

Narborough Newsletter for week ending 28th November 2025

The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Christmas preparations are now underway throughout the school, bringing excitement and festive cheer. The corridors are filled with the lovely sound of KS1 practising their nativity songs. This week, the children have also been learning about how to speak out to stay safe through the NSPCC programme.

Huge thank you to Mrs Chapman & Mrs Rudd and families for the spectacular donation of our Christmas Tree for the school

News from classes:

Hedgehogs: We've enjoyed reading 'Stickman' and 'Incy Wincy Spider.' Also, we've enjoyed making our own stick men and learning about repeated patterns.
Squirrels: We have enjoyed writing about the Three Wise Men in English and also had fun making windmills in D&T.
Foxes: We've enjoyed learning about how sounds are made by conducting an experiment. We have also enjoyed learning how to use the column method in Maths.
Otters: This week we have enjoyed making the front page of our website in computing and writing our sequel to UFO diary.



Upcoming Events

See Diary Dates for details.....

Sportshall Athletics - 8th December
Years 5 and 6 - please complete the form to give consent, thank you

10th December Jack & the Beanstalk Pantomime
email reminder sent for consent & please log on to your Arbor and make the payment due. Thank you

School Disco 11th December
Tickets on sale Monday Morning please see poster attached

15th and 17th December Hedgehogs & Squirrels Nativity email to follow

Wed 17th Yr's 3, 4, 5 & 6 Parent Cafe
2-3pm

Thurs 18th Yrs Nursery, rec, 1 & 2 Parent Cafe
2-3pm

Reminders and Information.....



KS2 Swimming Year 4, 5 and 6.

* Please Note as the 10th December is the same day as our pantomime our last swimming session will now be on the 17th December instead.*



Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day:
please complete link sent via email.

Thank you for all the wonderful donations so far, but please if you have any jumpers that are too small and you are able to donate we would be very grateful.



Festive food hamper donations:

We are kindly asking all parents that are able, to donate any items for our Festive food Hamper. anything would be greatly accepted but please do not bring in any form of alcohol. all donations into the Office.

Raffle tickets available from the office and all the parent events throughout December at £1 per ticket. Depending on level on donations there will be 1st 2nd and 3rd prizes but the winner will be announced on the last day of term.

After School Club with Miss Gorman
please see attached diary dates with full information

Military Families.....

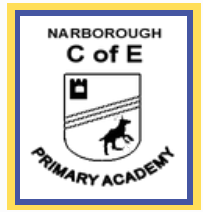
Military Club with Mrs Jary is every Thursday lunchtime. Come along, eat your lunch, bring a friend and chat! In future we will be 'meeting' online with our other service children at Castle Acre and Sporle. We're proud of our Service personnel and proud to support our service families. We have strong links with the RAF base and look forward to our involvement in events.

Attendance Awards -w/e 28/11/25

Class	%
Hedgehogs	95.6%
Squirrels	96.3%
Foxes	96.2%
Otters	98.1
Whole School	96.97%

Well done to OTTERS Class!!!

Well done nearly everyone!



AWARDS

Foxes Class



Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Arthur	a great summary about 'Ancient Egypt'
Writer of the week	Jaxson	greatly improved handwriting and beginning to self edit his writing
Mathematician of the week	Reggie	excellent application of column subtraction this week
Shining Light	Leo	always demonstrating fantastic learning behaviours and giving everything 100%
Tackling Tables	Well done to	Ethan, Arthur, Pavitha, Ronnie, Jasper, Joey, Leo and Reggie
Reads at home	Well done to	none this week - please remember to record your daily reads.

Otters Class



Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Sophie	using skimming and scanning effectively
Writer of the week	James	writing an effective sequel to UFO Diary
Mathematician of the week	Lacie	improved accuracy in her calculations.
Shining Light	Hughie	For demonstrating good learning behaviours and trying his best
Tackling Tables	Well done to	
Reads at home	Well done to	Emilia, Debora and BOw for achieving 75 reads at home.



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Safeguarding

Each week I get an update from the company that monitors school children and young people's online use nationally. This week they have seen and increase in:

- Use of Canva and Google Docs as informal instant messaging tools; be aware these platforms can do that!
- instances of unkind or bullying language being sent through Microsoft Teams messages. It is a really important message for children to understand that they need to be as respectful in digital learning environments as they are in person.
- an increase in Searches for 'Childline' there has been a slight rise in searches for "Childline." This could be positive, in terms of young people seeking support, but could also be a good reminder for us to check in with our children and young people - how are they feeling? do they have trusted adults to talk to and do they?.

- use of AI Image Generators for Sexualised Content

The company have observed children experimenting with AI image generation tools to create sexualised content. This raises significant safeguarding concerns, particularly around exposure to inappropriate material and potential misuse of technology. Do we know what our children are doing when they are online? Are we supervising?

Healthy mind, healthy body

This week it is the turn of our children from Castle Acre to give their tips for the above:

- "I eat an apple a day!"
- "I do Maths to help my mind - if you find it fun, you enjoy doing it to give yourself a challenge"
- "If I'm sad, I go in a dark room - there are no distractions and it's good for sleeping"
- "I stop looking at devices an hour before I go to sleep...I try to!"
- "If I need a break, I go for a walk to get some fresh air"
- "I can just sit and take a break"
- "I can do some drawing to give my mind a break"

Message from the Executive Headteacher....



Thank you to everyone who has filled in our really short Autumn Parents/Carers' survey so far. We want your opinions so that we can use them to inform our work, so please do fill it in, it only takes a few minutes. Many thanks.

Thoughts from our Pupil Voice survey of the children:
How did you find being back at school this year?
What is going really well?
What would be even better?

Our children at Narborough were overwhelmingly positive about their learning, staff in school, how they felt in school and how much fun they have. More comments next week!

Under the 'even better if' section, across the school, apart from wanting pets and more playtime, the children were all really clear that they would like more equipment for the playground.

Therefore:

We have received a donation for each school of £200, which given the children's feedback above, we would like to spend on a piece of outdoor equipment. We are going to let the children at each school via their School Council decide what to spend it on, and whether they would like to try to raise some more money to make what they buy bigger.

Narborough Parent/Teacher/Friend Association (PTFA)

We desperately need some volunteers to help us run a few fundraising events.
School disco: Thursday 11th December (5:30-6:30)

If you think you may be able to lend a hand, or have any other fundraising ideas, please contact the Mrs Howe in the office, Mrs Hamilton or Miss Maskell. Thank you.

Prayer for the Week

Dear God,

Thank you for our family and friends. God please look after people in need and are in hospital. Amen

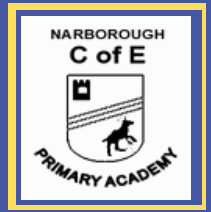
By Pavitha



Thank you as always for your support and partnership,

Miss Christina Maskell
Narborough C of E Primary Academy

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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/>