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# **NEWSLETTER 21st MARCH 2025**

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of the Nightingale Federation,

I hope this newsletter finds you well. I wanted to take a moment to thank all of you who participated in our Parents' Evenings on Tuesday and Wednesday this week. We are so pleased that many of you were able to connect with our teachers and hear about the great progress your children have made over the term.

It's always exciting to see how much the children are learning, growing, and achieving. Their hard work and dedication never fail to impress. I am also incredibly grateful for the kind comments many of you shared regarding your children's learning experiences and their time at school. Your support is truly appreciated.

Some of our year 1 & 2 children represented the school at a Cricket Festival at the UEA last week, and on Wednesday some of our year 2 & 3 children attended an Active Maths event at Dereham Leisure Centre. The children did us proud, both with their behaviour and team spirit. Well done to all those who participated.

We have rounded off this week with Comic Relief – the children looked fabulous in their themed outfits! Rowan Class led the way with our fundraising efforts by making bookmarks which they made available for sale. The current amount raised stands at an impressive £55.00. Well done Rowan!

As we approach the Easter period, it's a wonderful reminder of how far our students have come. Thank you for your continued partnership in making this school year a successful and enriching one for everyone. Our Easter church service takes place on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April and we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible there, which will be a wonderful way to celebrate the end of a busy term.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend ahead!















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## **Notices and Reminders**



### **FOLS Easter Activities**

FOLS invite you to join us after school on **Friday 4th April** for a delicious **doughnut and drink sale.** While you're there, don't forget to pick up your activity sheets for our exciting Easter events!

Easter Village Trail – Explore the village over the holidays, solve the puzzle, and claim your prize from Lyng Stores! Trail sheets are just £1 each and will be available at the doughnut sale.

Easter Colouring & Design Competition – Get creative this Easter! Complete your design over the holidays and return it to school on Wednesday 23rd April. A winner from KS1 and KS2 will be chosen by Mrs Taylor. Entry sheets are 50p each, also available at the doughnut sale.

## **Car Parking**

We have once again been contacted by a concerned local resident, who continues to witness dangerous car parking at the bottom of Wensum Road, near the junction with Richmond Place. Please ensure you are following the Highway Code when parking, which states that you must park at least 10 metres from any junction, so that drivers emerging from or turning into the junction have a clear view. This also allows them to see hazards such as pedestrians or cyclists at the junction.

Thank you for your co-operation.









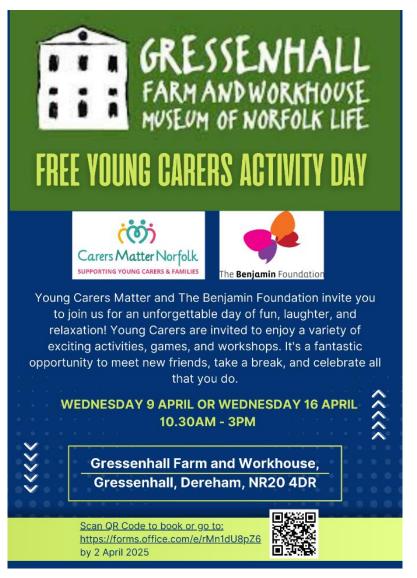




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### Healthcare Advice & Treatment - Pharmacy First for parents/carers

Did you know you can get healthcare advice and treatment for common illnesses without needing a GP appointment? Pharmacy First services allow you to visit your local pharmacy for expert help with a range of minor health concerns—so you can get the right treatment, faster. For more information click on the link below:

https://www.schools.norfolk.gov.uk/article/67869













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# **Shining Lights**

### Cherry Class - Year R

Harriet is our Shining Light of the Week for her excellent work on 3D shapes during our maths lessons this week.

#### Willow Class - Year 1

Delilah is our Shining Light of the Week for her excellent effort in recount writing this week. She has tried hard write in the past tense correctly.

#### Willow Class - Year 2

Rupert is our Shining Light of the Week for his excellent effort in Comprehension this week. He has shown great independence and perseverance.

#### Rowan Class - Year 3

Neave for her fantastic writing in English for her non-chronological report about Italy.

#### Rowan Class - Year 4

Lucy for her great effort with Pizza making in Design and Technology.

### Oak Class - Year 5

Niamh is our Shining Light of the Week for the excellent attitude she has shown to her learning this week. She has asked some fantastic questions to enhance her learning and is always engaged throughout, listening closely to ensure she fully understands each task at hand.

#### Oak Class - Year 6

Stella is our Shining Light of the Week for the excellent effort, preparation and determination she has shown our recent Mocks SATs. As a result, she achieved some outstanding scores, especially in Maths, making great progress.

### OUR KEY LEARNING QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Year 1 & 2: How has space travel changed over time?

Year 3 & 4: Can you find out 2 facts about Rome?

**Year 5 & 6:** Climate change – how does this challenge affect the globe?













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### **WOW MOMENTS!**

- Willow D in Reception has moved up to Stage 2 in her swimming lessons. Great job Willow!
- Olivia in year 2 has taken part in her first swimming gala! She came first in her backstroke heat and third in the final. She also came second in the butterfly race.

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

https://forms.gle/q6MZXdmzvtNHvJp19

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

# **Cherry Class**

We have been super busy in Cherry class this week. We learned all about recycling, where the children sorted rubbish into groups according to their material. We have also learnt about dental health, and have had a go at brushing some pretend teeth using real toothpaste. The children enjoyed looking for signs of spring and were super excited when we found frogspawn in the pond. The children have especially loved our writing challenge - as it included magical pencils this week!



















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### Willow Class

We have had a busy week in Willow class this week. We have been writing recounts. On Thursday, we had a very special visit from the Easter bunny! We were left a note asking us to complete an Easter Egg Hunt! It was lots of fun and we cannot wait to write about it in our recounts!







### Rowan Class

Rowan Class has had a busy week - we are designing and making pizzas in Design and Technology. In Forest School we explored the wildlife that lives in our school habitat. In Maths we have been learning about measurements in grams and kilograms. In English we are finishing our non-chronological reports about Italy.

















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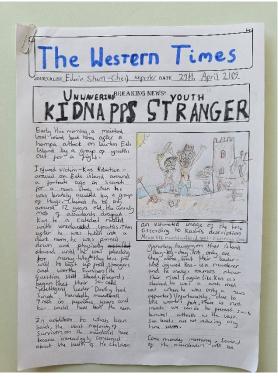
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## Oak Class

This week, Oak class have been busy! The Year 6s have been sitting their Mock SATs tests and have achieved some very pleasing results. Well done to each and every one of them for their perseverance and determination. The Year 5s have been working together this week, addressing key gaps in their learning and reinforcing their understanding within Grammar, Reading and Maths.

Many of the children also had the opportunity to publish their Floodland-inspired Newspaper Reports. Please see 3 excellent examples below:

















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## Diary Dates 2024/25

March

FOLS Mothers Day Shop (lunch time)
 Practical Parenting Session 1 – 3pm
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28<sup>th</sup> Cherry Class "Special Person" Afternoon (2 – 3pm)

**April** 

2<sup>nd</sup> Practical Parenting Session 1 – 3pm

Easter Church Service (pm)

4<sup>th</sup> Last day of term

FOLS Doughnut & Drink Sale (3.15pm)

Easter holiday 7th - 22nd 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 26th May - 2nd June

June

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

3<sup>rd</sup> Children return to school

 $9^{th} - 11^{th}$  Year 6 to Eaton Vale

18<sup>th</sup> Class Photos20<sup>th</sup> Sports Day

25<sup>th</sup> Years 3 – 6 to Norfolk Show

27<sup>th</sup> Reserve Sports Day (in case of wet weather on 20<sup>th</sup>)

30<sup>th</sup> Reception vision & hearing checks

July

14<sup>th</sup> Year 6 induction at Reepham High School

18<sup>th</sup> FOLS end of term disco (village hall)

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