

Lyng Church of England Primary Academy

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NEWSLETTER 19 JULY 2024

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of the Nightingale Federation,

This year I wanted to start my end of term letter with a comment in one of the huge number of thank you cards, letters and emails we received across the Federation within the last week,

"....the school is testimony to the notion that you can make a big impact on a child in a short space of time. We can truly say it really is an exceptional school and feels a blessing for all fortunate enough to attend."

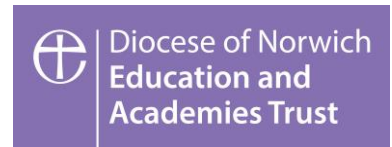
Wow! Just wow! That is our entire team's purpose. The children, each of the 95 (and growing) pupils at our wonderful school, our purpose is to develop values so that each of our wonderful children grow strong and bright and are confident and ready for a great future.

The first year of being in our new federation has flown by! Throughout the year we have enjoyed a number of federation events celebrating our joined-up approach. Our children have enjoyed developing relationships and making new friends, whilst our staff have continued their pledge to exceptional outcomes, constantly increasing our academic offer through a collaborative approach to working with even more excellent teachers.

On the sporting fields, we have again seen our school attend netball, golf, football and tennis events; academically our school achieved outstanding end of year 6 SATs results, in all areas, putting us at the top of the county once again for progress and academic achievement for the third year in a row; and this was demonstrated at both schools in our Federation. This summer term alone we had a brilliant Sports Day; a number of excellent community events, including a treasure hunt and disco; Our fabulous Year 5/6 production; trips to Pensthorpe, Banham Zoo, Norwich Cathedral as well as workshop visits, Norfolk Show Experiences, our wonderful children taking part in a performance in the Grand Ring and more.

I have many thanks to give, for us to be the fantastic community school we are, with such incredible pupils, we are supported so well firstly by our supportive and positive parents, who ensure their children are ready for learning each day, have read, completed homework and have excellent learning behaviours. A huge thanks goes to our fabulous FOLS team - for outstanding efforts to continue to grow; our brilliant Governors with Jo Tinson as our incredible Chair, who all regularly attend our school to monitor and challenge our practice in all areas; our local Church and Reverends Richard and Helen for their regular work with the children. Our DNEAT Academy Principal who ensures excellence for our children; alongside all of our amazing teachers and fantastic support staff- who give up so much of their time – out of regular schooling hours- on weekends and in holidays to make our school the best! Thank you all for helping us to 'let our light shine brightly!'

Lastly, "Thank you." Our staff teams have been overwhelmed by the generosity of our school community offering gifts, flowers and incredible kind and thoughtful words of thanks and praise. Thank you to the many who took time to chat to us each day on the gate and especially in the last few days. We are grateful and thankful for each of you and your kind words mean so much!



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Uniform Reminder

Ahead of our return in September, please ensure that any new uniform items you purchase meet our requirements as stated on the school website. Skirts and trousers should be plain grey, worn with a white polo shirt and a school jumper / cardigan with the school's embroidered logo; Birds of Dereham are our official uniform supplier. School shoes, not trainers should be worn and children should not be wearing items of identifiable branded clothing.

Children will no longer be required to wear home clothes except on non-uniform days- therefore please ensure that children have appropriate outerwear to put on for forest schools and outdoor learning

Hair longer than shoulder length should be tied back and children need to have natural hair colours and simple cuts please; no hair wraps and/or side cuts. Thank you for your co-operation and helping the children in our school look smart!

Communication

Our systems are fully changing on Aug 1, across the Federation, therefore moving forward - to ensure that your email is read and responded to in a timely manner and so that we can ensure it is received, please send all communication, no matter for whose attention, to the school office. It will be directed and responded to within a timely manner but usually within 48 hours. The email address is: office@lyng.norfolk.sch.uk.



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OUR LEARNING THIS WEEK.....

Cherry Class

Cherry Class had an absolutely fabulous time at Pensthorpe this week! We got to explore the discovery centre, went on mini-beast hunts where we found some butterflies, damselflies, a shield beetle, a frog and some slow worms! We also had the opportunity to go pond dipping where we found so many different types of pond insect, including dragonfly larvae, water boatman, leeches and water fleas which we were able to look at under the microscope back at the discovery centre! We learnt so much and had a great time.



Willow Class

In Forest School this week, Willow class used pasta, pebbles and pine cones to create pictures. During show and tell, Sid brought in his stick insects which he had grown himself! The children had lots of fun holding them as did Mrs Lemon!





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Rowan Class

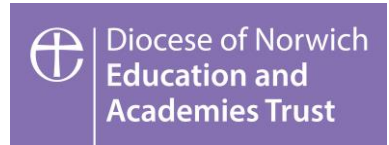
It has been a fun last week in Rowan class. In science we made a food web to consolidate our understanding of the importance of producers and consumers. We have also looked back over our memories from the last year and looked ahead to the future, getting ready for the summer holidays and the new school year.



Oak Class

We have had a week of celebrations, with the Leavers' assembly and our wonderful Year 6 leaving us for High School in September. The Leavers' play was fantastic success with all of Oak Class taking part and making all the audience incredibly proud. Oak Class would like to wish everyone a lovely summer.





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DIARY DATES 2024/25

SEPTEMBER 2024

- 2nd Inset Day – school closed to pupils
- 3rd Inset Day – school closed to pupils
- 4th School re-opens to pupils
- 16th Flu vaccinations year R – year 6
- 24th Karate Taster Sessions (all year groups)
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October

- 22nd School Photographer (Individual and sibling photos)

Half term 28th October – 1 November

November

December

- 20th Last day of term

Christmas holidays 23rd December – 6th January

January

- 7th Children return to school

February

Half term 17th – 21st February

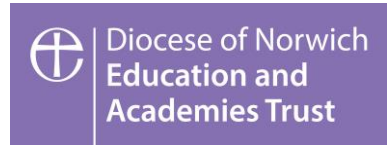
March

April

Easter holiday 7th – 22nd April

May

- 5th Bank Holiday – school closed



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12th SATS week for year 6

Half term 26th – 30th May

June

2nd Inset Day – school closed to pupils

July

22nd Last day of term