

Narborough Newsletter for week ending 27th June 2025

The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to see so many of you join us for sports day on Tuesday afternoon- the children really enjoyed the afternoon which was made even more special by your attendance and support. This week, the children also took part in the federations days at Castle Acre and were amazingly well-behaved, forming new friendships and engaging with many different forest school activities. Hedgehogs: This week we have been learning about sports day activities such as running and long jump. We also went to Banham Zoo and saw lots of Safari animals. Squirrels: We really enjoyed the activities on Federation day such as: den building, painting and making clay faces. We also have been learning about temperature in Maths. Foxes: We have been learning about decimals in Maths and have been using descriptive techniques to describe the spider from 'The Spider and the Fly'. Otters: We really enjoyed the federation day, especially the den building. We have also enjoyed creating a quiz in scratch which causes the sprite to perform an action.

Upcoming Events

See Diary Dates for details.....

- Monday 30th June - KS1 Active Kids Festival
- Monday 30th June - New Reception Intake Teddy Bear Picnic 3:30pm
- Tuesday 1st July - Leaver's Day at Norwich Cathedral
- Wednesday 2nd July-Friday 4th July - Year 5 Residential (Whitwell)
- w/c Monday 7th July 2025 - Transition Week
- Monday 7th July and Tuesday 8th July 2025 - Year 6 Transition Days at TNHA

Reminders and Information.....

As we are currently experiencing a very warm spell, please can you ensure your children have a water bottle, sunhat and sun cream in school and have suncream applied before they come to school.

Year 5 Residential

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

Congratulations to Ethan for always being well behaved at lunchtime.

Otters tackling tables certificates:

Ellie: 4	Fearne: 4	Freya: 1	Emilia: 6
Khloe: 7	Logan G: 1	Sophie M: 1	Logan C: 2
Sophie T: 1	Amelia: 6	Bella: 8	Lacie: 5
Olivia: 1	Archie: 1	George: 2	Nicole: 3
Sienna: 1	Dylan: 1	Isabelle: 1	

Attendance Awards -w/e 20/06/25

Class	%
Hedgehogs	94.56%
Squirrels	96.85%
Foxes	94.97%
Otters	95.2%
Whole School	95.49%

Well done to:

Well done Squirrels class for the highest attendance last week.

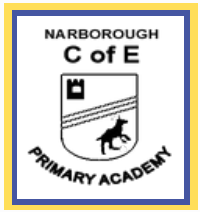
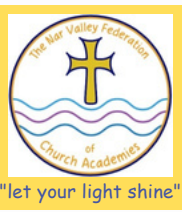
Teaching staff next year:

Unfortunately, we have a goodbye to say this year in the Federation; we are very sad to be losing our lovely Miss Chapman, who has taken the hard decision to leave. We look forward to welcoming Miss Georgia Saddington, who has been teaching our Oak class at Castle Acre. Miss Saddington has been teaching a number of years before she joined us at Castle Acre during this year and the children had a fantastic time with her when she came over to teach them recently.

After School Club Themes

The themes for After School Club are:

- Monday: Outside Games
- Tuesday: Art
- Wednesday: Cooking
- Thursday: Clay Modelling
- Friday: Board Games



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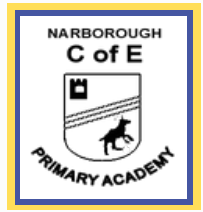
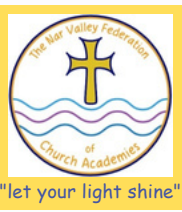
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Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Charley	having such a positive learning attitude towards reading
Writer of the week	Macy	trying her best with her writing this week
Mathematician of the week	Austin	Great counting and matching amounts
Shining Light	All of Hedgehogs	Presenting themselves wonderfully and demonstrating our school values on our trip
Reads at home	Well done:	



Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Oliver G	working hard to develop reading fluency.
Writer of the week	Kitt	working hard on making his writing smaller and sitting on the line.
Mathematician of the week	Charlie	using fantastic mathematical language when looking at position and direction.
Shining Light	Arthur	always showing enthusiasm towards his learning and being responsible with classroom jobs.
Tackling Tables	Well done:	Alfie, Jaxson, Joey, Oliver G & Ronnie
Reads at home	Well done:	75: Olivia and Scarlett. 150: Joey and Ronnie

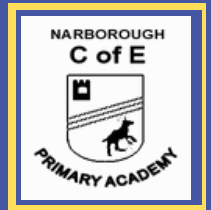


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Foxes Class	Award	Goes to...	For.....
	Reader of the week	Isla	becoming an enthusiastic reader and reading a chapter book.
	Writer of the week	Esme	lovely presentation, taking on board feedback and trying your best.
	Mathematician of the week	Leo	using counters and a place value chart to divide by 10.
	Letting Your Light Shine	Samuel	making brilliant choices on our Federation day and showing kindness.
	Reads at home	Well done to	none this week.
	Tackling Tables	Well done to	Thea

Otters Class	Award	Goes to...	For.....
	Reader of the week	Lacie	using evidence from description, dialogue and action to support her ideas.
	Writer of the week	Sophie T	accurately describing the meaning behind symbolism
	Mathematician of the week	Ellie	using short division to divide a 4-digit number by a 1-digit number
	Shining Light	Libby	consistently demonstrating all our school values.
	Tackling Tables	Well done to	56 certificates this week- see above for names and numbers...
Reads at home	Well done to	None this week	



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Help with online safety::



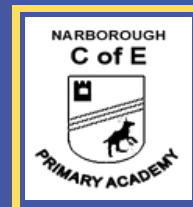
The CEOP website, run by the National Crime Prevention agency, gives helpful advice about when and how to report your concern.

<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

Smartphone Free schools

Following on from my column last week, I am sending out a Microsoft form to gather your opinions on whether children should have a smartphone or not, and our schools being smartphone free.

There are some very interesting pieces of research regarding the ever-growing opinion that smartphones are toxic for children.

See the piece in the Telegraph, where a pupil received 9,000 Whatsapp messages overnight, leading to the child's school banning smartphones from being brought to school.

There are many schools leading the way in this decision and I am interested in your views, so please do share them and we will discuss this with our Trust, who are considering this issue, and Governors.

Healthy mind, healthy body

Summer holiday competition - we will be running a competition for our children to design a poster to promote having a healthy mind...so get your thinking caps on!

Message from the Executive Headteacher....



I want to say a huge thank you to all our staff for organising such fantastic Federation days. We had our difficulty with the email regarding transport not going out, which made it quite challenging, and for which we apologise for, but everyone pulled together well and the children had a fantastic time. Every single child was wonderfully behaved, engaged so well in all the sawing, decorating, collaging with natural materials, clay face-making and all the other lovely Forest school activities they did, making things with the theme of God's creation and thankfulness that they can decorate our grounds with.

An enormous thank you for dropping off and collecting your children.

Narborough Parent/Teacher/Friend Association (PTFA)

We would love to be able to arrange a school disco for our children before the end of term. However, this will not be possible without volunteers to help us. Would you be able to help? Please contact the school office, Miss Maskell or members of the PTFA if you think you might be able to help. Our children are very well-behaved at discos and you would have school staff there to support you!
Thank you.



Prayer for the Week

Dear God,

Please stop pollution and wars. Thank you for letting us have a free world.

Amen



from Logan

Thank you as always for your support and partnership,

Miss Christina Maskell
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