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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of the Nightingale Federation,

What an exciting couple of weeks we've had! Today is Number Day, and we've loved seeing our pupils dressed in all things number-related. Our school displays have beautifully transformed to showcase the fantastic Maths learning and knowledge our pupils have developed so far this term.

Last week the children enjoyed a visit from Mr Nourish, who came into school to present prizes to the children who were successful in their recent "Design a Meal" competition. Always a fun visit, thanks must to go our Cook Becky and her team for arranging this.

Children's Mental Health Week and E-Safety Day

Looking ahead, we're eagerly anticipating next week's Children's Mental Health Week and E-Safety Day. Our pupils have been working hard preparing for our E-Safety Collective Worship Assemblies. To kick-start the week**,** we will be holding a **non-uniform day on Monday 9th February.** This year's theme is 'This is my Place' which reminds us how important it is for children to feel safe, heard and valued at home. Parents can help support children's mental health by keeping simple routines, checking in regularly and making time to talk and play together.

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On Monday, we are inviting children to come to school wearing clothes that help them show who they are. This might be bright colours, favourite outfits, sports kits, costumes, comfy clothes, or anything that makes them feel confident and happy. The aim of the day is to celebrate individuality and to help children understand that it's okay to be themselves and talk about their feelings. There is no pressure to buy anything new — children are encouraged to wear something they already own and feel comfortable in.

Throughout the week, classes will be taking part in activities and discussions to support positive mental health and wellbeing. Thank you for your continued support in helping us promote a happy, inclusive, and supportive school environment.

School Council Non Uniform Day and Bake Sale

Our Student Council is arranging a heart warming Valentine's cake bake sale (after school) and non-uniform day on **Friday 13 February**. They'll be raising funds for Gt Ormond Street Hospital and supporting our Friends group to purchase new outdoor equipment.

We would be grateful for cake and / or biscuit donations which can be dropped off at the office on Friday morning. **Student Council are inviting everyone to wear red, pink, or hearts in return for a £1 donation.** Children will also be taking part in a fun "Red Run" during the day.

Good News

We're thrilled to share some wonderful news - we've been chosen as a Best Practice Federation for the Norfolk Learning Collaboration, one of only a few across the County! We have already had executive leaders visit this week at both schools. This is a huge honour that allows us to invite executive leaders, learn from others, and continuously improve our practice.

Uniform

We would like to thank you for supporting the push for children's uniforms this term. For PE and daily wear, we appreciate your cooperation. If you have any uniform questions, please check the website or ask at the office.

Thank you again for your continued support.

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Notices & Reminders

Medical Appointments

Please could we politely remind all parents to try and make routine children's appointments for doctors, dentists and hospital outside school hours. We understand that this is not always possible, but such appointments will still count as absence on your child's record, despite being authorised. We wish to minimise the impact on children's learning as far as is possible. Thank you for your co-operation.

World Book Day

This year World Book Day takes place on **Thursday 5th March**. As usual, children will be invited to dress up as a character from a book and we look forward to seeing all their creations!

The school kitchen will be serving a special themed lunch on that day (details to follow) and classes will be taking part in book related activities.

Book Look Reminder

A reminder that parents are invited into school on **Wednesday 11 February** to have a look at their children's books. Refreshments served from 2.45pm, with books available from 3.00pm.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

Family Action Newsletter

Please click on the link below to view the latest newsletter from Norfolk & Waveney Autism / ADHD Support Service:

https://sway.cloud.microsoft/z3QjmOxQEkiDBEQN?ref=email

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Shining Lights

Cherry Class – Year R
Imogen is our Shining Light of the Week for her amazing maths work this week. We have been learning about doubles, and Imogen amazed us with her double facts!

Willow Class – Year 1
Aubrey is our Shining Light of the Week for her excellent creativity in art this week. You added great detail to your rainforest picture!

Willow Class – Year 2
Martha is our Shining Light of the Week for her excellent effort in all subjects. You always engage well, try your best and you are a joy to be around!

Rowan Class – Year 3
Hunter is our Shining Light of the Week for his great effort with his maths, calculating the perimeter of different shapes.

Rowan Class – Year 4
William is our Shining Light of the Week for his great effort with his handwriting, attempting to join all his letters.

Oak Class – Year 5
Violet is our Shining Light of the Week for the excellent engagement and enthusiasm she has shown with our current Geography unit. This week, she expertly explained the transformation of Pangaea and showed a great understanding of continental drift in her writing.

Oak Class – Year 6
Noah is our Shining Light of the Week for his excellent attitude to his learning this week. He's particularly worked hard in his English lessons, paying close attention to detail and producing great outcomes in preparation for writing our explanation texts about how mountains are formed.

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WOW MOMENTS!

Henry (Y2) has achieved his first certificate and medal at Easton Gymnastics for level 3 requirements.

William (Y5) has rapidly progressed onto the next level at swimming (Level 7-bronze) after a very short time in level 6.

Peggy (Y2) is making excellent progress with her swimming and has recently moved up from stage 4 to stage 5.

Please continue to send in your "Wow" moments for achievements out of school using the link below:

https://forms.gle/q6MZXdmzvtNHvJp19

ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance this week is 94.6%

The award for the best year group attendance goes to Year 2 & Year 6. Both have achieved 100% this week - well done!

Key Learning Questions

Year 1 & 2: What is the continent of South America like?

Year 3 & 4: Which animals live in a tropical rainforest?

Year 5 & 6: How are mountains formed?

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SEND Parent Voice Results

Thank you to all of the families who took the time to complete our recent SEND Parent Voice Survey. We are delighted to share that the feedback was overwhelmingly positive and reflects the strong partnership between home and school in supporting our children with SEND.

Highlights from the survey show that:

- **100%** of parents/carers are aware that their child has a support plan in place and understand the help that their child receives in school.
- **100%** of parents/carers are happy with the SEND support their child receives in school.
- **75%** of parents/carers feel that their child is making 'good' progress towards their SEND targets

We are also incredibly grateful for the positive comments shared, which highlighted not only the impact of our SEND provision on learning, but also the wider emotional support and strong communication between school and home.

Parents/carers said:

"The support plans and targets are always being reviewed"

"The school really understands my child, their personality, likes and dislikes"

"They are very patient with my child, even though he can be very challenging"

"The SENCO is an asset to the school"

We are so grateful to have received such encouraging feedback and would like to thank you for your continued support and partnership.

Next steps: In response to a request for a parent workshop on **PDA (Pathological Demand Avoidance)**, we will be arranging this and will share further details in a future newsletter once confirmed.

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Our Learning this Week.....

Cherry Class

What a busy week in Cherry class! They have taken part in the Big School Bird Watch, where they recorded some bird songs using the merlin app to identify the birds, spotted some signs of birds and used their listening skills.
We continued our space topic, where we painted some amazing planets using balloons, and looked at the 'starry night' painting by Vincent Van Gogh.
They have been busy creating some owl masks after learning about owls in forest schools.
As part of our focus book 'How to Catch a Star' the children made an impressive star trap in our outdoor area.

Willow Class

In English this week we have been drafting our innovative chapter of 'The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark' . The children have come up with some great ideas and we cannot wait to share our finished piece! In Maths, we have been learning how to count in 2s, 5s and 10s. In Art, we sketched our jungle habitat, ready to paint next week. In PE, the children have been working hard with Mr Brighton on balance and counterbalance.

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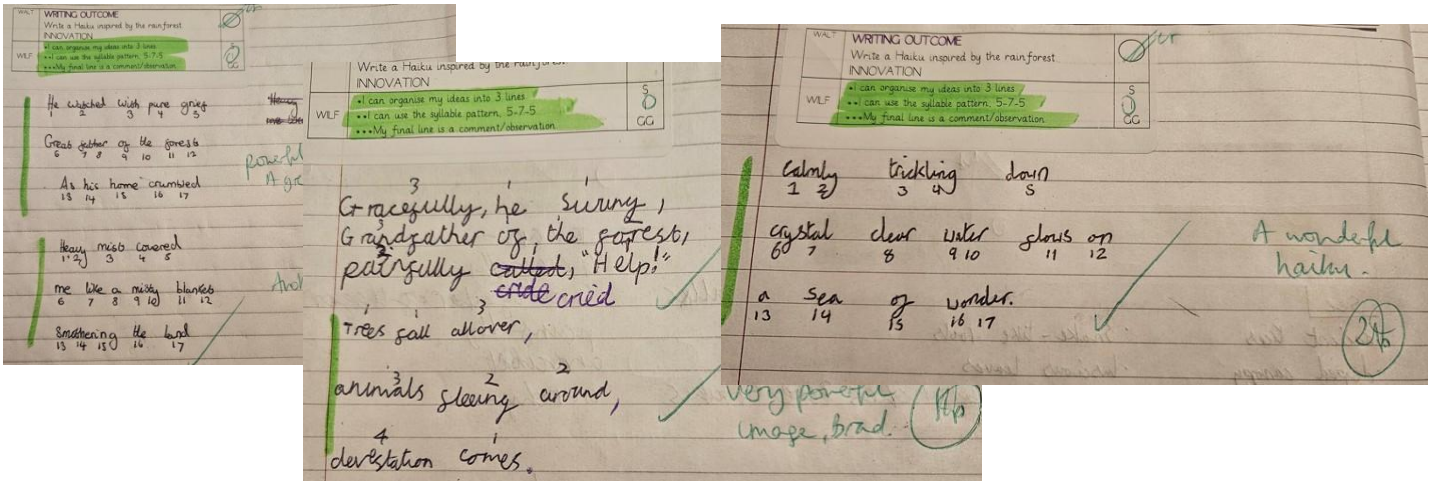
Rowan Class

Rowan Class have had a lovely week, starting to write poetry about the Amazon rainforest. In maths, we have been calculating the perimeters of different shapes. During science lessons, we have been learning about vertebrates and invertebrates. We enjoyed working on our dance sequences in P.E. In forest school we enjoyed finding real life food chains, linked to our science learning.

Oak Class

Oak Class have been exploring decimals in maths, with the Year 6s also doing their next round of assessments. In Art, we have started to design our Hokusai-inspired prints and continuing to perform in dance in PE. In RE, there's been a lot of head scratching as we have tried to answer the philosophical question, What is the meaning of life? Lots of fantastic discussion, reasoning and debate so far in these sessions.

In English, Oak have just started their explanation unit about how mountains are formed but before that, finished drafting their impressive haiku poems all about the rainforest. Here are some fantastic examples below, evoking wonderful imagery and powerful messages in only 17 syllables!



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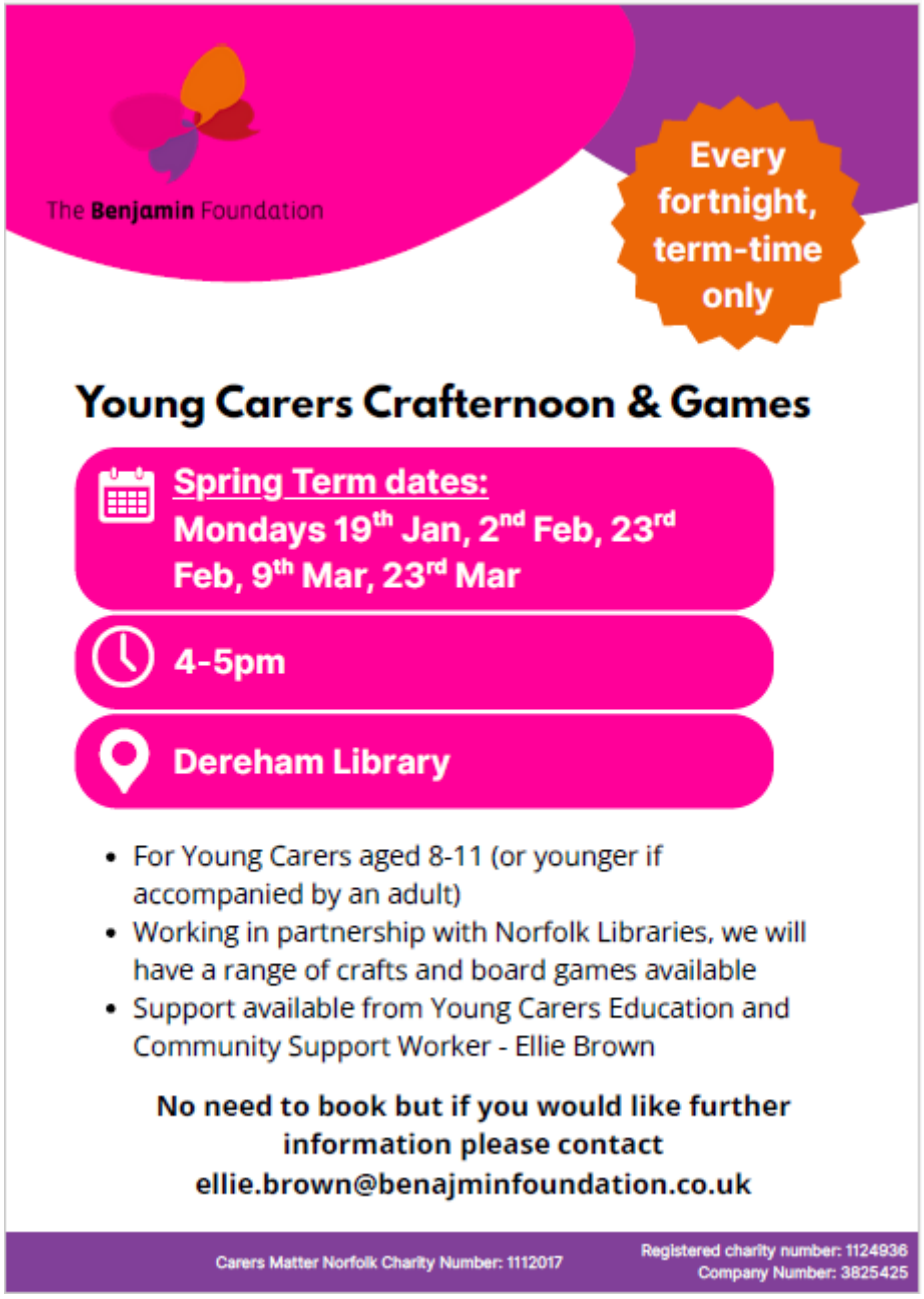

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Diary Dates 2025-26

February

9th Year 4 Bikeability Training
Non uniform day – wear your favourite clothes
10th Safer Internet Day
11th Parent Book Look 3.00pm (coffee from 2.45pm)
12th Year 5 & 6 Swimming Gala at UEA Sportspark
13th Oak Class Parent Reading Café 9.00 – 9.30am
Non uniform day – wear red, pink or hearts
Valentine's Bake Sale after school
Half term Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February
23rd Children return to school
26th Chinese New Year Lunch

March

5th World Book Day – dress as a book character
18th Parents Evening
19th Parents Evening
20th Y5 Bikeability Training part 1
24th Easter Service 2.00pm
25th Y5 & 6 to Gressenhall for Crucial Crew
27th Y5 Bikeability Training part 2
27th Break up for Easter

Easter Holiday Monday 30th March – Monday 13th April

April

14th Children return to school

May

1st Willow Class Parent Maths Café 2.30 – 3.00pm
4th Bank Holiday – school closed
22nd Break up for half term

Half Term Monday 25th May – Monday 1st June

June

1st SCHOOL CLOSED – STAFF TRAINING
2nd Children return to school

July 17th Break up for summer – **school finishes at 12pm**