstrating kindness.
Tackling Tables	Well done to	Athea, Alfie, Arthur, Jaxson, Harrison, Braydon, Reggie
Reads at home	Well done to	Jack - 10, Thea - 50, Ronnie - 25, Pavitha - 25



Otters Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Poppy	summarising the main idea of a text concisely.
Writer of the week	Lacie	for providing precise and constructive feedback to others.
Mathematician of the week	James	for fantastic effort in Maths this week, and for adding 5 digit numbers together using the column method.
Shining Light	Sophie	for always trying her best and being kind and helpful to others.
Tackling Tables	Well done to	None this week- keep practising at home.

Reads at home	Well done to	Sophie, Lexie, Luna, Chloe, Isla and Lacie for achieving 25 reads at home. Khloe, Dehora, Emilia, Row and Ellie-May for
---------------	--------------	--



**Narborough Newsletter for week ending
7th November 2025**

The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

Executive Headteacher: Mrs Anne Neary
Web: www.narvalleyfederation.co.uk



Help with online safety::



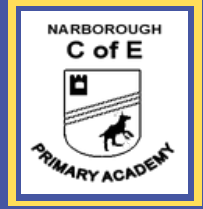
The CEOP website, run by the National Crime Prevention agency, gives helpful advice about when and how to report your concern.

<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/>



Narborough Newsletter for week ending 7th November 2025

The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

Safeguarding

Have a look at [this article](#) about reading news online and the impact on children and young people:

Healthy mind, healthy body

I found a very interesting piece of research from Loughborough University this week, which links absence from school and children's mental health.

Absences from school contribute significantly to children experiencing mental health issues (measured as hospital attendance with a mental health condition diagnosis or stress-related presentation)

The probability of a child experiencing mental ill health rises from 1.82% with no absence to 3.7% with 20% absence, and to 5.27% with 30% absence

The impact is greater for children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) support, chronic health conditions, or an Education, Health and Care (EHC) plan

The relationship is two-way: children with a mental health condition miss almost three times more school (16% of sessions) than those without (6%)

Message from the Executive Headteacher....



Following our attendance monitoring letters from before half-term, we want to thank the vast majority of our families whose children's attendance is excellent (96%+). Just a plea regarding holidays - please firstly try and avoid term-time holidays, try and reduce the number of days missed to three or less and try and cross over a weekend to limit the impact on that week's work. Please also ensure that we know about these because otherwise the children are in such an awkward position, and this is not fair for them. We can authorise in certain circumstances and are far more likely to do so if you have carried about the above steps. The impact of term-time holidays, particularly missing most of a week, is huge - I checked this half-term, and of the children whose attendance is classed as Persistent Absenteeism due to a holiday, are below where they need to be in their learning. This means holidays in term term, particularly where a family does this every year, are preventing the children achieving well. Please think about this before you book term-time holidays,

Don't forget the online safety training package for Parents/Carers that we've bought you all:

You can login [here](#).

Username: narvalley.parents
Password: MidnightBrainsIdeally90

Narborough Parent/Teacher/Friend Association (PTFA)

We desperately need some volunteers to help us run a few fundraising events.

Film night: Thursday 20th November (3:30 -5:30)

School disco: Thursday 11th December (5:00-6:30)

If you think you may be able to lend a hand, or have any other fundraising ideas, please contact the school office, Mrs Hamilton or Miss Maskell. Thank you.



Prayer for the Week

Dear God,

Thank you for our lives, families and friends.

Amen

By James



Thank you as always for your support and partnership,

Miss Christina Maskell
Narborough C of E Primary Academy

Executive Headteacher
Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies
Castle Acre, Narborough and Sporle C of E Primary
Academy