

Narborough Newsletter for week ending 23rd January 2026

The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Another week has flown past!

This week, some of the children from Squirrels Class participated in the Active Kids festival at Lynn Sport, playing games such as: maths stuck in the mud, simon says, rhyming word game and yoga. They had a great time and behaved impeccably. Well done Squirrels!



Well done to this week's Shining light winners

Upcoming Events

See Diary Dates for details.....

Benedictine Project Day

Year 5 pupils from Castle Acre and Sporle will come to join Narborough Year 5's

Otters Class Trip to West Stow - Friday 13th February, information sent to complete please.

Last day of Spring 1 term - Friday 13th February

First day of Spring 2 term - Monday 23rd February

Reminders and Information.....

Yr6 Horstead Residential 6th - 8th July

Please complete permission for your child to attend via the link and pay deposit of £30 by 3/4/2026

Some of our children have come up with a wonderful idea to help raise money for some new play equipment for lunch times. please see the attached poster for more information.

Reminder that we have children with nut allergies so please make sure there are no nuts bought in to school. Thank you

After School Club with Miss Gorman

please see attached diary dates with full information

"We are looking for volunteers to read with children at school. This can be parents, grandparents, aunties, uncles or family friends. If you're interested in registering, sign up here

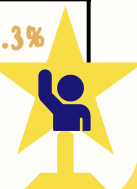
<https://www.schoolreaders.org/volunteer> "



Attendance Awards -w/e 23/01/26

Class	%
Hedgehogs	92.7%
Squirrels	95.1%
Foxes	95.5%
Otters	96.6%
Whole School	95.3%

Well done to Otters; everyone else needs to improve



Norfolk Safeguarding Children Partnership

Start for Life Conference:
See attached leaflet for details
Working effectively with fathers to improve outcomes for children
26th March 2026
10:00am - 3.30pm

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.

AWARDS

Foxes Class

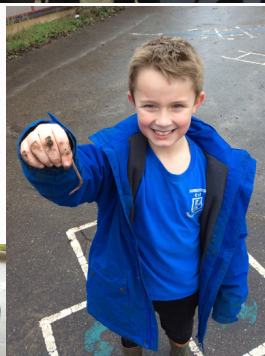
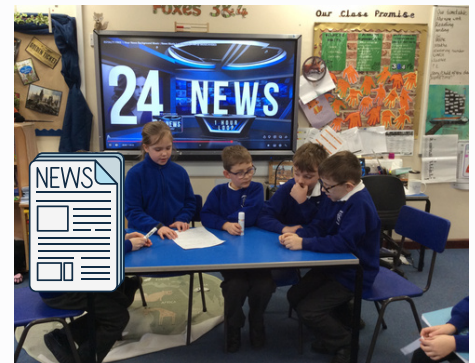
Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Esme	reading loudly, clearly and with lots of expression.
Writer of the week	Charlotte	creative contribution to our newspaper headlines.
Mathematician of the week	Alfie	great effort when taking on board the bus stop method for division.
Shining Light	Athea	being a wonderful class member who is kind and caring to all.
Tackling Tables	Well done to	Jasper, Joey, Oliver G, Leo and Thea.
Reads at home	Well done to	Oliver G for 50 reads and Athea for 75 reads.

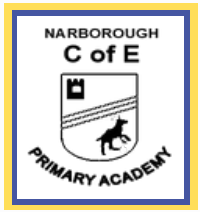
Our week in class Foxes:

We have enjoyed being newspaper reporters, investigating the mysterious flying frogs.

In Art, we have been painting self-portraits in the style of Frida Kahlo.

In Science, we have been learning about animals and their habitats.





AWARDS

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Sophie	selecting appropriate evidence from the text and writing accurate and concise answers
Writer of the week 	Arthur	independently writing sentences containing adventurous vocabulary.
Mathematician of the week 	Bella	adapting her test technique, and experiencing success!
Shining Light 	Harrison	
Tackling Tables	Well done to	Chloe, Debora, Isla-Rose, Ellie, Harrison, Luna and Emilia for earning certificates this week.
Reads at home 	Well done to	Hughie for achieving 25 reads at home. Ellie for achieving 50 reads at home. Luna and Harrison for achieving 75 reads at home.

Otters Class

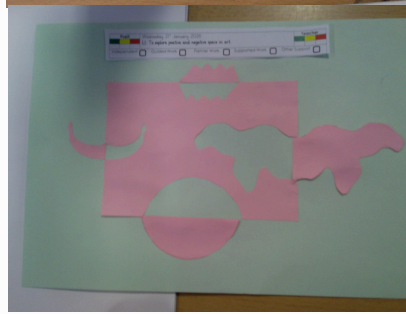
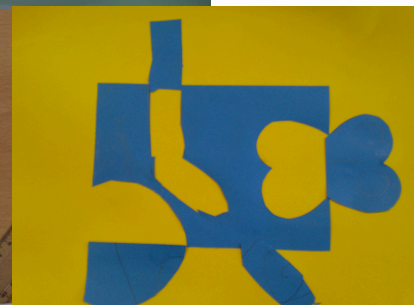
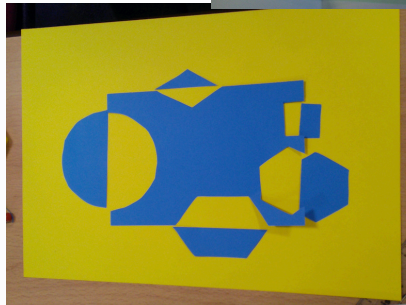
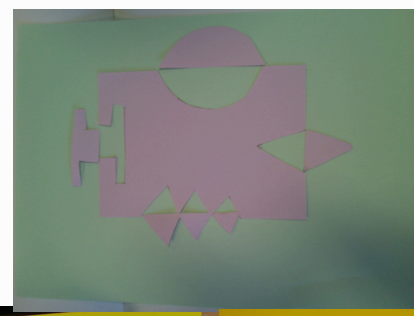
Our week in class

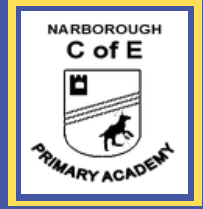
Otters:

We have enjoyed practising and performing our group dances in PE.

We have also enjoyed exploring positive and negative space in Art.

Year 6 have also enjoyed doing their Maths practice SATs papers.





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Safeguarding

Roblox tips

There is no fixed minimum age to play Roblox, and children often share games and social spaces with much older users. This mix of ages, combined with user-generated content and social features such as chat and voice chat means children's experiences can vary widely.

Things to check:

- What games are they accessing, and are they age-appropriate?
- Is chat enabled, and who can message them?
- Have they come across anything violent, hateful or worrying? Are they using private servers or public spaces?
- Are parental controls or age settings in place and actively used?
- Do you as a parent feel confident managing the platform?
- What helps most in practice includes:
 - Regular, interested conversations about what children enjoy playing, who they play with, and what they notice online
 - Adults showing curiosity, including watching or playing alongside children, so games are not treated as a secret or separate world
 - A clear understanding of personal information, including why chats should stay about the game and when to tell an adult
 - Agreed rules around spending, with children knowing when real money is involved and when permission is needed
 - Reassurance that worries should be shared, including exposure to upsetting content, mean behaviour or hate-based language
 - Confidence using block and report tools, so concerns can be addressed calmly and practically
 - Active use of safety settings, including age-appropriate controls, chat restrictions and parent account oversight
- More information can be found [here](#)
- Download an editable table of settings [here](#)

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...



Just a reminder about Homework. We believe Homework is about regular practise of key skills that support your children's success in learning. Homework should not be a source of stress for families or children, it should be fun and easy to fit in to busy lives! Each day, children should do the following:

Key Stage One (Reception to Year Two)

- * Read their book and answer questions to show their understanding
- * Do their phonics practise (either online using the videos or using the little phonics home book or any other resources you've been given in their book bags)
- * Practise number bonds to 10 and 20 (eg 3 + 7, 5+15, 19+1 etc. and also the inverse - the other way round)

Key Stage Two (Year Three to Year Six)

- * Read their book and answer comprehension questions or re-tell the story to you or explain a paragraph
- * Practice their spellings on Spelling Frame (if you don't have log-in details, please call the office)
- * Practise their Multiplication and Division Tables on Tackling Tables (again, call the office if you don't have their log-in details)

If you need any help or support, please do ask - we're always happy to help.

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,

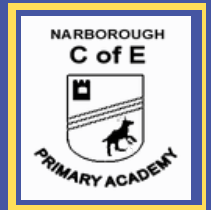
Thank you for my family and everything we have. Also thank you all our food and drink
 Amen
 By Lexi



Thank you as always for your support and partnership,

Miss Christina Maskell
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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/>

