

# Narborough Newsletter for week ending 28th February 2025

The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

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## Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back. I hope you all had a relaxing and fun-filled half term break. Saturday marks the official arrival of Spring, so hopefully longer days and warmer weather will soon make an appearance.

News from the classes:

**Hedgehogs:** We have enjoyed making the number five in maths. We have been reading the story of Jack and the Beanstalk and have been making a big beanstalk, planting beans and re-writing the story.

**Squirrels:** We have been enjoying learning our times tables in maths, receiving and throwing in PE and learning about self-portraits in art.

**Foxes:** In Geography we have been learning about the different layers of Earth, learning how strong magnets are in Science and learning about fractions in maths. (Ask your children what a vinculum is...)

**Otters:** We have enjoyed learning about the countries and capital cities of South America, learning new skills in hockey during PE and multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000 in Maths.

## Upcoming Events

See Diary Dates for details.....

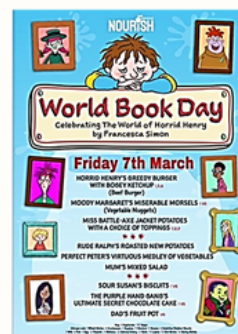
- 3rd March - Parent/Carer Consultations - 5 - 7pm
- 4th March - Year 6 Crucial Crew event
- 6th March - Year 3 - 6 Flag Fen trip.
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## Reminders and Information.....

### World book day lunch - Friday 7th March

Please see opposite and book in the usual way on the morning.

Children can dress up as their favourite book or character.



### 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

**Congratulations** to Luna for being awarded the lunchtime award this week for wonderful behaviour at lunchtimes.

### Parents/Carers' Evenings:

Don't forget to make an appointment for these evenings (dates below). Come along and discuss your child's progress and have an opportunity to see their recent work. Sign-up sheets are in each class- just ask your child's teacher/teaching assistant, or alternatively ring the school office to book an appointment. We want every single one of our children to have a Parent/Carer there. If you can't make it in person, a phone call can take place at a later time.

### Dates to remember:

- 3rd March - Parents Evening - 5.00 to 7.00pm
- 4th March - Year 6 - Crucial Crew trip
- 6th March - Parents/Carers Evening - 3.30 to 5.30pm
- 6th March - Otters and Foxes trip to Flag Fenn
- 7th March - World Book Day - dress up and special lunch.

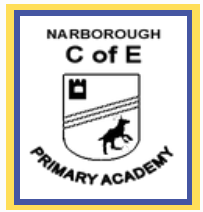
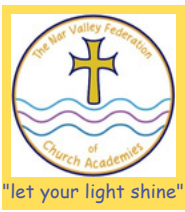
## Attendance Awards -w/e 14/02/25

Class	%
Hedgehogs	97.52
Squirrels	96.36
Foxes	100
Otters	100
Whole School	98.56

### Well done to:

Well done Foxes and Otters class for the best attendance the last week of term.





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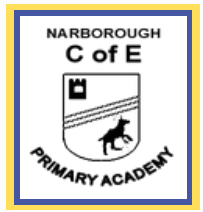
## Hedgehogs Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Emma	Showing brilliant progress with reading by sight
Writer of the week	Edward	presenting correct letter formation accurately in phonics and writing
Mathematician of the week	Archie	demonstrating brilliant problem solving to work out number problems
Shining Light	Joyce	following our class values and joining in with whole class discussions
Reads at home	Well done:	none this week



## Squirrels Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Scarlett	making an incredible improvement in phonics, reading and writing.
Writer of the week	Oliver	showing beautiful handwriting and applying this feedback to all written work.
Mathematician of the week	Jaxson	writing number sentences correctly in multiplication and using arrays to support with this.
Shining Light	Charlie	showing perseverance in all of his learning.
Tackling Tables		None this week. Keep practising at home; do you have your online login?
Reads at home	Well done:	50 reads: Scarlett and Olivia 100 reads: Ronnie

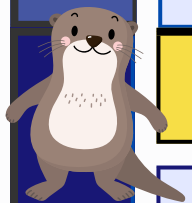


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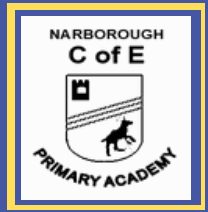


Foxes Class



Otters Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Arthur	being fully engaged and answering retrieval questions based on 'The Wild Robot'.
Writer of the week 	James	practising his handwriting and demonstrating resilience in writing.
Mathematician of the week 	Danny	enthusiasm and effort in our fraction learning and for being able to explain what a vinculum is.
Shining Light	Ariah	positively taking on board handwriting feedback and trying her absolute best
Tackling Tables		none this week 
Reads at home	Well done to	Harrison for 100 reads
Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week 	Ellie-May	for demonstrating perseverance at home and in school to improve her reading fluency.
Writer of the week	Sophie M	for trying really hard to use a horizontal join from an o. 
Mathematician of the week	Fearne	for effectively teaching another child how to find missing values (fractions) on a number line.
Shining Light	Nicole	for demonstrating kindness by helping others when they were upset.
Reads at home 	Well done to	Archie and Isabella for achieving 75 reads at home. Libby and Khloe for reading 100 times 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

#### AI risks:

There is a very hard-hitting but helpful video on online safety surrounding AI and how young people can be vulnerable.

Please be aware that this contains upsetting content and I am signposting this for you to watch as an adult, and not suggesting that children watch it, although you as a parent may decide to watch it with your child at some point in order to start a discussion.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OuH-D-au1Ho>

#### Childline campaign:

'Behind the Screen' This is aimed at protecting boys and young men from sextortion. If you scroll down through the info there are some quotes from young lads of 16 to whom this has happened.

<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/media/sfzndfgn/childline-behind-the-screen-pdf-guide.pdf>

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



Parents/Carers' Evenings next week: Please do come along to these; they are an excellent opportunity to share your child's learning and celebrate their progress. We have been focusing this week on improving our handwriting (staff as well!) and our children have tried very hard. I was lucky enough to be able to see Squirrels' writing and I was impressed with their progress and effort as well as how many of our older children are earning their Pen Licence for improvement, legibility and fluency. We began the week with an online Federation Collective Worship about working hard to improve our writing, and why it matters, so do talk to your children about this. We've also had some superb phonics results from our younger children's checks this week, so please do keep practising those Read, Write, Inc sounds. You can find the videos easily online or just as your child's teacher. Thank you for your support and well done everyone!

### 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 help stop the people littering. Also, killing sea animals. Please give food to the people that don't have any.

Amen

from Archie



Thank you as always for your support and partnership,

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