

## Narborough Newsletter for week ending 23rd May 2025

The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

Executive Headteacher: Mrs Anne Neary  
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### Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that we have reached the end of another half term already! I hope you all manage to have a relaxing and fun-filled half term and I look forward to seeing everyone return for the final half term of the year.

News from the classes:

**Hedgehogs:** This week we have been learning about fossils, how to make 10 and have enjoyed reading 'Dear Dinosaur.'

**Squirrels:** We have enjoyed writing our final draft of our newspaper reports about Henry Blog and creating our own artwork inspired by Vincent Van Gogh.

**Foxes:** We have enjoyed writing our stories about King Midas and making a Greek pot using mod rock.

**Otters:** We have enjoyed learning how to read 'The Arrival' (a picture book) and learning about migration in Geography.

### Upcoming Events

See Diary Dates for details.....

- w/c 26<sup>th</sup> May - school closed for half term
- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June - return to school
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June - Year 6 top up swimming sessions (3 weeks)
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June - Quik Cricket
- 6<sup>th</sup> June - Year 5 Residential Information Evening at CastleAcre
- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June-Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June - Year 4 Residential at West Acre Theatre



### 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**

#### Year 4 Residential

Don't forget to click the link to sign up for the residential. It is a great opportunity for your child

#### PE Kits

Please can you ensure the children have their PE Kits in school. This should include a change of t-shirt, shorts/jogging bottoms and a change of footwear (plimsols or trainers). The PE days for each class are:  
Hedgehogs: Tuesday and Wednesday  
Squirrels: Thursday and Friday  
Foxes: Wednesday and Friday  
Otters: Tuesday and Thursday

We recommend the children bring their PE kit into school on a Monday and take it home on Friday.

**Congratulations** to Alfie for being helpful to others at lunchtime.

#### Dates to remember:

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- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June - Fun Run at TNHA for Years R-2

#### After School Club Themes

- The themes for After School Club are:
- Monday: Outside Games
- Tuesday: Art
- Wednesday: Cooking
- Thursday: Clay Modelling
- Friday: Board Games

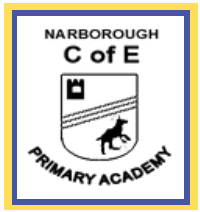
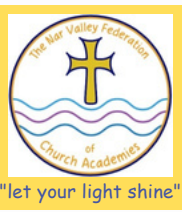
### Attendance Awards -w/e 16/05/25

Class	%
Hedgehogs	95.39%
Squirrels	95.24%
Foxes	98.88%
Otters	94.4%
Whole School	95.83%

#### Well done to:

Well done Foxes class for the highest attendance last week.



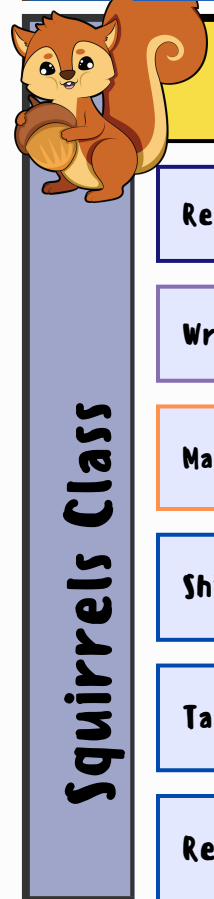


# AWARDS

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Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Macy	trying really hard with her phonics and beginning to spot diagraphs in words
Writer of the week	Archie	fantastic determination and effort for having a go at writing some letters
Mathematician of the week	Kyron	Super recall of number bonds to 5 and 10 and great written number sentences up to 10
Shining Light	Charley	always being so kind and helpful to others and showing great examples of service
Reads at home	Well done:	Joyce and Lilah for 25 reads



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Reader of the week	Ethan	developing fluency and understanding of different texts.
Writer of the week	Oliver B	always focusing and working hard on his writing.
Mathematician of the week	Jaxson	persevering to get a tackling tables certificate.
Shining Light	Isla	being fantastic and showing in her work and successes.
Tackling Tables	Well done:	Jasper, Jaxson, Alfie and Ronnie.
Reads at home	Well done:	Non this week, keep going Squirrels!








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"let your light shine"

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<b>Reader of the week</b>	Arthur	reading out loud beautifully to adults, demonstrating his reading fluency and a huge improvement in recent reading test scores.
<b>Writer of the week</b> 	Esme	trying hard in her spelling test and making improvements.
<b>Mathematician of the week</b> 	Luna	absolutely smashing the recent arithmetic paper and never shying away from a challenge.
<b>Shining Light</b>	Harrison	always being ready to learn and staying on task.
<b>Reads at home</b>	Well done to	Esme for 100 reads
<b>Tackling Tables</b>	Well done to	Leo, Chloe, Pavitha, Reggie, Isla, Harrison and Luna

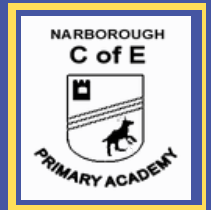
Award	Goes to...	For.....
<b>Reader of the week</b>	Bella	for using evidence from the text to make informed predictions and prove or disprove statements.
<b>Writer of the week</b> 	Logan C	For clearly describing the advantages and disadvantages of migration
<b>Mathematician of the week</b>	Sophie M	For drawing bar models to help her independently find fractions of amounts. 
<b>Shining Light</b>	Emelia	demonstrating great courage when presenting her powerpoint to the whole class about a South American country.
<b>Tackling Tables</b>	Well done to	Archie for achieving a tackling tables certificate
<b>Reads at home</b> 	Well done to	Paige for achieving 200 reads at home



Foxes Class



Otters Class



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**Help with online safety::**



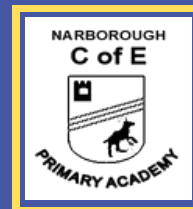
The CEOP website, run by the National Crime Prevention agency, gives helpful advice about when and how to report your concern.

***<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

#### New Survey on Smartphones - South West Grid for Learning

The South West Grid for Learning launched a new survey this month. The survey seeks to understand the concerns, expectations and experiences that parents and carers expect to face after giving a child their first smartphone. The overall objective is to map how this milestone is seen by those charged with caring for children. This is a little understood area, despite the impact that smartphones have on children. In particular the role these devices play in introducing children to the digital world. This survey is designed to change that. With concrete insights into how families navigate this transition, the SWGfL seeks to produce a support kit to help with these issues. This survey would be well worth completing, and passing on to carers and parents in your institution. If interested please follow this [link](#).

#### Roblox and Parental Controls - South West Grid for Learning

Roblox, the popular minecraft 'style' game has announced a new raft of parental controls. The website which ranks among the most popular games for children in the e-space, has previously been accused of possessing weak child protection tools. Their new raft of adaptations is important due to the game's position among school aged children. The new features have been adopted to allow parents to take control of their children's game time in a more comprehensive manner. Parents will now be able to block individuals who communicate with their children, as well as have more detailed oversight over their usage of the programme. Real-time awareness measures have been increased and these changes represent a big step forward in making popular multiplayer games more secure for underaged users. If interested, the South-West Grid for Learning (SWGfL) has produced a comprehensive run down of these changes. Please follow this [link](#).

#### [Healthy mind, healthy body](#)

Mental Health awareness;

If you are needing support in this area then a really good source of help is the [NHS website](#). They signpost you to other organisations, such as Young Minds, who are very effective.

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



Despite it only being a short half term we have managed to pack in lots of learning and events. We are very pleased with the progress of all of the children.

Can I please remind you to settle any balances you may have as we go into the half term otherwise, these monies will take away the opportunities we can offer each school, such as trips and events.

Congratulations to everyone who has ensured their child is in school which makes excellent attendance for the school. This also makes a huge difference to the children's learning.

Have a fantastic half term break and I will see you all really soon.

### 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 to have food, water, shelter, warmth and love. Please help others to respect our differences and be kind to everyone.

Amen

from Bella



Thank you as always for your support and partnership,

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