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NEWSLETTER 2nd MAY 2025

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of the Nightingale Federation,

What a fantastic start we've had to the summer term! It's been a joy to see our children return with bright smiles and such eagerness to learn, all while enjoying the lovely sunshine that spring has brought us.

In Reception class, we have welcomed hatching chicks this week as part of our Summer 1 learning topic. The children, and adults, across the school have thoroughly enjoyed hearing them chirp as they begin to hatch, and we are all looking forward to watching them grow over the coming week.

Yesterday, some of our children attended a netball tournament at the UEA. A big well done to our Upper Key Stage 2 netballers, who achieved an impressive 5th place overall, with some standout performances throughout the tournament, ably supported by the wonderful Miss Cameron. We are incredibly proud of their teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship.

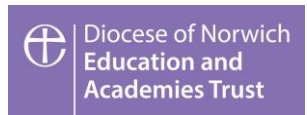
I'm delighted to share some wonderful news from across our Federation—Thomas Bullock CE Primary and Nursery Academy has recently received an excellent Ofsted report! This is a fantastic achievement and a reflection of the dedication, teamwork, and passion shown by the entire school community. At Lyng, we continue to share in this spirit of celebration and high standards, and we are proud to be part of a Federation committed to excellence.

As the warmer weather continues, a gentle reminder to parents: please ensure children are coming to school with sunscreen already applied. If needed during the day, please send in a clearly labelled, non-aerosol, easy-application roll-on sunscreen, to be kept in school. Be sure to check for any allergies, and if you have any questions, kindly contact the school office rather than individual staff members.

This half term, our value focus is *thankfulness*. It's a perfect time to pause and reflect on all we have to be grateful for—our caring community, dedicated staff, and most importantly, our incredible children.

A big thank you to those who attended our recent E-Safety session in the Spring Term. We will hold another in the Summer term, for those missed it. As always, we encourage you to be vigilant about your child's online activity. Apps like WhatsApp, TikTok, and Facebook are not suitable for primary school-aged children, and your partnership in keeping our pupils safe online is greatly appreciated.

As always, thank you for your continued support, encouragement, and for being an essential part of our Lyng school family.



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Notices and Reminders

SEN Parent Review Meetings

If you have received a letter regarding the upcoming SEN Parent Review Meetings on Thursday 8 May, please do contact the office to make an appointment to speak to your child's class teacher. Mrs Smith will also be available should you wish to speak with her about anything.

VE Day Lunch

Nourish Catering will be marking the 80th anniversary of VE Day on Thursday 8th May. Instead of the usual menu, they will be serving a Street Party themed menu as follows:

Hotdogs (Veg option: Quorn Hotdogs)

Vegetable Sticks

Crisps

Celebration Cake / Fruit Platter

Sun cream for sunny days

As we bask in the warm weather, we would like to remind parents about the importance of sun safety. We would like to update you on our updated protocols across our Nightingale Federation to ensure pupils are kept safe in the warmer weather. We would encourage all pupils to have an all day suncream applied before the school day. If you would like your child to re-apply this at lunch time, please bring in a clearly labelled roll-on suncream which is to be left in school for the summer term. Staff will then distribute these at the start of lunch and supervise the children in their independent application. Staff will not apply this for your child and by sending in cream for independent application parents/carers are accepting that school staff cannot be held responsible for the application of this. Due to limiting the risk of allergies etc and for ease of application, please only send in roll-on type products; aerosols and spray are strictly prohibited. We thank you for your support in keeping our pupils safe and comfortable. It is greatly appreciated.



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SENDIASS Advice Drop-in

Online Calendar

Scan the QR Code to find out where
we are going to be.



Pop along and speak to one of our Engagement and Advice Workers

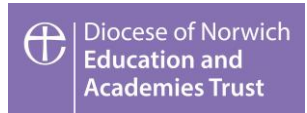


We can give you advice, information and support about special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) in relation to education.

We work with children, young people (0-25 years) and their parent carers.

We can give you information about SEN Support, education and health care plans (EHCP's), mediation, appeals, exclusions and suspensions, and other SEND processes.

All sessions are subject to change, any changes will be advertised on our Facebook page. Please be aware, these sessions do not offer a private room to talk, we will be based in the main areas of the library.
As we are not taking bookings, we will do our best to speak to you on a first come, first served basis



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Shining Lights

Cherry Class – Year R

Willow is our Shining Light of the Week for her great caring nature she has shown towards our chicks. She is respectful and always listens, when asked to do something.

Willow Class – Year 1

Peggy for her excellent effort in her work this week.

Willow Class – Year 2

Sebastian for his excellent effort in all learning. He approaches every task with a smile and is a pleasure to be around!

Rowan Class – Year 3

Theo for his fantastic perseverance in telling the time in maths.

Rowan Class – Year 4

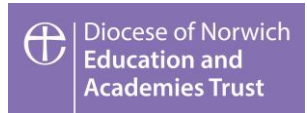
Violet for her fantastic effort with vocabulary choices in her story writing.

Oak Class – Year 5

Bradley for his fantastic coaching skills during our cricket sessions this week. He has helped organise the pitch layout, shown patience and offered support to those who lacked confidence and has shared one of his passions admirably.

Oak Class – Year 6

Sid is our Shining Light of the Week for the excellent positive attitude he has shown his revision this week. He has worked really hard to develop his understanding in maths and I'm very pleased with how he has taken ownership of it all in preparation for the SATs.



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OUR KEY LEARNING QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Year 1 & 2: What facts do you know about Wales?

Year 3 & 4: Can you show an adult the climate zones of the world on a map?

Year 5 & 6: How do you read an Ordnance Survey map?

WOW MOMENTS!

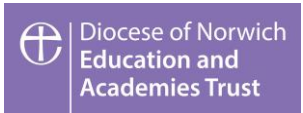
Carlo (year 3) has managed to run 8 laps of the running track at Henderson Park, with each lap totalling 400m. Good work Carlo!

William (year 3) and **Peggy (year 1)** did lots of fell walking in the Lake District over the Easter holidays and managed to conquer Catbells. It stands 451 metres high!

Martha (year 6) was selected over the Easter holidays to represent the Norwich City Player Development Centre in their football match against the Ipswich Town under-11s. The match was 'away' at Needham Market.

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

<https://forms.gle/q6MZXdMzvtNHvJp19>



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OUR LEARNING THIS WEEK.....

Cherry Class

This week the Cherry children have had the privilege to watch some chicks hatch from eggs. They have been careful and considerate, even though they were very excited! We are looking forward to lots of cuddles and learning how to care for chicks over the next week.



Willow Class

We have had a busy start to the summer term! We kicked off our new topic this half term 'The United Kingdom' by looking at the countries in the UK. In Forest School, we looked at the story of St. George and created dragon eyes. We have had some great homework sent in linked to our topic - keep it up! In English, we have been reading 'Katie in London' and have written postcards for display about Katie's day in London. In Maths, we have been measuring with cubes, in centimetres and in metres. Great job Willow Class!





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Rowan Class

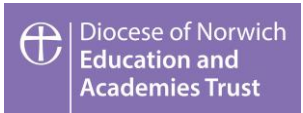
Rowan Class have had a fun week working on telling the time in maths and writing an adventure story based on The Iron Man by Ted Hughes, in English. In Science we investigated the effect of a surface, on how far a toy car would travel and learnt about the forces; push, friction and gravity. In Forest School we made models of The Iron Man with natural materials.



Oak Class

This week, both year groups of Oak class have continued their revision sessions: Year 6 in preparation for SATs and Year 5 have been following the 'Secure the Fundamentals' materials to consolidate their understanding of Year 5 targets. The children have all been very positive and are developing confidence and understanding with every session. On Monday, they finally got the chance to test their flood-proof houses they designed in DT which was great fun. In PE, we have started our cricket unit and on Wednesday, a group of keen netballing girls represented Lyng at a tournament of 16 schools, coming 5th overall which is a fantastic achievement - I hope to see them all pursue netball at high school!





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Diary Dates 2024/25

May

- 5th **Bank Holiday – school closed**
- 8th Tri Golf Festival at Dereham Hockey Club (Yrs 2 – 4)
VE Day Lunch
SEN Parents' Review Meetings (3.30 – 5.00pm)
- 12th SATS week for year 6
- 23rd Cherry Class to Pensthorpe

Half term 26th May – 2nd June

June

- 2nd **Inset Day – school closed to pupils**
- 3rd Children return to school
- 9th – 11th Year 6 to Eaton Vale
- 18th Class Photos
- 20th Sports Day
- 25th Years 3 – 6 to Norfolk Show
- 27th Reserve Sports Day (in case of wet weather on 20th)
- 30th Reception vision & hearing checks

July

- 14th Year 6 induction at Reepham High School
- 18th FOLS end of term disco (village hall)
- 22nd **Last day of term**