

# Narborough Newsletter for week ending 12th December 2025

The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

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## Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy week it has been! On Monday, Otters class went to TNHA to compete in the sportshall athletics competition, participating in various track and field events. As usual, the children were impeccably well-behaved and demonstrated great courage in trying new things. On Wednesday, children from reception to year 6 went to see Jack and the Beanstalk at King's Lynn Corn Exchange. We had an absolutely brilliant time- it was great to see so many children joining in. On Thursday we all felt very festive, wearing our christmas jumpers and we all enjoyed our Christmas lunch.

Well done Jaxson! An amazing experience was had by him and his team from Narborough last Saturday. They were mascots for Kings Lynn Town FC.

### News from classes:

**Hedgehogs:** We've enjoyed Maths, making numbers using counters. We've also enjoyed making Christmas decorations for the tree.

**Squirrels:** We've been learning about the role of women during WW1 and 2D and 3D shapes in Maths. We have also enjoyed writing our opening for our story about the three wise men.

**Foxes:** We've enjoyed using the column method for addition and subtraction in maths. In PE we have also enjoyed developing our skills in football.

**Otters:** We have enjoyed reading and interpreting tables in maths, reading the polar express and watching the KS1 dress rehearsal of 'It's a Baby'.



## Upcoming Events

See Diary Dates for details.....

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> December**  
Hedgehogs & Squirrels Nativity  
Please complete link for tickets 2 per child.

**Tues 16<sup>th</sup> December**  
Carols around the Tree 2.30pm



**Wed 17<sup>th</sup> December** Yr 3, 4, 5 & 6  
Parent Cafe in hall 2 -3pm

**Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> December** Nursery, rec, 1 & 2  
Parent Cafe in hall 2-3pm

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December**  
Church service 9.30am  
last day of term

## Reminders and Information.....



### KS2 Swimming Year 4, 5 and 6.

Our last swimming session will be this Wednesday the 17<sup>th</sup> December please make sure the children have their swimming kits.

We want to share some BIG thank yous this week. We had a very successful craft workshop, thank you to everyone for their support the kids had a wonderful time and we raised over £200 for the school, and a big thank you to Mrs Stanbury for organising the event!

Mrs Hamilton, Mrs Jary and Mrs Painter another big thank you for all your kind donations of the snacks at the Disco we had another extremely festive filled fun last night, and a huge thank you to all the parents who came and help

### Festive Hamper raffle:

Thank you to everyone who has donated so far the hampers are looking great! Please drop in any other bits if you can by Wed 17th.

Please bring some cash along with you as the raffle tickets will be available all the parent events throughout December at £1 per ticket.

Winner will be announced on the last day of term. GOOD LUCK!



### After School Club with Miss Gorman

please see attached diary dates with full information

### Military Families.....

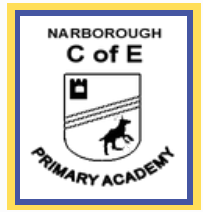
Military Club with Mrs Jary is every Thursday lunchtime. Come along, eat your lunch, bring a friend and chat! In future we will be 'meeting' online with our other service children at Castle Acre and Sporle.

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 12/12/25

Class	%
Hedgehogs	74.7%
Squirrels	93%
Foxes	90.7%
Otters	90.4%
Whole School	88.3%





# AWARDS



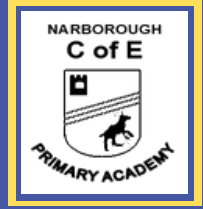
## Foxes Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Slayer	consistently being engaged with reading and responding well to questions.
Writer of the week	Charlotte	responding to feedback about her spellings and implementing them.
Mathematician of the week	Braydon	focus in mastering number and being able to reason and explain his ideas.
Shining Light	Ronnie	fantastic learning behaviours, particularly with Miss Sandford last Friday.
Tackling Tables	Well done to	Thea, Esme, Pavitha, Arthur, Reggie, Leo, Joey, Jasper, Oliver G, Jaxson, Olivia, Danny
Reads at home	Well done to	Jaxson for 25 reads



## Otters Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Bella	always providing thoughtful and insightful responses
Writer of the week	Luna	Writing clear and detailed explanations in RE
Mathematician of the week	Harrison	working systematically, showing his working out clearly and focusing well in all maths tasks.
Shining Light	Chloe T	being a good role-model to others. Chloe always listens and tries her best.
Tackling Tables	Well done to	well done to Isla, Bow and Ellie for achieving tackling tables certificates this week.
Reads at home	Well done to	Isla for achieving 50 reads at home and Ellie-May for achieving 75 reads at home.



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## Safeguarding

An article on some positive steps taken by Roblox: Roblox Security Changes - South West Grid for Learning

The introduction of the Online Safety Bill earlier this year (is important in online) safeguarding). The risks have become unmistakable. Adults now face increasingly sophisticated attacks from hackers and scammers, while children remain acutely vulnerable to online predators.

For children, one of the most persistent avenues for predatory behaviour has been online video games.

These are spaces where young users gather, communicate, and interact, often with limited verification or oversight.

Roblox, a platform widely associated with younger players, is now beginning to address this by introducing facial analysis age checks and optional ID verification for users over 13. These real-world verification measures are designed to confirm a user's age more accurately and to restrict interactions that could place children at risk. In practice, they signal an important shift in how major platforms are starting to manage online safety and respond to the expectations set out in the Bill.

Please be aware - Roblox is rated T for Teen, suitable for ages 13 and up due to the fact that anyone can create content on it for all to access.

You can read more about these checks on the SWGfL website:

<https://swgfl.org.uk/magazine/roblox-announces-facial-age-checks-for-chat-features/>

## Healthy mind, healthy body

Here is our draft vision for the above for children and families - please let us know your thoughts.

For our children, we work hard to model and talk about how to keep ourselves healthy in body and mind, without necessarily using the term 'mental health'. We share ideas about how to feel positive, how to recognise and change emotions, and how to regulate ourselves. We teach breathing in and out using the hand model, offer safe spaces to go to in order to calm down if needed and ask how our children are. We ask all our children if they have a trusted adult in school and home so that we know they have someone they can go to. We celebrate excellent examples of children taking positive steps for their wellbeing.

For our families, we have an open door culture and we ask with genuine care if families are alright if we can see a change. We listen without judgement and we promote seeking support and signpost to services.

## Message from the Executive Headteacher....



Survey results and actions:

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

Comments under 'What is going well?' included: 'learning a new skill in Maths' being able to use our new chrome books for Computing and Tackling Tables' 'Nice children and nice adults in school' 'the challenges and opportunities in writing' 'the daily mile and other exercises' 'fun English lessons' and the wonderful 'cheese sandwiches at lunch' Children also spoke about many of our subjects and topics of learning and right down to Nursery it is clear that they love learning.

Under 'What would be even better?' there were many, many comments about new pieces of playground equipment, and so we have set aside some donated money and school council will choose something in January.

Other comments were very focused on school pets so we will consider this. There were several children who suggested more teachers to help us, which was lovely to hear as it was clear from the 'what's going well' that children feel really supported by adults. There were two lovely suggestions from younger children around more plants in the playground and planting an apple tree to harvest the apples to eat as snacks, and these seem like excellent ideas.

So - we will purchase some new playground playing equipment, try and find some more volunteers to help us in the classroom and focus on our outdoor areas and getting some more plants and planting an apple tree.

Parents/Carers:

100% of respondents were very positive. There was one suggestion to clear the path to school which Mrs Howe and Mrs Kneeshaw booked in and sorted.

## Narborough Parent/Teacher/Friend Association (PTFA)

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

## Prayer for the Week

Dear God,

Please let everyone have a lovely Christmas and to be warm, and to be with family  
Amen

By Mia



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/4_7/)**  
**[https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/8\\_10/](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/8_10/)**  
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