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NEWSLETTER 31ST JANUARY 2025

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of the Nightingale Federation,

As we navigate through the unpredictable weather that has graced us with wind, rain, sleet, and even lightning, I am pleased to share with you a series of significant developments and achievements within our school community.

Firstly, it was an absolute delight to see so many families at our Reading Breakfast last Friday. Your participation in sharing the passion for reading with your children was truly heartening, and we eagerly anticipate your feedback as we plan similar activities across the Federation. Please see some of the great photos we took later in this newsletter.

I am thrilled with the many substantial improvements to our infrastructure across the Federation. I am pleased to inform you that our Federation budgeted capital bid for a full replacement and upgrade of infrastructure fire alarm and security systems has been accepted at DNEAT. This means that Lyng Church of England Primary will benefit from a new system for safety and security. We are currently working on a number of other premises and development projects, which we will continue to update you on.

Our commitment to enriching the curriculum has been exemplified by the recent visit of the Space Dome to Thomas Bullock Academy. This immersive learning experience, generously funded by the Thomas Bullock Trust, captivated pupils from Nursery to Year 6, igniting their curiosity about the cosmos. We eagerly anticipate the Space Dome's arrival at Lyng Church of England Primary on 26th February, generously funded by the Friends of Lyng, ensuring that all our pupils benefit from this extraordinary educational opportunity.

As we continue to evolve, I would like to draw your attention to the ongoing process of finalising our new Federation website. In the interim, please continue to check individual websites for updates. For example, we have added our Autumn Parent Survey results and information to our parents section: <http://www.lyng.norfolk.sch.uk/parent-survey/>



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Notices and Reminders

Norfolk SEND Survey 2025 - Have your say

The Norfolk special educational needs and disability (SEND) survey 2025 is open until Sunday 23 February 2025. We really need your views on SEND services and support in Norfolk.

This Norfolk survey is for parents, carers, professionals who work with children and young people with SEND and their families, and young people with SEND who are aged 25 or younger.

The Norfolk survey can be accessed via the link below. Other survey formats are available by clicking on the link in the webpage.

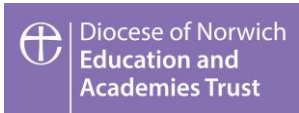
<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/article/40969/Norfolk-SEND-survey-2025>

VALENTINE'S BAKE SALE

FOLS will once again be hosting a Bake Sale – this time on **Friday 14th February**, after school. Please bring in your baked goods and treats on the morning of the bake sale and leave them with the school office. Even if you are unable to provide a baked donation, please come along and treat yourself for half term!

DRESS DOWN DAY AND NUMBER DAY

Please see below for details of 2 events taking place next week: firstly Dress Down Day on **Monday 3 February**, followed by Number Day on **Friday 7 February**. On Friday children should wear their usual uniform, EXCEPT for the item of clothing with a number on it, e.g. a football shirt. If you don't have anything suitable, make a number from a piece of paper and pin it on!

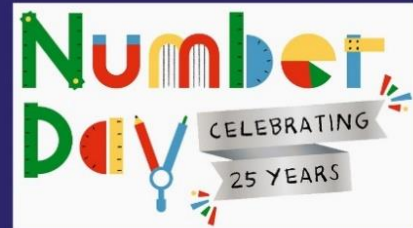


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All welcome to 'Dress Up for Digits'

Make a donation to wear an item of clothing with a number on it.





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Shining Lights

Cherry Class – Year R

Ralph is our Shining Light of the Week for producing some wonderful writing linked to our learning about planet earth.

Willow Class – Year 1

Loki for being kind, helpful and a pleasure to have in Willow Class!

Willow Class – Year 2

Joshua for his excellent independent home learning on Transport.

Rowan Class – Year 3

William P- For his fantastic effort with his script writing in English.

Rowan Class – Year 4

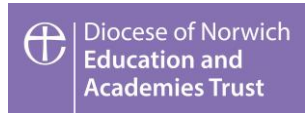
Jake - For his fantastic effort with his script writing in English.

Oak Class – Year 5

Jamie is our Shining Light of the Week for his excellent positive attitude to his learning within our Ancient Egyptians topic this week, shown especially in his writing where he has really show-cased his new-found understanding.

Oak Class – Year 6

Alfie is our Shining Light of the Week for the excellent enthusiasm and curiosity he has shown our Ancient Egyptians topic. The positive attitude we have seen him show to his learning recently has been fantastic.



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WOW MOMENTS!

Peggy in year 1 can now cook a meal all by herself – scrambled eggs! She is rightly very proud that she managed to cook something by herself. Well done Peggy!

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

<https://forms.gle/q6MZXdMzvtNHvJp19>

OUR KEY LEARNING QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Year 1 & 2: How have boats changed over time?

Year 3 & 4: Can you name 3 things that are opaque, translucent and transparent?

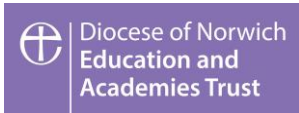
Year 5 & 6: Why did the Ancient Egyptians build pyramids?

OUR LEARNING THIS WEEK.....

Cherry Class

In Cherry Class we have been having lots of fun learning about the Lunar New Year. The children were really interested, especially when we tried some Chinese food. We have also tried some fruit as part of our Handa's surprise work; bananas being the favourite, being closely followed by mango! Finally, we proudly displayed the children's work around planet Earth, amazing!





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Willow Class

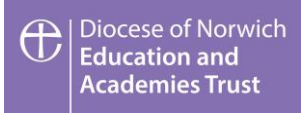
We have had a very busy few weeks in Willow class! As part of our History topic 'Terrific Transport' we visited Lyng Garage to look at an old car- it was amazing to see children comparing new cars to the old car which is 70 years old. Thank you to Richard from Lyng Garage and to Mrs Dunnell for arranging this. In Forest school, the children enjoyed observational drawing.



Rowan Class

Rowan Class have had a busy week writing our own play scripts, in English. We really enjoyed acting them out for each other. In maths we have been learning about different measurements. In Science we have learnt about how our eyes see light.





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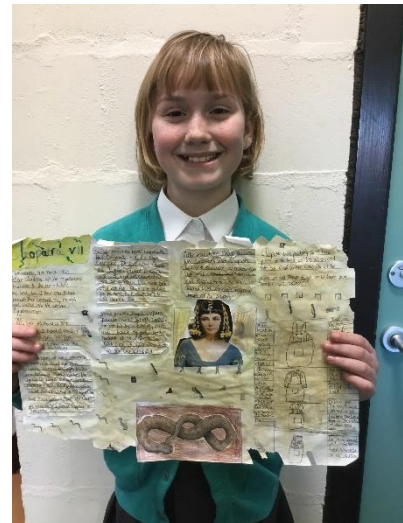
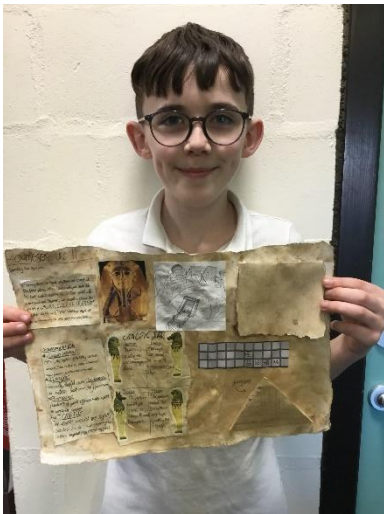
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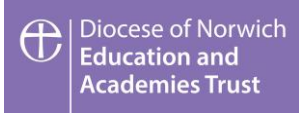
Oak Class

Oak have recently finished their Egyptology-inspired historical journals (The accompanying pictures show some great examples!).

We have since moved onto our next English unit, writing a portal story which takes a main character back in time!

In maths, we have begun to look at area and perimeter and Year 6s have been completing their next round of assessments. PE has seen us continue with our netball unit and in RE we have enjoyed learning more about Hinduism and have been introduced to the hugely-influential, Mahatma Gandhi.





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Diary Dates 2024/25

February

- 3rd – 9th Children's Mental Health Week
- 3rd Dress Down Day
- 7th Year 4 Bikeability cycle training
- Number Day
- 11th Safer Internet Day
- 13th Dental screening
- 14th FOLS Valentine's Day Bake Sale (after school)
- 26th Mobile Planetarium visit to school
- 27th SEND Parents' Evening (3.30 – 5.00pm)
- 28th Cherry Class to Gressenhall

Half term 17th – 21st February

March

- 5th & 6th Year 5 Bikeability cycle training
- 6th World Book Day

April

Easter holiday 7th – 22nd April

- 23rd Children return to school

May

5th Bank Holiday – school closed

- 12th SATS week for year 6

Half term 26th – 30th May

June

- 2nd Inset Day – school closed to pupils
- 9th – 11th Year 6 to Eaton Vale

July

- 22nd Last day of term