

Narborough Newsletter for week ending 2nd May 2025

The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back. I hope you all had a restful and relaxing break. It has been lovely to see the children return to school full of enthusiasm and ready to continue their learning journey as we begin the final term of the school year. I would also like to take the opportunity to welcome Miss Smith to our Narborough team as our new secretary.

News from the classes:

Hedgehogs: We have enjoyed reading 'Harry and the bucketful of dinosaurs.' We also found some dinosaur footprints!

Squirrels: This week, we have been finding out about the life of Henry Blog, learning about non-unit fractions in Maths, and finding out about different types of families in PSHE.

Foxes: We have enjoyed learning about the different food groups in Science and calculating fractions of amounts in Maths.

Otters: This week the year 5 children have enjoyed learning how to multiply a mixed number by an integer, whilst the year 6 children have been learning about equivalents between fractions, decimals and percentages. In French, they have been learning vocabulary to name objects in the classroom.

Upcoming Events

See Diary Dates for details.....

- Monday 5th May: School closed (May bank holiday)
- Thursday 8th May VE Day celebration. Children will be marking VE day with an afternoon of games/activities.
- Friday 9th May: Children in Endurance team to come to school wearing red.
- Monday 12th May- Thursday 15th May Year 6 SATs
- w/c 26th May - school closed for half term

Reminders and Information.....

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**

Team Points

The points for the Spring term have been counted and verified. The results are as follows:

Britannia: 290
Endurance: 437
Castorama: 384
Beagle: 400

Congratulations to Endurance for achieving the highest number of team points for the Spring term! As their reward for winning, children in Endurance team are invited to come into school in non-school uniform, wearing their team colour (red) on Friday 9th May.

Congratulations to Charley for always showing lovely, polite manners when eating her lunch in the dining hall.

Dates to remember:

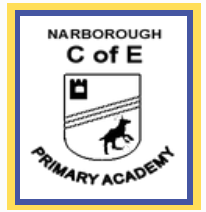
Monday 5th May - Bank holiday, school closed
Thursday 8th May - Children will be marking VE day with an afternoon of games/activities.
Friday 9th May - Children in Endurance team to come to school wearing red.
w/c 12th May - KS2 SATS WEEK
w/c 26th May - Half term week, school closed
Monday 2nd June - Return to school
Thursday 5th June - Year 6 Swimming Sessions (3 weeks)

Attendance Awards -w/e 25/04/25

Class	%
Hedgehogs	98.94%
Squirrels	92.06%
Foxes	99.07%
Otters	91.67%
Whole School	94.83%

Well done to:

Well done Foxes class for the highest attendance last week.



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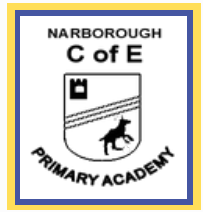
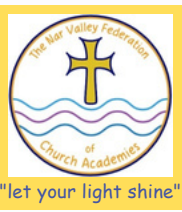
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Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Emma	applying phonics and becoming confident when reading 
Writer of the week	Charley	working extremely hard with using finger spaces
Mathematician of the week	Archie	Great counting and independently representing numbers to 5
Shining Light	Austin	settling into Hedgehogs well and for super tidying
Reads at home		None this week 



Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Sophie	making great progress in phonics.
Writer of the week	Charlie	working on his writing stamina and speed EVEN WITH A PORRLY ARM!
Mathematician of the week	Ronnie	showing perseverance when learning to find three quarters of a shape and number.
Shining Light	Oliver G	showing bravery when coming into school each morning after a long holiday.
Tackling Tables	Well done:	None this week.
Reads at home	Well done:	200: Jasper. 






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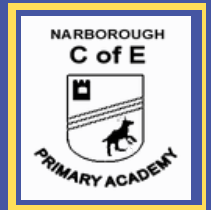
Foxes Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Esme	a well thought out summary of a Greek myth.
Writer of the week 	Harrison	using dialogue in his writing and acting on feedback.
Mathematician of the week 	Pavitha	converting between mixed numbers and improper fractions when adding.
Shining Light	Bow	consistently upholding school values and always trying her best.
Reads at home	James	100 reads 



Otters Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Theo	for using appropriate evidence to support his inferences.
Writer of the week 	Dylan	persevering to finish his detailed and effective biography about Charles Darwin.
Mathematician of the week	Isabelle	mastering multiplying fractions and mixed numbers by an integer. 
Shining Light 	Sienna	a really positive attitude towards her learning, consistently listening, contributing to discussions and trying her best.
Tackling Tables	Well done to...	None this week.
Reads at home 	Well done to	Nicole for achieving 100 reads at home. Olivia for achieving 200 reads at home.



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Help with online safety::



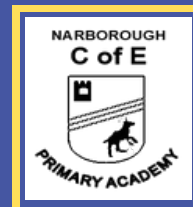
The CEOP website, run by the National Crime Prevention agency, gives helpful advice about when and how to report your concern.

<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

Online safety survey; many thanks for all your responses. Please see the attached separate letter for the actions and responses.

In 2021, the Internet Watch Foundation (IWF) reviewed over 250,000 webpages and found 72% to contain self-generated Child Sexual Abuse Material. This is an increase of 163% from the year before. Additionally, they reported a 360% growth in the amount of self-generated CSAM of 7- to 10-year-olds compared to the same period the year before. Platforms like OnlyFans and Omegle likely contribute to the spread of self-generated sexual imagery as neither have robust age verification checks in place. Please do ensure you know what your children are sharing. There is an excellent video

PRIVACY CONTROLS; some of you asked for more information about these: here are some sources of support:

[Privacy setting guide](#)

[Parental controls advice](#)

[Healthy mind, healthy body](#)

Mental Health awareness; this new part of our newsletter is for sharing our work and strategy on mental health for children and adults in school. We'd love to have a few volunteer parents to work with us directly on this strategy; if you're interested, please contact Mrs Neary.

Message from the Executive Headteacher....



I am delighted to be able to share with you all our third good Ofsted report from our Federation. Castle Acre Primary Academy has taken effective action to maintain the judgement found at the last inspection. I am very proud of all our Castle Acre staff and Federation team, as all our leaders contribute to each school's success, and all our team contribute by the work they do together. Thank you to our fantastic staff and well done all!

Please could I remind anyone with monies outstanding to pay what they owe; the amount we are owed is making us have to consider not doing some traditional end of term activities as there is zero money in the budget to be able to take them from. Thank you to those who responded to my end of term letter and have done so.

Y6 families, please don't forget to give your children excellent sleep and brain food in the run up to SATS and during the week! We want them to be able to do their best. Keep working hard children!

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 us keep our environment safe. Also, please help us keep our environment clean.

Amen

from Libby



Thank you as always for your support and partnership,

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