

Narborough Newsletter for week ending 13th June 2025

The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Another busy week has passed. As I type, the year 4s will be at their residential rehearsing their play to prepare for their performance to parents. This week has also seen the year 1 phonics check and the year 4 multiplication check. All the children tried really hard- we are so proud of them.

News from the classes:

Hedgehogs: This week we have been learning how to weave a basket, painting a background for a safari and reading a book called 'Handa's Surprise.'

Squirrels: We have been learning about temperature in maths, practising running stitch in D&T and writing a poster about the sea getting damaged by pollution.

Foxes: We have been writing a persuasive letter inspired by the poem, 'The Spider and the Fly.' We have also been learning about different types of skeletons in Science.

Otters: In PE we have been practising track and field events such as hurdles, sprinting, javelin and long jump. We have also been working hard on our writing, trying to include dialogue in a narrative.

Upcoming Events

See Diary Dates for details.....

- Tuesday 17th June - Fun Run at TNHA for Years R-2
- Tuesday 24th June - Sports Day
- Tuesday 24th June - Reception 2025 intake parent meeting 6pm
- Wednesday 25th June - KS1 Federation Day
- Thursday 26th June - KS2 Federation Day



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 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 Edward for always being well behaved at lunchtime.

Dates to remember:

Tuesday 17th June - Fun Run at TNHA for Years R-2

Tuesday 24th June - School Sports Day

Tuesday 24th June - Reception 2025 intake parent meeting 6pm - TBC

Wednesday 25th June - KS1 Federation Day

Thursday 26th June - KS2 Federation Day

Wednesday 2nd July - Friday 4th July - Year 5 residential

Attendance Awards -w/e 06/06/25

Class	%
Hedgehogs	98.68%
Squirrels	96.67%
Foxes	99.44%
Otters	93.6%
Whole School	96.72%

Well done to:

Well done Foxes class for the highest attendance last week.



After School Club Themes

The themes for After School Club are:

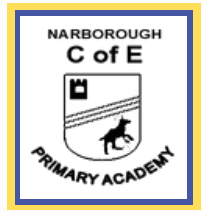
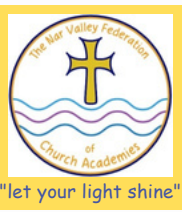
Monday: Outside Games

Tuesday: Art

Wednesday: Cooking

Thursday: Clay Modelling

Friday: Board Games



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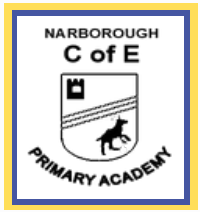
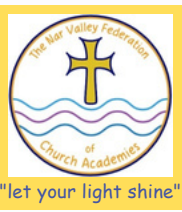
Hedgehogs Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Phoebe	recognising the letters in her name
Writer of the week	Edward	Having a go at writing independently
Mathematician of the week	Charley	Representing numbers to 10 independently
Shining Light	Lilah	demonstrating our class values and having such a positive attitude to learning
Reads at home	Well done:	None this week



Squirrels Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Lizzy	developing her comprehension skills.
Writer of the week	Sophie	holding a sentence in her head and Fred talking the words to spell them.
Mathematician of the week	Olivia	working well with an adult to develop her understanding of comparing units of measurement.
Shining Light	Joey	always taking on feedback on how to better his learning, especially in writing!
Tackling Tables	Well done:	Alfie, Jaxson, Joey and Ronnie
Reads at home	Well done:	No reads this week- Please don't forget to sign their reading records when they have read at home.



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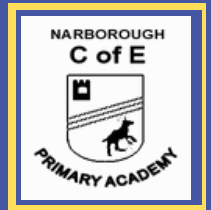
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Foxes Class

Otters Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Pavitha	Being able to summarise what we read.
Writer of the week	Danny	Being an enthusiastic writer.
Mathematician of the week	Reggie	Being enthusiastic learning about decimals.
Shining Light	Leo	Always trying his best.
Reads at home	Well done to	None this week
Tackling Tables	Well done to	None this week

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Libby	for writing an accurate but concise summary of a story.
Writer of the week	George	for being an excellent editing buddy, and vastly improving the quality of his writing.
Mathematician of the week	Emelia	for multiplying a 4 digit number by a 2 digit number.
Shining Light	Ellie-May	For demonstrating great kindness towards others.
Tackling Tables	Well done to	Archie and Paige for achieving tackling tables certificates this week.
Reads at home	Well done to	Sienna for achieving 25 reads at home. Khloe for achieving 200 reads at home.



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Help with online safety::



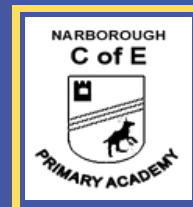
The CEOP website, run by the National Crime Prevention agency, gives helpful advice about when and how to report your concern.

<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

The Safer Phones Bill from Terry Jerry MP
Member of Parliament for South West Norfolk

I am supportive of the aims of the Safe Phones Bill. Research shows that the average UK 12-year-old spends 21 hours a week - equivalent to a part-time job - on their smartphone, and that one in four children and young people use their smartphones in a way that is consistent with a behavioural addiction. There is a growing body of evidence demonstrating that smartphones, and social media in particular, are negatively impacting children's mental health, sleep and learning.

There are also concerns about the time children are losing from real life play and interactions. The impact is more acute for vulnerable children. Over two-thirds of voters (68%) agree that smartphone access is causing harm to children. More than 75% of voters feel the government could take a more active role in safeguarding against harmful content and other online risks.

Aside from conventional guardians, social media firms and smartphone manufacturers are deemed chiefly accountable for tackling smartphone-related issues.

Children's excessive use of smartphones has a proven link to a number of developmental issues including increases in ADHD, a reduction in academic attainment and damage to emotional and social development. There are also several physical health issues that can arise from excessive smartphone use such as poor eyesight, obesity and worse sleep. We need to do more to protect children and tackle the issues I have outlined above.

Healthy mind, healthy body

A huge congratulations to our new Senior Leads in Mental Health at each school; Miss Everett, Mrs Jary and Mrs Joplin. They now have access to many resources in the local area, so can signpost you to sources of support.

Message from the Executive Headteacher....

Y4 residential

An enormous congratulations to our NVF Y4 children, who in one and a half days, produced a re-telling of the first part of William Shakespeare's 'A Midsummer Night's dream' and performed it so brilliantly. Thank you to all the families who supported their children and came and watched. I personally want to thank so much all the staff who have their time and expertise to help our children have such a great experience despite a last minute unavoidable change of venue. Our children were a pleasure to be with and a real credit to our Federation and their families, as were our excellent staff; thank you particularly Miss Willgress, Mrs Joplin, Mr West, Mrs Gathercole, Mrs Spaul and Miss Howman, who did so much organising. Without our team being prepared to give up their personal time, residential would not be possible. Well done Y4 you were wonderful.

Thanks also to all the team at Westacre, particular Sadie and Camilla for providing back up and scenery, as well as Carolyn Ash our local artist who did the children's fairy art mosaic and Tamion, who entertained them with Super Tamion Challenge time.

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. Thank you.

Prayer for the Week

Dear God,
Thank you for all the houses and food.
Amen



from Brodee

Thank you as always for your support and partnership,

Miss Christina Maskell
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