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NEWSLETTER 11 JULY 2025

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of the Nightingale Federation,

As we enter our penultimate week (and two days) of the Summer Term, I'm amazed at how quickly this half-term has flown by.

Sporting Success and Exciting Opportunities

Over the past fortnight, pupils across The Nightingale Federation have taken part in a range of sporting events. At Lyng CE Primary, we were pleased to sponsor transport for our Year 5 and 6 pupils to attend the new *Tackle Maths* course at The Nest. This was an exciting opportunity that combined numeracy with physical activity.

On the same day, Year 5 girls across the Federation attended the "This Girl Can" event, which was a fantastic celebration of teamwork, determination and enjoyment.

Meanwhile, Year 6 pupils at Thomas Bullock enjoyed their Eton Vale residential. This marks our final residential trip as individual schools. From next year, our Federation schools will share residential experiences, helping to further strengthen our community and shared values.

Reception Readiness and Welcoming New Families

On Friday 18th at 9:00am we would like to welcome new Reception families for a Reception Readiness welcome presentation led by Mrs O'Sullivan and Mrs Marjoram (our Federation EYFS Leader). Hopefully, this will offer an opportunity to share further information for Reception next year. We would be delighted if you could join us.

Transition and Move-Up Days

Next week marks an important period of transition for our Year 6 pupils. Lyng pupils moving to Reepham high school will attend induction on Monday 14 July. We will also be holding our whole-school Move-Up Day, on this day. These give all pupils a chance to meet their new teachers and begin preparing for the year ahead. Our staff are very much looking forward to these exciting days.

Parent Meeting – Monday 14th July

We warmly invite you to join us for a refreshment and a chat with other parents and carers from 3.00pm next Monday and to meet your child's new teacher after the move-up day.

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End of Year Celebrations

Over the next week and half, we are also looking forward to the following events:

- Year 6 end-of-year performances
- Final class trips
- End-of-year service at Lyng Church (1.15pm) – all welcome. Children will return to school following the service to collect their things, but you will be able to take them home straight away, should you wish to do so.

End of Year Reports

On Monday 14 July, we will be sending home your child's End of Year Report. This will include their national assessment data (EYFS, Phonics, Year 2, Year 4 Multiplication and Year 6 SATs results). Reports will be sent via email through Arbor.

Please notify the school office if your contact details have recently changed.

Celebrating Achievement

We are exceptionally proud of our externally moderated Federation End of Key Stage 2 SATs results. Our dedicated teaching and support staff work tirelessly to ensure that all children reach their full potential. These results reflect years of hard work and a commitment to excellence.

Recent research has shown a strong link between strong KS2 outcomes and future earnings. This highlights the importance of our continued focus on high standards, a rich and engaging curriculum, and excellent pupil achievement. Research HERE

This year, our Federation is celebrating data that places us in the top percentiles both nationally and within Norfolk. National Data HERE

We could not be prouder of our pupils, our Year 6 staff teams, and all of our incredible teaching staff from our outstanding nursery through to our superb Year 6 teachers, and our supportive school community. Our pupils truly receive a 'Top Class Education' and opportunities to let their light shine!

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SUBJECT	Met the Expected Standard: LYNG	Met the Expected Standard: NATIONAL	Met the Greater Depth Standard: LYNG	Met the Greater Depth (STC) Standard: NATIONAL	Average Scaled Score: LYNG	Average Scaled Score: NATIONAL
Reading, Writing, Maths combined.	81.25%	62%	25%	8%		
Reading	87.5%	75%	37.5%	33%	108	106
Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling	81.25%	73%	18.75%	28%	105	105
Maths	87.5%	74%	31.25%	25%	108	105
Writing (Externally Moderated Teacher Assessment)	81.25%	72%	25%	12%		
Science (Teacher Assessment)	87.5%	82%				

We look forward to celebrating with our wonderful Year 6 pupils and all those moving on to new schools in the coming days.

Thank you for your continued support.

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Notices & Reminders

FOLS Fundraising

Interested in Supporting Lyng School? Join FOLS!

We are currently looking for volunteers to join the Friends of Lyng School (FOLS). This is a great opportunity to support the school, contribute to events and activities, and be part of a dedicated team working to enrich the school community.

If you'd like to find out more, please come and speak with us at the coffee event at Lyng School, 3pm on Monday 14 July. We'd be delighted to meet you.

Parking

Unfortunately, we continue to receive complaints from Lyng residents about the unsafe parking practises of some of our parents. PLEASE consider where you park when dropping off your child, so that you are not blocking driveways or leaving your car where it could inconvenience others.

The weather continues to be lovely so if you are able, please walk your child to school. Thank you.

Summer Reading Challenge

Our local libraries will once again be hosting their Summer Reading Challenge where children can receive rewards and enjoy free days out if they participate. See link below or head to your local library to find out more!

Summer Reading Challenge

Transitions

We understand that this can be an anxious time of year for many children. The latest newsletter from Norfolk & Waveney Family Action contains lots of great advice to support your child with change and transitions:

Family Action's Norfolk & Waveney Autism/ADHD Support Service

Arbor Payments

Further to the recent email that was sent out, please do check that you are able to log-in to Arbor before the end of term, so that we can sort out any issues before we return to school in September. Thank you.

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Fundraising for Inclusive Outdoor Learning

If you have shopped at Tesco Dereham recently, you may have noticed that we have a slot on their "Stronger Starts" voting station. Please support us in having a chance to secure this funding, so that we can build an outdoor learning environment for children with additional needs. Just add a blue token (or two!) every time you shop between now and 30 September.

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Nightingale SEND Questionnaire Results

Thank you for taking the time to complete our SEND Questionnaire. We are very proud of the positive comments we have received.

Here are some of the wonderful comments we have received:

'Teachers are proactive and have a good understanding of need.'

'I would just like to share that I think the support my son gets is absolutely amazing.'

'Good communication, reviews of targets and updating regularly as needed.'

'I think you support my child well.'

'The SEN plan set with the teacher is ideal.'

Here are the headlines:

95% of parents and carers are aware of their child's support plan
90% of parents and carers understand their child's support plan and the help they receive in school
85% of parents and carers feel that their child is making good progress against their SEND targets
80% of parents of parents and carers are happy with the SEND support their child receives in school

The survey highlighted that some parents were unable to attend the SEND parents evenings. In response to this feedback we will offer alternatives for parents and carers who are unable to attend.

In response to the survey we are planning several parent courses which will be held in school these include An Introduction to SEND Support in school, Norfolk STEPS for parents and Zones of Regulation. These will be communicated via the school newsletter and email in the autumn.

Please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Smith via the school offices if you have any queries about your child's SEN needs.

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Shining Lights

Cherry Class – Year R
Oscar is our Shining Light of the Week for his amazing efforts in phonics this week. He has persevered and tried so hard. We are incredibly proud of him!

Willow Class – Year 1
Sylvie is our Shining Light of the Week for always being kind, helpful and a pleasure to be around!

Willow Class – Year 2
Oakley is our Shining Light of the Week for showing great perseverance in his learning this week.

Rowan Class – Year 3
Darcie is our Shining Light of the Week for her fantastic effort in correcting her spellings and making a big effort with her handwriting.

Rowan Class – Year 4
Jake is our Shining Light of the Week for his fantastic effort in history, researching the legacy of the Ancient Greeks.

Oak Class – Year 5
Niamh is our Shining Light of the Week for the excellent enthusiasm and engagement she has shown our leavers' performance preparations. She has learnt all of her lines and sings the words to the songs with lots of confidence and expression. She is a great role model for the rest of the group and I'm sure others are more confident to join in seeing her efforts!

Oak Class – Year 6
Tom is our Shining Light of the Week for the improved effort and engagement he has shown towards our leavers' performance preparations. He has shown a real improvement in learning his lines; carrying his voice and singing the songs.

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WOW MOMENTS!

Argia (Yr 3) Argia attended Beaver Camp with 2nd Reepham group recently and won a prize including a book token for being very helpful and kind. Well done Argia!

Peggy (Yr 1) Last Saturday Peggy won the sunshine cup award at her weekend theatre school, Triple Threat. The award is given every summer to students who have shown the following qualities over the year; kindness, talent, thoughtfulness and a wonderful person to be around. Well done Peggy!

Hannah (Yr 6) Hannah took part in the Ringing World National Youth Competition in Birmingham competing with around 200 other young ringers. Her team came 3rd in their category and she got to ring at many towers around Birmingham including on the only ring of 16 bells in the UK at the Bullring.

Bella (Yr 1) Bella took part in a dance with her Acro team at their Summer showcase. Despite being really nervous about it she stepped out of her comfort zone and put her all into two performances.

Ailish (Yr 1) At the Norfolk Show, Ailish chose to spend her pocket money on adopting a penguin and setting up a monthly donation to the WWF to help protect other penguins. She was truly upset to learn how many penguins are struggling to survive and was determined to make a difference. We're so proud of her kindness and compassion.

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

https://forms.gle/q6MZXdmzvtNHvJp19

Our Key Learning Questions:

Year 1 & 2: Can you write some instructions on how to make a sandcastle?
Year 3 & 4: What things do we still use today that were invented by the Ancient Greeks?
Year 5 & 6: What made Endurance arguably the best ship of its time?

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Cherry Class

This week we have been problem solving during our maths lessons. The children had a challenge of building a boat that could hold 3 animals. This was mostly successful thanks to their careful planning. Another challenge was to calculate how many animals' legs they had in a group.

Willow Class

Willow class had a lovely trip to Wells beach last week. We started the day off exploring the beach and discussing how to stay safe at the beach. We then had a shell hunt and built some shell pictures! It was a lovely day had by all. In Forest School this week, the children used malletts to create some art by leaf and flower printing. These looked fabulous!

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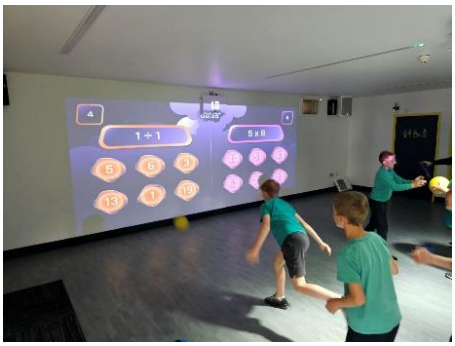
Rowan Class

Rowan Class are still enjoying learning about Ancient Greece and writing our own Greek myths in our English lessons. In Maths we are enjoying reading and finding coordinates on a coordinate grid. In Design and Technology we have made our own Greek Pots from clay. In Forest School we enjoyed making shelters and trying the rope swings.

Oak Class

In Oak Class this week, the children have been practising the leavers performance, dressing up and practising more and more without lines and prompts. In PE, we have been enjoying rounders in the sunshine, with some close games and lots of fun. In English, Oak are continuing to learn about Shackleton's third expedition in Antarctica and are working towards drafting their persuasive leaflets which advertise the sale of Shackleton's famous ship, Endurance. On Tuesday, the Year 5 girls went to This Girl Can, a Sport England festival to promote sport amongst girls and women. A whole variety of sports and physical activity were on offer including: karate, trampolining, rowing, tennis, yoga and much more. Also on Tuesday, 14 others from Oak went to The Nest to take part in Tackle Maths, a Community Sports Foundation initiative to inspire primary-aged children to love maths, through football! The group enjoyed 4 fun-filled activities (See our facebook for more details).



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SAFEGUARDING IS OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

Safeguarding is a shared duty across our Federation of schools, DNEAT, and the Local Governing Body. We receive regular training to help us identify and respond to concerns effectively. Safeguarding is monitored both internally and by external bodies, including Ofsted and the Local Authority.

The Local Governing Body has asked us to remind all parents, grandparents, carers, and wider members of our school communities of the part we all have to play in this. Ensuring the safety of our children is paramount. If you see or hear anything concerning, particularly if occurring within the local community, please report it either directly to your child's school, to the Children's Advice and Duty Service (CADS) on **0344 800 8020**, or to Dereham Police on **01953 661919**. All of these channels allow you to report concerns anonymously if you prefer. Please report any concern, no matter the size, as together these can build a picture that ensures a child is adequately protected and supported.

This week, for example, within the Federation, we have worked with our KS2 pupils to remind them of our schools' policies and expectations around online behaviour. We talked about the potential impact of inappropriate messages sent through WhatsApp or social media that are unkind or targeted. The focus was on well-being of the parties involved but also the potential for this to be considered malicious communication, which can be considered a criminal offence for which there is police involvement.

We have also been made aware of school-related concerns being shared on social media and messaging platforms. We remind everyone that the correct way to raise concerns is directly through the relevant school office. Posting in public or private groups can breach our Federation policies, home-school agreements, and in some cases may result in legal consequences. We request all members of our wider community to report any such communications to the school, CADS, or the police.

We are all working together to ensure the safety of the children in our community and to create a respectful and supportive environment for teachers, parents, and pupils alike. We want to ensure our schools continue to deliver a top-class education, as highlighted by Ofsted in 2025, one that we are extremely proud of. We thank you for your support in this shared commitment.

Our Safeguarding Governor is Mrs Tinson, Chair of Governors.
Your Federation Designated Safeguarding Leads are: Mrs Marjoram (TB), Ms Wharton (Lyng), Mrs O'Sullivan, Mr Wade, Mrs Smith, and Mr Allott.

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Diary Dates 2024/25

14th	Year 6 induction at Reepham High School
	Transition day to new classes for Year R – 5
18th	Y6 End of Year Performance in the school hall (1.30pm)
	FOLS end of term disco (village hall) 5.30 – 7.30pm
22nd	**Last day of term**
	End of Year Service at Lyng Church 1.15pm

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September

3rd	**Children return to school**
19th	School photographer (individual & sibling photos)

October

15th	YR & Y6 height & weight checks

School Term and Holiday Dates 2025-2026

Autumn term

Wednesday 3 September - Friday 24 October 2025

Half-term holiday: Monday 27 - Friday 31 October 2025

Monday 3 November - Friday 19 December 2025*

Christmas holiday: Monday 22 December - Monday 5 January 2026

Spring term

Tuesday 6 January - Friday 13 February 2026

Half-term holiday: Monday 16 - Friday 20 February 2026

Monday 23 February - Friday 27 March 2026

Easter holiday: Monday 30 March - Monday 13 April 2026

Summer term

Tuesday 14 April - Friday 22 May 2026 (Monday 4 May is a bank holiday)

Half-term holiday: Monday 25 - Friday 29 May 2026

Monday 1st June – INSET Day school closed

Monday 1 June - Friday 17 July 2026*

***19th December and 17th July school will finish at 12:00**