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NEWSLETTER 27.03.2026

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of the Nightingale Federation,

We have been so fortunate to welcome many parents and carers into our schools over the past three weeks. Thank you for attending book looks, parents' evenings, reading breakfasts and church services. Your support makes a real difference to our school community. We have also been delighted by the range of positive feedback we have received. The comments recognising how children are progressing socially, emotionally and academically are greatly appreciated.

We are proud of our federation and all that it offers. From financial support for trips and experiences to sharing subject expertise, our collective strength benefits every child. This was recognised during the recent inspection at Lyng, where the quality of our curriculum and shared leadership were highly commended.

Admissions and Ofsted Update

Admissions for the 2026/27 academic year have been positive at both schools, but there are still a few places available at Lyng. We are proud of our school and the welcoming, supportive community we offer. If you know any families looking for an excellent school, please let them know about Lyng. We would love to welcome them into our community.

Following our recent Ofsted inspection, we are confident in the outcome and look forward to sharing the full report as soon as it is available.

Curriculum, Parent Committee and Community Updates

Thank you for supporting our annual Sponsored Spell. We love seeing our pupils dressed as bees and enjoying spelling! Initiatives like this make learning fun and memorable for our children. We have also enjoyed celebrating Red Nose Day and other philanthropic events.

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From Willy Wonka chocolate to donut sales, our recent events have been full of fun and fundraising. Thank you for helping make these activities a huge success. Once again, a sincere thank you to FOSS and FOLS. Our parent committees are exceptional, and we are very grateful for their ongoing commitment. There are some exciting projects underway at both schools with some developments beginning over the Easter break.

This term has seen a huge success in several opportunities for our pupils'. From trips to experiences, they have really lived their curriculum! Please see pictures on our social media and newsletter below.

Good News

We are thrilled to share some wonderful news from our team. Miss Allen is expecting her first child in late July, and we wish her and her partner all the best with this!

We know you will be as delighted as we are for her, and we are excited to see our school family grow.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Members of our School Council, proudly holding the certificate we received from Gt Ormond Street Hospital, thanking us for the money that we raised during our recent non uniform day and Valentine's Bake Sale.

The Easter Bunny visits Lyng!

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Notices & Reminders

Parent Volunteers Request

If there are any parents who could spare a little time each week to come in and listen to some of the children read, we would love to hear from you! This would need to be during an afternoon, ideally for a regular slot each week. There is no guarantee of working with a a particular year group. Please contact Mrs Rudd if you are interested.

Safety During the Holidays

Please do ensure you remind your children about bike and road safety while they are enjoying their holiday.

Children's Advice & Duty Service:

If you see or hear something that makes you feel worried about a child living nearby, please contact the Norfolk Safeguarding Children Partnership on 0344 800 8020.

In an emergency, dial 999.

Red Nose Day

We raised an amazing £169.65 from our non uniform day and bake sale last week. Thank you to everyone who supported this very worthy cause.

Zones of Regulation – parent information session

A reminder that we are holding a Zones of Regulation parent/carer session in school on **Tuesday 21st April at 2.30pm.**

Zones of Regulation is a Visual approach which supports children to recognise and communicate their feelings in a child friendly way. It also provides practical strategies to support regulation.
The Zones approach can be used at school and at home and we would like the opportunity to share some information and useful strategies with you.

If you would like any further information or would like to attend the session, please contact Mrs Smith via the school office. We appreciate that the date and time may not be suitable with work commitments. We have produced an information pack to share if you are unable to attend.

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Shining Lights of the Half Term

Cherry Class – year R
Maggie is our Shining Light of the Half Term for consistently demonstrating this half term's value of responsibility. She always has a positive and responsible attitude towards everything she does.

Willow Class – year 1

Hunter is our Shining Light of the Half Term for consistently demonstrating this half term's value of Responsibility. Hunter is an excellent role model to others in his class, he always tries his hardest in all lessons and works hard to ensure the classroom and play equipment are kept tidy!

Willow Class – year 2

Martha is our Shining Light of the Half Term for consistently demonstrating this half term's value of Responsibility. Martha is an excellent role model to others in her class. She is always very helpful, helps others and stays focused during her learning!

Rowan Class – year 3

Bronwyn is our Shining Light of the Half Term for consistently demonstrating this half term's value of responsibility.

Rowan Class – year 4

Darcie is our Shining Light of the Half Term for consistently demonstrating this half term's value of responsibility.

Oak Class – year 5

Ethan is an excellent example of somebody who expresses the obligation; the duty of being responsible. Whether it's with his behaviour and how he acts, or the responsibility he shows to his learning, Ethan has the skills and values to exercise it, something recognised and admired by his peers.

Oak Class – year 6
Noah is an excellent role model to others, exhibiting the value of responsibility well in everything that he does. Whether it's on the football pitch; as a Digital Leader or knuckling down with his writing, he takes pride in being responsible, an excellent characteristic of this hard-working and conscientious young man.

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WOW MOMENTS!

Joshua (Yr 3) has achieved his 25m swimming badge and certificate

Imogen (Yr R) has achieved her 5m swimming badge and certificate

Nancy (Yr 6) has recently sat her first dance exams in grade 2 ballet and Primary Tap. She passed both exams with a Merit.

Rupert (Yr 2) has worked really hard at swimming and achieved his 20m badge.

Martha (Yr 2) has received her 50m badge and certificate in swimming.

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 96.74%.

The award for the best year group attendance goes to Years 2 &5. They have achieved 100% this week - well done!

Key Learning Questions

Year 1 & 2: Why are some parts of Earth hot and some parts cold?

Year 3 & 4: How are rivers used?

Year 5 & 6: What are the secondary consequences of a volcanic eruption or an earthquake?

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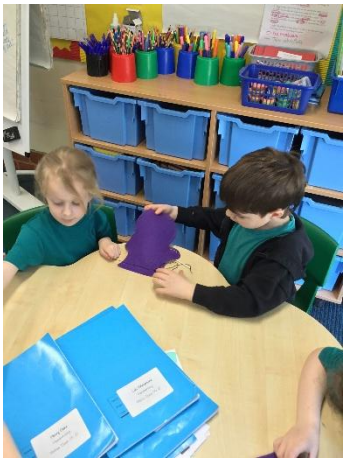
Our Learning this Week.....

Cherry Class

Cherry class has had a wonderful couple of weeks, making the most of the beautiful sunshine with lots of outdoor opportunities. They loved taking part in Red Nose Day.
They particularly enjoyed our trip to Pensthorpe where we observed lots of wildlife, looked and learnt about fossils and burnt off some energy in the indoor play area.
They have asked and answered some key questions about the ocean and sea creatures, such as "how does sand get to the bottom of the sea?"

Willow Class

This week in Willow class, we have been busy! In English we have been writing our cross-curricular write on the continent of Europe. We have been finding facts about the continent and writing an information text on the continent that we live in. In Maths, we have been measuring lengths of objects. We started by using cubes and tried measuring the length of our friends, using cubes. Now, we are using tools to measure lengths of objects in the classroom. In DT, we have been practicing our sewing to create our animal finger puppets. We practiced a running stitch and an over stitch to sew two pieces of fabric together.



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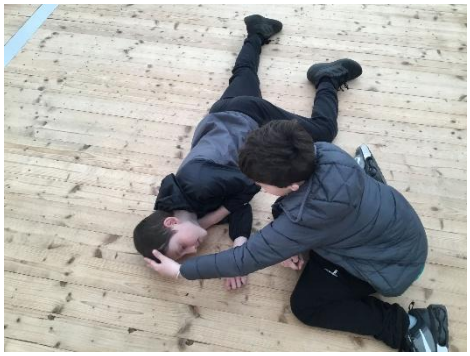
Rowan Class

Rowan Class has enjoyed a lovely end of term, finishing off our topics. We have written a balanced argument about de-forestation in English. In maths, we have been learning about mass and capacity and solving calculations. In science we designed bug homes, to enhance our local environment: the school grounds. We have really enjoyed sewing; we are making head-dresses for our teddies.

Oak Class

This week in Oak Class, we completed the writing of our information texts about the physical features of Asia. In maths, we completed our percentages learning and moved on to ratio and proportion. A group of children from Year 5 visited Eaton Vale and were fantastic ambassadors for our school with their excellent behaviour and engagement. We also enjoyed our Easter church service on Tuesday afternoon, with Year 6 (and some Year 5s) sharing the Easter Story very clearly and confidently. On Wednesday, we enjoyed a very-informative trip to Gressenhall to engage with the Crucial Crew programme, where a series of the emergency services collaborate together to provide engaging workshops about safety. Again, the children were fantastic and engaged really well in discussion.



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Diary Dates 2025-26

March

27th Break up for Easter
Whole School Spelling Bee

Easter Holiday Monday 30th March – Monday 13th April

April

14th Children return to school
17th Y5 Bikeability Training part 2
23rd Y4 – 6 Bee Netball at UEA Sports Park
21st Zones of Regulation parent information session 2.30pm

May

1st Willow Class Parent Maths Café 2.30 – 3.00pm
4th Bank Holiday – school closed
11th Y6 SATS start
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

15th – 17th Y6 to Eaton Vale
17th Break up for summer – **school finishes at 12pm**