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"Let your light shine" Matthew 5:14-16
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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents, Carers & 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
We have seen a high level of interest in school places across the Federation but at Lyng, there are still a few places available for the 2026/27 intake and in some cohorts across the school. 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 at Lyng, 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.

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.

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

We are also very excited to let our community know that Miss Crane, will return from Easter as Mrs Godfrey. We are sure you will share our excitement and best wishes for her upcoming nuptials.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

This week's overall attendance 96.04% - Oceania Class (Yr 1) 99.52%

Shining Lights of the Half Term

Ark Class (Nursery)	**Arthur** for consistently demonstrating this half term's value of responsibility. He has been very helpful at school and giving others a helping hand! **Dora** for consistently demonstrating this half term's value of responsibility. She is always kind to others, and tries her hardest during our learning time!
Arctic (Yr R)	**Kiaara & River** for demonstrating this half term's value of responsibility. Each of them is keen to help and fully embrace and take ownership of a task ensuring that our learning environment is organised and runs smoothly.
Antarctica (Yr R)	**Betty & Monty** for consistently demonstrating this half term's value of responsibility. They are brilliant role model for their peers; always making responsible choices and encouraging others to do the same. They have shown increasing independence and responsibility in their learning too
Oceania (Yr 1)	**Charlie** for consistently demonstrating this half term's value of responsibility. He is always responsible for his actions, words and belongings and takes great care of his friends. **Martha** for consistently demonstrating this half term's value of responsibility. She has really taken responsibility for her own learning recently and made some fabulous progress!
Africa Class (Yr 2)	**Stuart** for taking great responsibility for his learning. He always puts in maximum effort which shows in his wonderful work. **Amelia** for being an extremely responsible member of our class. She takes great responsibility for her own learning and encourages others to do the same.
Europe Class (Yr 3)	**Georgia** for demonstrating this half term's value of responsibility. She has taken responsibility of her behaviour and focus in the classroom which in turn has improved her quality of work. **Jude** for consistently demonstrating this half term's value of responsibility. He has begun to take great pride in his classwork showing strong levels of concentration while doing so. Jude's focus has improved massively this half term which is great to see.
S America Class (Yr 4)	**Fred** for demonstrating our value of responsibility. He has made mature decisions about his learning and focus, including choosing to move seats so he can work with different partners who support him and help him achieve his best. Well done Fred. **Marianne** for demonstrating our value of responsibility. She comes in each morning and ensures that both she and others have everything they need for the day. Her kind nature and responsible attitude make her a brilliant role model as she encourages those around her to do the same.
Asia Class (Yr 5)	**Izzy** for consistently demonstrating this half term's value of responsibility. She takes ownership of her learning, makes thoughtful choices, and can always be trusted to do the right thing. Well done for being such a positive role model! **Harrison** for consistently demonstrating this half term's value of responsibility. He is supportive to peers and teachers around the school, makes thoughtful choices, and can always be trusted to do the right thing. Well done for being such a positive role model!
N America (Yr 6)	**Halle** for consistently demonstrating this half term's value of responsibility. She has listened to advice and feedback- really targeting her efforts towards her learning and the progress she is making. **Ed** for consistently demonstrating this half term's value of responsibility. He cares for his classmates, the environment as well as his education.

Shining Lights of the Week 20th March

Ark Class (Nursery)	**Ayda** for always using her best listening and being an amazing role model to others in the class. She is kind to all, and always tries her best. We are very proud.
Arctic (Yr R)	**The whole class** for their behaviour and politeness during our school trip. Everybody was so polite to the staff at Pensthorpe and our wonderful bus driver and they did Thomas Bullock proud.
Antarctica (Yr R)	**Edward** for being a curious learner and asking lots of wonderful questions on our trip to Pensthorpe this week; being a responsible role model for his peers.
Oceania (Yr 1)	**Jessica** for her amazing food diary containing excellent use of adverbials of time telling us when she ate the food and adjectives to describe it!
Africa Class (Yr 2)	**Joseph** for being an extremely responsible member of our class. He takes great responsibility for his own learning and our learning environment.
Europe Class (Yr 3)	**Charlie** for his consistent focus within the classroom. He is a good role model to others on how to be prepared and ready in his learning.
S America Class (Yr 4)	**Sienna** for consistently demonstrating effort and dedication in everything she does. She approaches her work with great care and always strives to do her very best. We have seen wonderful progress from her recently, and we are incredibly proud of all she has achieved.
Asia Class (Yr 5)	**Harrison** for working incredibly hard on securing his handwriting, sentence construction and punctuation. Keep up the excellent work!
N America (Yr 6)	**Lana** for her hard work and commitment to making progress in all her learning.

WOW MOMENTS

Lily (Year 5) and Elodie (Year 2) Lily & Elodie sang in the Mothering Sunday service at Norwich Cathedral as part of the Norwich Cathedral Children's Choir. They sang beautifully and really added a touching and memorable element to the service. We are very proud of their participation and dedication to their rehearsals and performances!

Harry (Year 6) Harry took part in a squash tournament and he won his group! It was his fourth tournament! Well done!

Please remember to continue to send in your ***WOW*** moments for achievements out of school https://forms.gle/DV4RoVbQGpijcUMV7

Reception

What a lovely morning we had in reception for Mother's Day. We welcomed our mums to join us for some singing, crafting and mainly because mums are ace. We found out why we love our mums, ranging from "she helps me tidy my room", and "gives the best hair cut", to them "making the best food" and "being best friends!" Thank you to those who could make it - we missed those that couldn't!
A great big thank you to FOSS who supported our event and purchased the primrose plants for all of nursery and reception.

Year 1 (Oceania Class)

As part of British Science Week, Year One had a visit from Ed and his 'mini-monsters'. He showed us a giant African snail called Mr Geoffrey-Fred, a tarantula called Trinny, a millipede called Mildred, a bearded-dragon called Chilli and a milk snake called Salsa. The children all said today was the best day ever!

Year 2 (Africa Class)

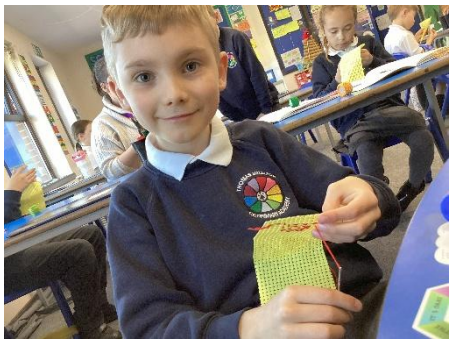
Mr Hall visited Year 2 to deliver an 'Amazing Africa' workshop where he shared stories from his visits. We explored African food, schools, transport and wildlife, gaining an insight into life across the continent. Then, we developed our map skills by creating our own treasure islands and using directional knowledge to locate hidden treasures. Finally, we took our learning outdoors with an exciting orienteering challenge. Working in pairs, we used maps of the school grounds to navigate and find hidden flags.

Year 3 Europe Class

Europe Class were set the task of planning, making (and nibbling) pizzas! They used flour and yogurt to create the dough before choosing the toppings they wanted. Every child came away with a pizza to take home. This unit linked to our English focus of Italy and Geography focus of Europe.

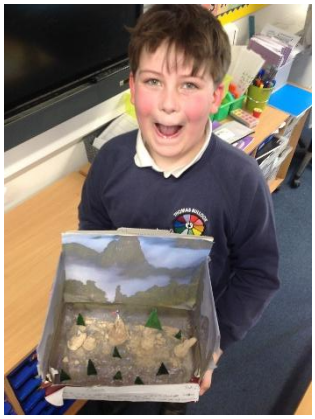
Year 4 (South America Class)

In DT, the children have been learning different sewing skills building on their previous skills of sewing in Year 2. They have learnt three new types of stitch: cross stitch, running stitch and back stitch to use as decorative purpose on their tribal headdresses linked to our rainforest learning. The children have been brilliant and their skill and confidence has grown tremendously. Many children have found it so enjoyable they have been sewing at home; what a great transferable skill they have learnt for their future.



Year 5 (Asia Class)

We were seriously impressed by the effort Year 5 students put into their home learning projects this half term. From detailed cross-sections of volcanoes and engaging scientific experiments to sensational posters, the quality and creativity on display have been fantastic. Excellent job, Team 5!



Year 6 Trip to Duxford

Some quotes about the trip to IWM Duxford from Year 6 children-

Last week, our Year 6 pupils enjoyed an unforgettable visit to IWM Duxford — and what a fantastic time they all had! From incredible aircraft displays to hands-on learning experiences, it was a day full of excitement, discovery, and inspiration.

Here's what some of our pupils had to say:

"My school trip to IWM Duxford was probably my favourite trip of my time in the school. I especially liked when we saw a pair of twin seat Supermarine Spitfires and a Hawker Hurricane take off right in front of us."

"My favourite exhibition was the restoration hangar where we saw engines and planes being repaired and restored back to their prime. I also liked making the documentary in the USAF hangar."

We are so proud of how engaged and enthusiastic everyone was throughout the day. A big thank you to the staff and volunteers at Duxford for making the experience so memorable!

Reception Trip to Pensthorpe

Our Reception classes had a wonderful trip to Pensthorpe last week. We were extremely lucky with the weather as it was a wonderfully sunny day. The children were brilliant and had an amazing time learning about fossils, viewing the wildlife, and then burning off some energy in the soft play.

Red Nose Day 2026

Thank you so much to everyone for your amazing effort for Red Nose Day 2026! It was fantastic to see so many people dressed in red supporting such a great cause. A very big thank you to all that donated, baked delicious cakes and treats, and everyone who supported the cake sale. It was a complete sell-out! Together, we raised an incredible £335 for Comic Relief. Well done, everyone — what a brilliant achievement!

The Ark Nursery Newsletter

This week

This week we have been enjoying our literacy text *The Train Ride*, where we explored different types of transport through discussions, role play and visuals. The children shared their own experiences of transport during circle time, which led to lots of lovely conversations. We also talked about Mother's Day and the special people in our lives, and enjoyed our Stay and Play session! Thank you to everyone for their attendance, it was a lovely afternoon! In maths, we investigated mass by exploring which objects were heavy and light, before moving on to explore capacity using cereal, water and making potions in the water tray to describe what is full and what is empty! We have begun to discuss the importance of oral hygiene, and how to brush our teeth, where we explored this further by brushing the teeth of some animals in the classroom! We have then gone on to read our new Literacy text *We're Going on a Bear Hunt*, where children have explored the different settings and onomatopoeic quality of words, such as: 'squelch squerch', 'swishy, swashy', as well as joining in with repeated phrases with actions through a sensory tuff tray. Our older children then created their own story maps to retell the story! We have explored the concept of objects that sink and float, by making predictions and testing our predictions to see if we were right! We have discussed what we known about Easter, learnt and retold the Easter story, and created some Easter chick crafts!

Alongside this, we have been practising our Set 1 phonics sounds and we have met Fred Frog, who is helping us to orally segment and blend sounds into words!

Next week:

We will all be enjoying our Easter break! We look forward to welcoming everyone back to Nursery on Tuesday 14th April. We hope everyone has a lovely and well rested break!

Learning links from home:

Can you orally **retell** your favourite story? What is your favourite part? Was that at the **beginning** or the **end** of the story?

Who is the **tallest** in your family? Who is the **shortest**?

Can you find something **tall** in your house? Can you find something **short**?

Can you see what might **sink/ float** using the sink/ bath at home?

Can you sound out some simple words? Can you find the first sound in. . .?

Can you predict what toys will **float** in your bath? Which will **sink**?

What do you know about **Easter**? Can you tell an adult the Easter story? Why do we celebrate Easter?

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invite Parents and Children from age 2 to our

FREE AUTUMN STAY AND PLAY SESSIONS

Every Friday 2:00pm – 3:00pm Term Time only

We will explore our fantastic new indoor/ outdoor areas through sensory stories, fine motor funky activities and lots more!

To register an interest to any of the above email office@thomasbullock.dneat.org

Funded places are available now, please contact the school office.

DIARY DATES

March
27th – Last Day of Term

April
30th March– 13th April - Easter Holiday
13th – Inset Day - School Closed
14th – Children return to School
24th – FOSS Quiz Night
24th – Norfolk Show 2026*
25th – TCS Mini Marathon KS2*

May
1st – Year 1 & 2 Maths Café 2.30pm-3pm
4th- May Day Bank Holiday- School Closed
6th – Year 3 Maths Café 2.30pm-3pm
11th- 14th – KS2 National Curriculum Tests (Year 6 SATs)
Half Term- 25th May – 1st June

June
1st – Inset Day - School Closed
2nd - Children return to school

July
17th - Break up for summer – School finishes at 12pm

*New Addition

A big thank you to FOSS for kindly donating Easter treats for the children today. We would also like to extend our thanks to Mrs Jessop for gifting the children Easter books, which were distributed throughout the week.

We also had a very wonderful visitor today!

We hope you all have a lovely Easter!

Children's Advice & Duty Service (CAD'S)

How to raise a concern-

- See something
- Here something
- Say something

If you see something or hear something that makes you feel worried about a child living nearby, please let Norfolk Safeguarding Children Partnership know on

0344 800 8020.

In an emergency phone **999**.