

Narborough Newsletter for week ending 6th March 2026

The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Spring is officially here! What a lovely week we have had, with blue skies, sunshine and warmth.

The children have had a busy week too, culminating in World Book Day on Thursday. It was lovely to see so many children positively participating in activities to celebrate reading in their classes and demonstrate such enthusiasm for reading.

Thank you for all your efforts to support us in celebrating the day- the children really did enjoy themselves.



Well done to this week's Shining light winners

Upcoming Events

See Diary Dates for details.....



Year 6 Crucial Crew - Monday 9th March

The children will be collected at 8am. Please ensure children arrive promptly ready to leave on the day.

Tempest Group Photos - Wednesday 11th March

Friday 20th March- Red Nose Day

All the children are invited to take part in a non uniform day wearing something red. We are asking for a £1 donation for comic relief.

This year Odd Socks for Down's Syndrome is on Sat 21st so on Red Nose Day please also send your child in odd socks!

Thursday 26th March- World Book Day workshop repeat-all years-2.30pm

Parents/Carers are invited into classrooms at 2.30pm to join in with book-based activities; please note, if you attended the World Book Day workshop last week you do not need to attend this one but you are of course welcome to do both!

Friday 27th March at 9:30am-Easter Church Service

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible for this service. Refreshments available prior to the service.

Attendance Awards -w/e 6/03/26

Class	%
Hedgehogs	92.9%
Squirrels	94.7%
Foxes	95.8%
Otters	97%
Whole School	95.3%

Well done Otters class still maintaining our +96% target



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

Final update on our children's "hairdressing salon"

Well done and thank you to everyone involved with this. All the children have had a lots of fun taking part.

We will share what the children have decided for their new lunchtime equipment



World Book Day Fun!

A huge thank you to all of you for making the effort to dress up yesterday. The children and staff had a lovely day. A few pictures of the fun!



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.

AWARDS

Foxes Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Olivia	making huge progress in her reading and confidently reading out loud.
Writer of the week	Samuel	fantastic writing in dictation and a well-written story.
Mathematician of the week	Alfie	great attitude and application of adding and subtracting fractions.
Shining Light	Leo	consistently engaging with every subject, especially mastering number, and giving everything 100% all the time!
Tackling Tables	Well done to	Alfie, Jack, Jasper, Ronnie and Danny.
Reads at home	Well done to	Esme for 75 reads.

Our week in class

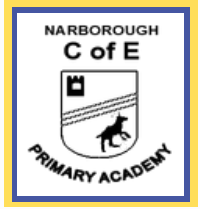
Foxes:

We have enjoyed adding and subtracting fractions in Maths this week.

In Science, we are learning about the life cycle of plants.

In English, we have been writing a story about the Twin Towers.





AWARDS

Otters Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Ruben	for working really hard on his reading in school and at home and for becoming more fluent.
Writer of the week 	James	demonstrating great perseverance when editing and improving his story this week.
Mathematician of the week 	Khloe	always trying her best and applying her strategies to solve multi-step problems.
Shining Light 	Harrison	focusing well in lessons and being an excellent role-model to others.
Tackling Tables	Well done to	Bow, Luna and Isabelle for earning tackling tables certificates this week
Reads at home 	Well done to	Bella for achieving 75 reads at home.

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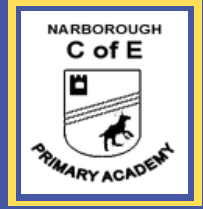
Otters:

This week we have really enjoyed dressing up for World Book Day!

We have also enjoyed making bridges out of pasta.

In English we have enjoyed doing our final draft of the "Man on the Moon" story.





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Safeguarding

There is a new Government campaign to offer support to Parents/Carers in terms of online safety for your children. The link to this is here: <https://kidsonlinesafety.campaign.gov.uk/>

They are also wanting to survey families, particularly of children. The link for this is here:

<https://survey.savanta.com/?id=a957374a585a03ba4b9&lng=en-G>

You could also consider joining the Smartphone Free Childhood group. This is a nationwide movement with county-wide groups. The group send lots of resources such as films and links to support material that you may find helpful, as well as sending a lot of really educative material. The link to this group is here: <https://www.smartphonefreechildhood.org/>

Healthy mind, healthy body

This week, a tip for busy Parents/Carers' the 7-7-7 minutes rule!
<https://www.careforkids.com.au/blog/the-7-7-7-rule-of-parenting>

Message from the Executive Headteacher....



Governors' Update: how we live out the vision of Christian Distinctiveness: During the past term, Mother Angela as Chair of Governors has been spending lots of time in NVF. At our meetings we have looked together at how the Christian festivals are shaped and how we can celebrate those distinctively. Our Benedictine project has been a focus for Governors to understand how this is making a difference to our children and where we can take this in the future.

Parent Governor Roles

Due to the retirement from the role of our last Parent Governor for the Federation, we really need someone from each school. You only need to attend 4 meetings a year, currently a Tuesday evening at 6pm-8pm. Governors only have one job - to oversee our Christian distinctiveness and ethos. Each governor does one small job, which is talking to our children about their views. This could be done at a Parents'/Carers' Evening so you are not having to give more time. The report template is really easy and you are supported by our clerk, Karen Howman, the secretary at Castle Acre. You also do not need to be a Christian - it is really important to get everyone's viewpoints represented. If you'd like to help, please get in touch - we REALLY want the viewpoint and feedback of Parents/Carers. There are also biscuits on offer....

Change to our booking/payment process for Wrap around care - Breakfast and After School Club.

Just to let you know that from Easter, in order to book wrap-around care, you will need to book for the term in advance, by filling in the link that the office emails you in the final week of term. Your child's account will need to be in credit before you can book and you will be booking and paying for the term. There will be a date by which you will have need to have paid. You will still be able to do ad-hoc bookings on the day, but again, your account will be need to be in credit before you can book.

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 help the people who are stuck in the wars. Also help the people who have no food, money or shelter.

Amen
By Lexi



Thank you as always for your support and partnership,

Miss Christina Maskell
Narborough C of E Primary Academy

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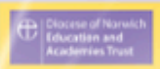
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Healthy Body, Healthy Mind



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Healthy Body 🍌 Healthy Mind 😊

🚫 Healthy Body ✓

To have a healthy body you could exercise and workout regularly.



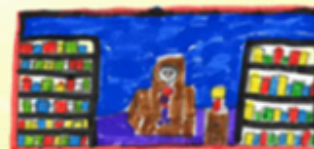
Eating fruit and veges are another form of having a healthy body.

Sweets are very unhealthy because they are full of sugar.



📖 Healthy Mind 🚫

Reading helps with your spelling as well as your mind.



Education is also a good thing for your mind.

Video games aren't very good for your mind.





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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/>