



Narborough Newsletter for week ending 14th March 2025

The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It certainly has been a week where the four seasons have made an appearance, from the balmy, sunny weather from the weekend to fairly impressive hail showers. The weather may have been very variable, but fortunately our children have remained focused on their learning.

News from the classes:

Hedgehogs: We have enjoyed making bird feeders and observing our beans that we have been growing. Some are growing really tall already!

Squirrels: We have enjoyed writing a diary entry (check the detail of this in the morning!)

Foxes: We have been learning about equivalent fractions in maths, and have enjoyed writing an explanation text about volcanoes.

Otters: We have enjoyed our writing about our trip to Flag Fenn and explaining how fossils are formed. We have also been converting mixed numbers to improper fractions in maths

We also want to share some sad but happy news about Mrs Fenn, who is taking early retirement at the end of this term. We will say more nearer the time but have much to thank her for and are going to miss her cheery presence greatly. Miss Charlotte Smith, who currently works part-time at Sporle and has been at Narborough on a Wednesday for a number of terms now will be joining us full time at Narborough, which is wonderful news. Welcome Miss Smith!

Upcoming Events

See Diary Dates for details.....

- 17th March - Football Festival at TNHA
- 21st March - Red Nose Day



Reminders and Information.....

A MESSAGE FROM LITCHAM SCHOOL

Future of Litcham School - FTAO Y6 parents/carers

We have been made aware of some misinformation circulating within the community. This has possibly arisen due to a recent article in the EDP that discussed falling student numbers across the county.

We would like to take this opportunity to reassure all parents and carers of our forthcoming Year 7 September intake that our student numbers remain healthy. In fact, we have reached our published admissions limit for our new intake in September. *There is absolutely no intention to close or even reduce the size of Litcham school in the future.* The rumour is simply this with no factual accuracy to it all.

A welcome letter will be circulated to our new intake parents in the next week or so. However, we felt it was important to address and quash any current rumours, offering reassurance to all.

Y6 Horstead trip

First of all, please don't forget to keep your payments coming in for this if you do have an outstanding balance. Many thanks for everyone who has done so this month already. The deadline is **1st June 2025**

Red Nose Day - 21st March - Children can come into school with either full red nose regalia or just a red nose with school uniform or red items with school uniform, please bring in a donation for the charity.

Congratulations to Brodee for being awarded the lunchtime award this week for always being well behaved at lunch times.

Dates to remember:

- 17th March - Football Festival at TNHA
- 3rd April - High 5 Netball competition at TNHA
- 21st March - Red Nose Day.
- 6th to 22nd April - School Closed for Easter Holidays.
- 25th April - Easter Service at Narborough All Saints Church
- 28th April - Squirrels Class trip to the Sealife Centre - details to follow soon.

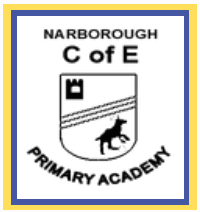
Attendance Awards -w/e 07/03/25

Class	%
Hedgehogs	99.37
Squirrels	96.82
Foxes	97.78
Otters	100
Whole School	98.55

Well done to:

Well done Otters class for 100% attendance the last week.





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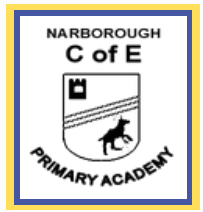
Hedgehogs Class



Squirrels Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Kyron	Great recall when reading special friends (two letters, one sound)
Writer of the week	Paige	super determination to write some words independently
Mathematician of the week	Esmae	great explanations and reasoning of how to make different numbers
Shining Light	Archie	always being helpful and kind to others
Reads at home	Well done:	50 reads for Esmae
Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Lilly	super reading at home and school.
Writer of the week	Ethan	improving his spellings and thinking about those tricky rules!
Mathematician of the week	Arthur	gaining a super score on his arithmetic paper.
Shining Light	Jack	showing lovely manners and kindness to adults and his friends.
Tackling Tables		None this week.
Reads at home	Well done:	100 READS: Charlie.






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Foxes Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Danny	being able to explain why an author chose certain words
Writer of the week 	Isla	brilliant sentences using technical vocabulary in her volcano writing
Mathematician of the week 	Samuel	amazing attitude and effort with his fraction learning and being able to demonstrate his understanding
Shining Light	Pavitha	always following school rules and being a super learner
Tackling Tables		None this week.
Reads at home	Well done to	Luna for 200, Charlotte for 150 



Otters Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Fearne	An amazing effort on a very tricky reading paper.
Writer of the week 	Amelia	For successful editing of her writing to ensure her tense was consistent.
Mathematician of the week	Logan G	Focusing well in lessons and learning how to convert between mixed numbers and improper fractions. 
Shining Light	Adriana	for making me smile everyday and being kind and helpful.
Tackling Tables	Isabelle, Olivia, Fearne, Lacie, Isabella, Adriana	Well done all!
Reads at home 	Well done to	Lucy and Sophie M for achieving 75 reads at home. Lacie 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/8_10/
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Safeguarding



Making sense of SEND event for parents.....

Making Sense of SEND is a free information fair for SEND families and professionals. The aim is to share information with you and enable you to meet the people behind the services and those who want to develop their understanding of the local offer in Norfolk - Wednesday 19 March, 10-12, at Knight's Hill Hotel in King's Lynn.

Click [here](#) to book tickets.

Our online safety questionnaire for Parents/Carers is now available to fill in and return. Please let us know of anything that worries you, any areas you'd like support in and any topics you'd like covered in school. We are trying to arrange some online safety workshops for families during our online safety days so news about those will come out shortly.

Message from the Executive Headteacher....



Firstly, a huge congratulations to Riley in Kingfisher class who has worked so hard on his multiplication tables and this paid off when recently he came top in his section of a national multiplication tables competition! Well done Riley, we are so proud of you! Others in Kingfisher class were so close to winning, missing out by less than a second, so very well done Y4,5 and 6 at Sporle! I now need some Foxes and Otters and some Oak children to be winning too!

You can use Tackling Tables at home -your child has a log in or if not, contact school. You can also go on the website and find resources to use there. Everyone in Y4 takes a national Multiplication Tables Check, having to find the answer in a few seconds, so get practising everyone! By Y4 the children should know ALL their multiplication tables this fast. Does your child?

I also wanted to share that following our inspection at Castle Acre, we as a Federation have been chosen by the Church of England to be a national example of good practice in the area of working as a Federation so well done everyone and more on that next week!

Narborough Parent/Teacher/Friend Association (PTFA)

We desperately need new members to join us to support our fundraising efforts. Without your support, we will be unable to run popular events such as the discos. This will also mean that we won't have the funds to subsidise the cost of school trips, which will increase the cost to parents. We are a friendly bunch and will appreciate any support you can offer. Please get in touch with the office or Miss Maskell if you can offer to help. Thank you.

Prayer for the Week

Dear God,

Please can you stop all of the world wars so everybody can have peace.

Amen



from Paige D

Thank you as always for your support and partnership,

Miss Christina Maskell
Narborough C of E Primary Academy

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