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### **NEWSLETTER 25 OCTOBER 2024**

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of the Nightingale Federation,

The first half-term of the academic year has flown by, and it was wonderful to see many families at the Church for the Harvest celebrations at both schools, so beautifully led by Reverend Richard. The children performed wonderfully, and the Ethos Team guided us in prayers of thanksgiving. We collected numerous food donations as Harvest gifts, which were delivered to the Mid Norfolk Foodbank.

We were also pleased to welcome families during our recent open events. If you were unable to attend, please rest assured that we will gladly accommodate a visit at your convenience.

Thank you for attending our recent parents' evenings. We are delighted with the positive turnout for our appointments and the support shown for our school, teachers, and students. It has been a pleasure celebrating our pupils' achievements with you, and we appreciate the opportunity to discuss their learning together. We have included a google form herewith for an Autumn Term Parent Survey, please could you complete this at your convenience. <https://forms.gle/23CkT1TkEvmduSJe9>

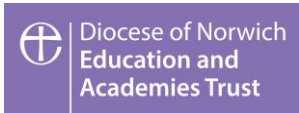
As we return from half-term, please be mindful that the weather will be turning colder. We encourage you to ensure your child is equipped with warm hats, gloves, scarves, and coats. There are supermarket clothing providers currently offering a 25% discount on clothing and uniforms, making this an excellent opportunity to purchase any winter necessities.

#### **School Lunches**

From the week commencing 25 November, a catering company called Nourish will be taking over the running of our school kitchen. Our current menu will continue for 3 weeks after half term, with the week 1 meals being offered the week commencing 4 November, the week 2 meals the week commencing 11 November and the week 3 meals the week commencing 18 November. We will circulate a new menu as soon as it is available.

#### **Friends and FOLS**

I want to express our gratitude to our Parents and Friends (FOLS) for their support this term. We are continuing to work on upcoming projects they will support. The student council has chosen to focus on outdoor play equipment. We're fortunate to have such an engaged friends association!



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### Nightingale Spelling Project

In Autumn 2, we will launch a new individualised spelling project aimed at enhancing our pupils' understanding of High-Frequency Words (Red Words) and fostering a love for spelling and grammar—key components for developing excellent, thoughtful writers.

Thank you for your generous Spellathon donations last year; this project will be funded by those contributions. We look forward to sharing more details later this term!

### Announcements

Finally, we would like to share the wonderful news for Mr. and Mrs. Allott! We are thrilled to announce the safe arrival of Dougie into the Nightingale Federation family. Mr. Allott will return to his role as Lead Teacher after half-term, following some precious time spent with his family.



Wishing you a wonderful half-term holiday! We look forward to welcoming all our families back after the break on Monday 4 November.

### Norfolk Children's Advice and Duty Service (CADS)

#### How to raise a concern

- See something
- Hear something
- Say something

If you see something or hear something that makes you feel worried about a child living nearby please let Norfolk Safeguarding Children Partnership know on **0344 800 8020**.

In an emergency phone 999.



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### NOTICES / REMINDERS

#### SEND PARENT / CARER CAFÉ

Mrs Smith will be holding a Parent / Carer Café on Thursday 14 November between 2.15 – 3.15pm. This is an opportunity for parents / carers to visit the school to talk about any concerns they have or to find out more about how we support children with SEND. There will be professionals available from Norfolk agencies and the Community & Partnership Team, who can provide advice, support and guidance for families. We welcome anyone to attend on a drop-in basis, between 2.15 – 3.15pm.

#### SCHOOL PHOTOS

You should by now have received a copy of your child's school photo, taken earlier this week. Please remember to place your order online by the end of the half term holiday. Any orders placed after this time will incur a postage charge and will be posted direct to your home address.

#### WRAPAROUND CARE

Please remember to book your before and after school wraparound care requirements for next half term – the link to our booking form can be found below. Ad hoc care can be booked with at least 2 hours notice, at £5 per hour or part thereof.

<https://forms.gle/DuL6ZmP5FBpKXwVr7>

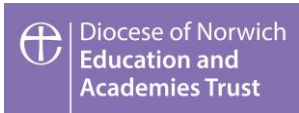
#### FOLS NEWS

##### Cauliflower Cards

Order forms for the Cauliflower Christmas cards have been sent home with your child, together with a copy of their artwork. If you would like to order anything, please ensure you do this online and then return your order form to school **by Monday 4 November**, so that we know which original artwork to send off.

##### Bonfire Themed Non Uniform Day

On Tuesday 5 November, children are invited to come to school dressed in something bright and colourful to celebrate Bonfire Night. Suggested donation £1 per child – all proceeds to FOLS.



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### Shining Lights

Cherry Class – Year R	<b>Oliver-</b> for showing a fantastic attitude to his learning this week.
Willow Class – Year 1	<b>Sylvie-</b> for always being kind, helpful and trying her hardest in all curriculum areas!
Willow Class – Year 2	<b>Olivia-</b> for always being generous with her time and thinking of others!
Rowan Class – Year 3	<b>Neave-</b> excellent effort in all her lessons.
Rowan Class – Year 4	<b>Lucy-</b> putting lots of effort into her writing, this week.
Oak Class – Year 5	<b>Nancy-</b> for her great ‘1 animal 4 views’ artwork as she thought carefully about the use of colour and texture in her work.
Oak Class – Year 6	<b>Sidney-</b> for his great use of vocabulary when constructing his own rhyming poem.

### WOW MOMENTS!

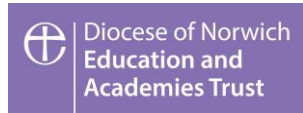
**Rupert (year 1)** has managed to master the art of riding his bike without stabilisers! He has been getting lots of practice in since!

**Harris (year 2)** recently played his first cup game of the football season and his team won! Harris scored a free kick and won player of the match – well done Harris!

Please remember to continue to send in your **WOW** moments for achievements out of school

<https://forms.gle/q6MZXdmzvtNHvJp19>





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### OUR KEY LEARNING QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

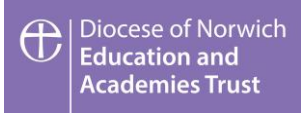
Year 1&2	What would we change about our local area?
Year 3&4	What are the capital cities of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland?
Year 5&6	<i>What was the impact of the Second World War on Britain?</i>

### OUR LEARNING THIS WEEK.....

#### Cherry Class

This week in Cherry class, we have been focusing on our bodies. The children have been exploring their own body parts and drawing each other to notice differences. We have also been making some amazing clay faces in the woodland glade.





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### Willow Class

This half term in Willow class we have been looking at the artist Barbara Walker. We looked at how she creates portraits. We then practiced our sketching techniques and created some fabulous self portraits! In Forest School this week Willow class have been leaf rubbing. They enjoyed looking at the different patterns the leaves made!



### Rowan Class

Rowan Class have had a busy last week of half term. We have been working on our column addition in maths. In English, we have written an interview with a Lyng resident to practise our script writing skills. We enjoyed Reverend Richard visiting and teaching us about baptism and confirmation in R.E.







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### Oak Class

In Oak Class this week we have been writing our own WW2 poems. We used relevant vocabulary and included rhyming couplets. In Maths, we have been simplifying fractions and converting improper fractions and mixed numbers. During our Forest School session we used a clove hitch to build shelters. We were also very proud of the children in Oak Class who represented the school at the Cross Country event on Thursday this week – well done everyone!





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### DIARY DATES 2024/25

#### October

- 25<sup>th</sup> Bulb Planting (all classes – in aid of FOLS)  
Bake Sale after school

#### Half term 28<sup>th</sup> October – 1 November

#### November

- 5<sup>th</sup> FOLS Non Uniform Day – Bonfire theme (bright & colourful clothes)  
14<sup>th</sup> SEND Parent / Carer Drop in Café 2.15 – 3.15pm  
18<sup>th</sup> Oak Class trip to Gressenhall

#### December

- 17<sup>th</sup> Willow Class to Holkham Hall  
20<sup>th</sup> Last day of term  
FOLS Christmas Disco

#### Christmas holidays 23<sup>rd</sup> December – 6<sup>th</sup> January

#### January

- 7<sup>th</sup> Children return to school

#### February

#### Half term 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> February

#### March

#### April

#### Easter holiday 7<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> April

- 23<sup>rd</sup> Children return to school

#### May

- 5<sup>th</sup> Bank Holiday – school closed

- 12<sup>th</sup> SATS week for year 6

#### Half term 26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> May

#### June

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Inset Day – school closed to pupils

#### July

- 22<sup>nd</sup> Last day of term