

Narborough Newsletter for week ending 30th January 2026

The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, it has been fantastic to witness the determination of a group of year 6 children. They identified the need for improving our play equipment at lunchtimes, so have met weekly to plan how they can raise money to purchase equipment. This Friday was the first of their hairdressing sessions. I was amazed by the skill demonstrated by the "hairdressers" and the calm and friendly atmosphere of the "salon". Next week Foxes are invited to attend the Salon £1 per child! please help us support them in their endeavour to raise money for the school.



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

World Book Day Thursday 5th March

Children can come into school dressed as their favorite book characters more information to follow.

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, and picture of the first week below



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> "

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 23/01/26

Class	%
Hedgehogs	92.9% +0.2
Squirrels	94.9% -0.2
Foxes	95.5% same
Otters	96.9% +0.3
Whole School	95.2% -0.1

Well done to Otters again; Everyone else needs to improve



AWARDS

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Hedgehogs Class	Award	Goes to...	For.....
	Reader of the week	Winter	Great ideas and questions in our story this week
	Writer of the week	Cody	Trying super hard in writing this week and independently
	Mathematician of the week	Sophia	Super problem solving and reasoning in maths this week
	Shining Light	Avery	Settling in so well to Hedgehogs and being a lovely member of the class
	Reads at home	Well done to	Parker for 10 reads, Evie D for 75 reads and Sophia and Archie for 150 reads

Our week in class

Hedgehogs:

This week we have enjoyed learning about Diwali and making Diwali lamps. We also had lots of fun reading the story of Rama & Sita.

In maths we have been ordering numbers.



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Squirrels Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Joshua H	amazing work in his reading comprehension group.
Writer of the week	Sophie	fantastic independent writing about a time-travelling train.
Mathematician of the week	Esmae	beginning to subtract two digit numbers independently.
Shining Light	Lilly	always being an excellent role model to the rest of the class.
Reads at home	Joshua H	50 reads

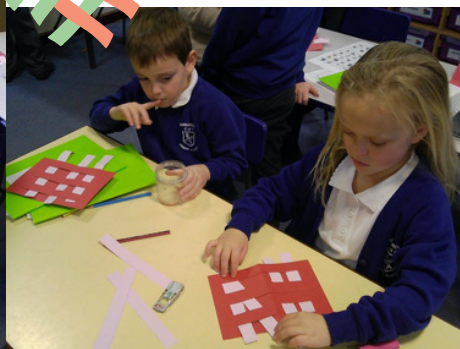
Our week in class

Squirrels

We have enjoyed writing our story about time travelling trains in English.

In Science we have been learning about the different bones in animals.

In Maths we hve been learning about how to subtract two digit numbers



AWARDS

Foxes Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Isla	excellent echo reading and explaining what she had read.
Writer of the week	Ronnie	fantastic self-editing of his newspaper report.
Mathematician of the week	Oliver F	sharing his knowledge and helping friends to understand the bus stop method.
Shining Light	Reggie	a mature effort in all areas of school this week, particularly his efforts in editing his writing.
Tackling Tables	Well done to	Oliver F, Ethan, Jaxson, Oliver G, Joey, Danny, Charlotte, Esme, Pavitha, Arthur
Reads at home	Well done to	Arthur for 100 reads, Reggie for 50 reads

Our week in class

Foxes:

This week we have enjoyed learning how to use bus stop method for division.

English we have been writing our newspaper reports about flying frogs.

In geography we have been learning about South America.

Well done to all the children that entered the writing challenge



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Otters Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Ellie-May	using good expression during echo reading and for demonstrating good progress in her reading test.
Writer of the week 	Isla	participating well in discussions about vocabulary
Mathematician of the week 	Poppy	improved effort during morning tasks and for demonstrating good progress in her maths tests.
Shining Light 	Isabelle	for demonstrating enthusiasm for her learning and for making me smile
Tackling Tables	Well done to	Khloe, Bella, Lacie, Emilia, Bow, Ariah and Luna for achieving tackling tables certificates this week/
Reads at home 	Well done to	Lexi for achieving 75 reads at home Logan and Ellie-may for reading 100 times at home!

Our week in class

Otters:

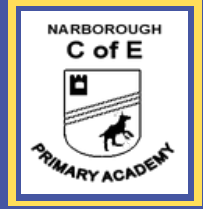
We have enjoyed making clay sculptures in Art inspired by Barbara Hepworth.



We have learnt Rock 'n' Roll dances in PE.

In history we have been learning where the Anglo-Saxons came from.





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Safeguarding

Our Online Survey is being launched next week for families; please take the time to fill it in, as it helps us shape our curriculum and ensure that children are being taught about what they need to keep them safe.

Parents/Carers' online safety workshop Monday 9th February 6pm at school: Please book via the letter that will come out.

Parents/Carers' Mental Health Day is today - 30 January. As you know, we are working on a strategy for mental health, called 'Healthy mind, healthy body'

The Parents/Carers part of this is as follows:

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.

I would be incredibly grateful if any of you could take 2 minutes to read the above and give me some feedback on the wording - does it say what we do, does it make it clear we care and does it make you feel that families are important to us? thank you in hopeful anticipation....

Healthy mind, healthy body

Our Wellbeing group met yesterday, and the actions we are working on for the children are three strategies for helping yourself to feel calm, as well as having a quiet space to go to in school if you need it. More on that during Children's Mental Health week, which is in February (the same week as Online safety week)

Message from the Executive Headteacher....

Smartphones in schools:

You will have seen a lot of coverage in the media about the above and the growing call to ensure children do not have access to smartphones.

As you know, our policy as a school is that smartphones are NOT allowed in school and we do not allow children to travel with them and hand them in when they arrive, and we do not look after smartphones. Should a child ever have a smartphone in school, we would ask you to come and collect it. We began this policy last Summer, after a consultation with Parents/Carers which voted overwhelmingly in favour of this. Happily, I am pleased to be able to say that we have had no issues with this at all and every family has been incredibly supportive of this. If your child is going to be walking to and from school by themselves, we would be happy to look after SMS and call only phones - non-smartphones with them being handed in at the office each day. Thank you for your understanding and support with this policy to keep our children safe online.



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 shelter, food and family.

Amen

By James



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/>

