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NEWSLETTER 23.01.2026

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of the Nightingale Federation,

It was a pleasure to welcome our Governors into school this week, including at our Reading Breakfasts on Tuesday and Friday across the Federation. Reverend Laura also visited Lyng on Monday, spending time with our school community and offering support to pupils. If you need any pastoral support, please do get in touch. We are here to help.

On Wednesday, we were delighted to welcome our Academy Executive Principals from the DNEAT Trust to Lyng. They were impressed by the high-quality and consistent learning environments, and by our fully inclusive curriculum, which meets the needs of all pupils, including those with SEND and disadvantaged children. Pupils were noted to be settled, confident and engaged in their learning.

This week, again, I have had the pleasure of spending lots of time in classes. Watching our children learn in such professional, ambitious and motivating environments is wonderful. Our teachers strive every day to provide the highest outcomes and opportunities for every child. I have also showed a number of new families around Thomas Bullock and Lyng over the past two weeks. They were particularly impressed by the wide opportunities in music, PE, trips and outdoor learning, the spacious and well-organised classrooms, and the calm, purposeful atmosphere across the schools.

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Thank you to everyone who attended our Reading and Maths Cafés. It is always a delight to welcome families into school. This week it was Cherry Class parents who joined us for their Maths Café.

Thank you also for the excellent attendance at our half-termly Reading Breakfasts. The next sessions are scheduled shortly after the half-term break.

At Lyng, we have been recruiting Reading Ambassadors. Children will be officially informed of their roles, and our first meeting will take place on Monday, 26 January.

All family members are welcome into school for our next 'Book Look': this is taking place at Lyng on Wednesday 11 February. This will start at 3.00pm, with the hall open from 2.45pm for coffee beforehand. Thank you, as always, for your continued support and for helping our children to 'Let their light shine,' brightly.

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Notices & Reminders

WINNING MEAL DESIGN

Congratulations to Bonnie in Willow Class who won Nourish Catering's recent competition to design a school lunch. Her meal of Meatballs and Tomato Spaghetti will be served on **Thursday 29th January**, instead of the usual menu on that day.

Congratulations also to Bella, Oscar and Willow who submitted designs for Decorated Cupcakes – these will be served as the dessert on this day.

ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance this week is: 96.42%

The award for the best year group attendance goes to Year 1, 2, 4 and 6. All have achieved 100% which is excellent. Well done!

COMMUNICATION

To revisit, as we value your feedback and clear communication. Your class teacher now knows them exceptionally well. They are therefore the best person to speak with about your child's education, daily pastoral care, and medical needs. Please arrange any meetings through the school office, and your class teacher or phase leader will do their best to meet or speak with you at a convenient time. This is in-line with updated DFE Guidance for parental communication.

If a matter cannot be resolved by the class teacher alone, our phase leaders are available to assist; at Lyng, this is Mr Allott. For matters requiring further support, Mrs Smith (SENCO) and Mr Wade (Executive Deputy Head) are also available.

If the concern is still not resolved, parents should contact me, the Executive Headteacher, who will review the situation and work with staff and yourselves to find a solution.

It should go without reminding that all communication should be within the vision and values of our school, with kindness and mutual respect at the very core.

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Shining Lights

Cherry Class – Year R
George is our Shining Light of the Week for working so hard during his speech and language sessions. His speech is becoming so much clearer and we are very proud of him for trying so hard.

Willow Class – Year 1
Scarlett is our Shining Light of the Week for her excellent effort in Maths this week. You have shown great determination and willingness to have a go!

Willow Class – Year 2
Peggy is our Shining Light of the Week for her excellent creativity in art this week. You demonstrated great colour mixing and artistic strokes in your artwork.

Rowan Class – Year 3
Iris is our Shining Light of the Week for her great effort in English, writing independent paragraphs about the Amazon Rainforest, for our non-chronological report.

Rowan Class – Year 4
Eleanor is our Shining Light of the Week for her great effort in English, writing independent paragraphs about the Amazon Rainforest, for her non-chronological report.

Oak Class – Year 5
William is our Shining Light of the Week for his excellent engagement shown across the curriculum. His map skills were fantastic in geography, finding Asian countries and capitals; he's produced some brilliant Hokusai-inspired artwork and his quest story writing has been a pleasure to read and enjoy!

Oak Class – Year 6
Bradley is our Shining Light of the Week for the excellent enthusiasm he has shown across the curriculum. In particular, he engaged really well with our recent Geography lesson, finding Asian countries and capitals brilliantly and in English, he has developed his proofreading and editing skills, taking great pride in improving his writing.

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WOW MOMENTS!

Willow J (year 1) Willow swam 15 metres and trod water for 13 seconds for the first time during her swimming lesson this week!

Faith (year 6) Faith was awarded Most Promising Newcomer at Otters. Her family are very proud of how well Faith is doing in her swimming.

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 is the continent of Europe like?

Year 3 & 4: What are tropical rainforests and where are they found?

Year 5 & 6: What are some of the most significant borders in Asia?

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Our Learning this Week.....

Cherry Class

In Cherry class we have continued our learning all about space. The children have been looking at mass and capacity in their maths lessons. They have really enjoyed getting outside and making some sculptures after we learnt all about the sculptor Andy Goldsworthy. In our literacy lessons we have been busy reading Astrogirl and thinking about her character and appearance. Finally they enjoyed a wonderful maths cafe with their parents. What a busy week!

Willow Class

We have had a great week in Willow class this week. In English we have enjoyed reading 'The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark' and have produced some amazing writing. In Science this week, we looked at what plants need to grow. In Art, we focused on Henri Rousseau and recreated his artwork 'Tiger in a tropical storm.' Great job Willow class!

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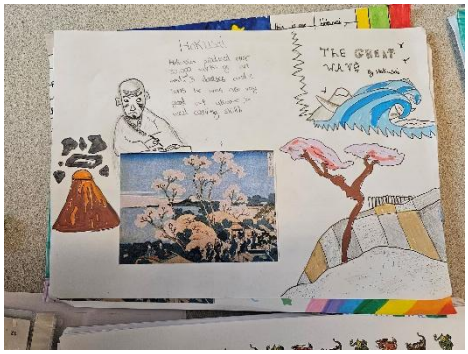
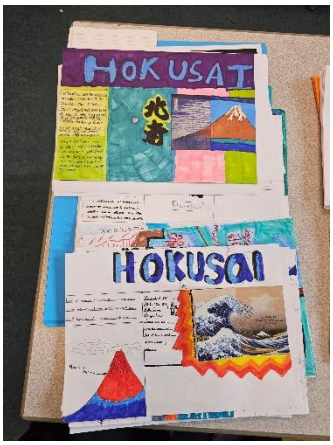
Rowan Class

Rowan has had an enjoyable week working on our non-chronological reports about the Amazon Rainforest in English. In Maths, we have been partitioning numbers to solve multiplication and division problems and in Science we have been learning about food chains and webs. During Forest School we completed a nature hunt. We enjoyed sharing our maths knowledge in our Maths cafe.

Oak Class

This week in Oak class, we have started drafting our own quest stories, inspired by the fantastic book, The Firework Maker's Daughter. The children had to plan their own contrasting character for Lila to encounter, seeking an important item to help become a Firework Maker herself.
In maths, we have been finishing off our fractions learning and moving on to decimals. In RE, we became philosophers, having a go at answering some of life's big questions. In art, Ms Dutson has continued to show the children the work of Katsushika Hokusai, known especially for his piece, 'The Great Wave'. The children researched the artist and had a go at using his style to create their own pictures which are all fantastic!





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Diary Dates 2025-26

February

9th Year 4 Bikeability Training
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
Break up for half term

Half term Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February

23rd Children return to school
26th Chinese New Year Lunch

March

5th World Book Day
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**