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NEWSLETTER 14 NOVEMBER 2025

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of the Nightingale Federation,

As we move further into November, we want to take a moment to reflect on what has been a wonderful and busy few weeks across our Federation. It has been a time filled with learning, kindness and pride in all that our children have achieved.

We have been fortunate to enjoy a mild start to the month; however, weather warnings are in place for next week with the possibility of snow. Please take time this weekend to plan and prepare for colder conditions, ensuring children come to school with suitable winter clothing such as warm coats, hats, gloves, scarves, tights and sturdy shoes. Alongside this, please be aware of the closure of the A47 in parts, which may impact your driving journeys.

This week, we each took time to remember those who have fallen in war. Thomas Bullock held its Remembrance Service on Tuesday, followed by Lyng's service on Wednesday, both led with care and thoughtfulness by the wonderful Reverend Richard. We are very proud of how respectfully the children participated in these important acts of remembrance.

On Thursday, Thomas Bullock had the privilege of hosting a Best Practice Day, showcasing the exceptional work taking place across our school. We were delighted to welcome 18 delegates from schools and trusts across the country, along with our Chair of Trustees, Bev Tilman. It was a real joy and honour to share our approach to teaching and learning and to see our children let their light shine.

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We also celebrated Anti-Bullying Week, beginning with Odd Socks Day which gave everyone a chance to recognise and celebrate what makes each of us unique. The week concluded with Children in Need Day, where pupils learned about philanthropy and helping others, dressing in cheerful yellow and spots to show their support.

Our current core value across the Federation is Honesty. We encourage you to continue this conversation at home, discussing what honesty means, why it matters, and how being truthful helps build trust and strong relationships both in school and in everyday life.

We are excited to let you know that we will be hosting another Open Day event on December 3 from 9 to 10am at Lyng. Please do share this with family and friends who might be interested. We can't wait to welcome new families and show them what makes our schools so special.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership. As you will see from the calendar, we are preparing for our winter activities and look forward to the weeks ahead filled with learning, laughter, and the warm sense of community that makes our Federation so special.

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Notices & Reminders

Last Day of Term

You may have seen in our diary dates that school will be closing at 12.00pm on **Friday 19th December.** This means that we will be expecting children to be collected at this time and After School Club will not be running. The school bus will also be collecting children that travel home on school transport at 12.00pm.

Norfolk and Waveney Family Action Autism/ADHD Support Service - November Newsletter

Please see the link below to the latest Norfolk and Waveney Family Action's newsletter.

https://sway.cloud.microsoft/wYZEVTH4xKNrU0Yz?ref=email

Flu Vaccination Clinics

The school immunisation team have completed their visits to school to offer the flu vaccination. If your child did not receive the vaccination and you would like to book a community clinic appointment, please do so via the link below. Clinics are running in various locations between the end of November and middle of December.

https://eastanglia.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2025/book

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Shining Lights

Cherry – Yr R
Rowan is our Shining Light of the Week for his positive attitude in all aspects of his learning. Rowan is always happy to complete tasks and does so with great effort.

Willow – Yr 1
Willow J is our Shining Light of the Week for her excellent engagement during our Anti-Bullying week activities. Willow asked fantastic questions and shared some brilliant responses during our PSHE lesson 'What is bullying?'

Willow – Yr 2
George is our Shining Light of the Week for his excellent effort and perseverance in Year 2 assessments this week. George never gave up when he found something challenging and approached every question with a positive mindset!

Rowan – Yr 3
Bronwyn is our Shining Light of the Week for her effort in maths, working hard on her column subtraction problems.

Rowan – Yr 4
Darcie is our Shining Light of the Week for her effort in English, trying hard to listen and spell her words correctly.

Oak – Yr 5
Ella is our Shining Light of the Week for her fantastic first week at Lyng C of E Primary Academy. She has settled brilliantly, beginning to make new friends and her enthusiasm to learn is admirable. She has particularly impressed us with her engagement with the new "How to Train Your Dragon" English topic and when adding fractions in Maths.

Oak – Yr 6
Jamie is our Shining Light of the Week for a fantastic week of learning, across the entire curriculum. In particular, he's engaged brilliantly with our new "How to Train Your Dragon" English topic, he's been working super hard in Maths with his fractions and Miss Cameron has been really impressed with his enthusiasm and excellent attitude learning hockey in PE.

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WOW MOMENTS!

Olivia (Yr 3) Olivia has competed in her first showjumping competition on her share pony, Destiny. They jumped a clear round and finished 4th on time, earning their very first rosette.

Rowan (Yr R) Rowan has earned his Swim England "Learn to Swim stage 2" and "Water Skills 1" awards.

Cody (Yr 3) Cody has recently joined his first football team. On Saturday, he scored the new team's first two goals and assisted with their third, to earn himself the award of "Player of the Match."

Neave (Yr 4) Neave was awarded a "star" at her gymnastics for performing a Y balance on a beam. She has also just completed her first Park Run.

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

https://forms.gle/q6MZXdmzvtNHvJp19

Key Learning Questions

Year 1 & 2: What were the main events of the Great Fire of London?

Year 3 & 4: Why did the Romans build towns and what were Roman towns like?

Year 5 & 6: How do historians know about how the Vikings traded?

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Our Learning this Week.....

Cherry Class

In Cherry class this week the children made an exciting discovery! They found some footprints and a note from a mystery creature who had lost their way to the deep dark woods. They looked for more clues, made signs, and made a special den with snacks. The next day they discovered the creature was, in fact, The Gruffalo! They have really enjoyed making freeze frames of the different parts of the story too.

Willow Class

As part of our Digital Photography unit in Computing, Willow class have been taking photos using the iPad. It was great to see the attention to detail to be able to capture such amazing photographs!

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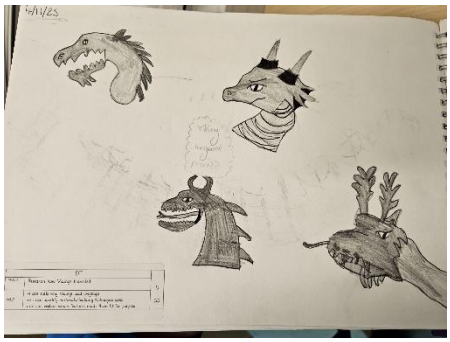
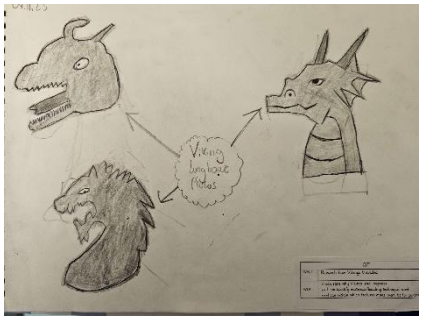
Rowan Class

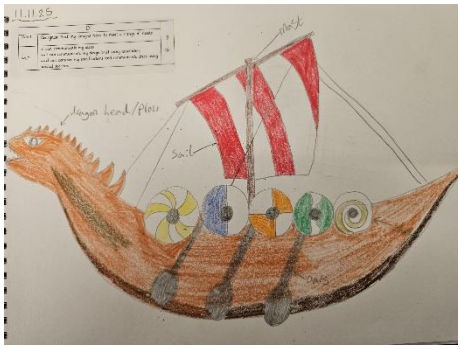
Rowan Class have had a busy start to the new half term. In English we are learning to write a portal story based on Alice in Wonderland by C.S. Lewis. In maths, we have been working on column addition and subtraction problems. In science we have started to learn about solids, liquids and gases. In Forest School we had fun making potions, playing on the swing and making shelters. On Tuesday we took part in the two minute silence and made a Poppy wreath and learnt about the importance of giving thanks on Remembrance Day.

Oak Class

This week in Oak Class, we have started our new English unit based around How to Train Your Dragon by Cressida Cowell. We've started by exploring the context of the book, its main character and the setting. In maths, we have been comparing and ordering fractions, a tricky concept for some. History has seen us continue our Vikings topic by investigating artefacts and important Viking discoveries. In DT, Oak have been beginning to design their own longships, sketching some impressive figureheads and labelling diagrams. This week has also seen us learn all about Anti-Bullying and finish with Children in Need.







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Diary Dates 2025-26

November

18th STEPS for parents course 9.00 – 11.00am
20th Cherry Class trip to High Lodge
25th STEPS for parents course 9.00 – 11.00am
27th FOLS wreath making workshop (The Old School Room, Sparham 6.30pm)

December

3rd Open Morning 9.15am – YR intake 2026
5th FOLS Festive Fair in the school hall (3.15 – 4.30pm)
8th FOLS Christmas Crafter-noon 3.15 – 4.15pm
12th KS1 Nativity (performances at 9.15am and 2.00pm)
16th Christmas Lunch
Church Service at Lyng Church 2pm – all welcome
18th FOLS Christmas Disco (in the school hall)
19th **School finishes at 12pm – last day of term**

Christmas Holiday Monday 22nd December – Monday 5th January 2026

January
6th – Back to school

February

13th Break up for half term

Half term Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February

23rd Children return to school

March

27th Break up for Easter
Easter Holiday Monday 30th March – Monday 13th April

April

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14th Children return to school

May

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**