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NEWSLETTER 06.03.2026

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of the Nightingale Federation,

Welcome to Spring! The brighter weather this week has been a joy, and it has been wonderful to see pupils across both schools enjoying our outdoor spaces. There has been a real sense of energy and enthusiasm as children have embraced outdoor learning and settled confidently into the new season.

Parents' Evening appointments are now live on Arbor, and families are encouraged to book their meetings promptly. Our Parent Book Looks will also take place next week, offering a valuable opportunity to share and celebrate pupils' learning. Please check the diary dates in this newsletter for the specific dates and times.

We are pleased to welcome back our UEA student teachers, who will be with us until the end of term. They have already been supporting learning across the federation and have kindly opened the library at lunchtimes for games and activities. Our Reading Ambassadors continue to champion reading and pupil voice, and their enthusiasm is making a real impact.

World Book Day Across the Federation
This year's World Book Day celebrations began with great excitement as a visiting author joined us at both schools. Pupils were inspired by their stories, insights, and discussions about reading and writing, and the visit created a wonderful buzz around books.

World Book Day itself was a real highlight. Pupils took part in a wide range of activities, and the creativity on display was fantastic. A special mention goes to our wonderfully imaginative "book worms", who created some brilliant *potato book characters*. Thank you to families for supporting this activity and to the children for their enthusiasm. Well done to Clementine, George, Darcie and Sophia who were the winners in their classes. A very big thank you also goes to Mrs Henman for organising a whole week of engaging World Book Day events, which truly brought reading to life for our pupils. Thanks must also go to FOLS for organising their successful Chocolate Factory Sale. Please have a look at all our photos from the day further on in this letter.

Our Reading Ambassadors have built on this enthusiasm by organising a Book Swap Stall for next week. The idea is simple: *bring a book and take a book!* It's a lovely way for children to share much-loved stories and discover new ones. This will take place on **Wednesday 11 March.** Next week we will also be celebrating British Science Week; the theme is "Curiosity – What's Your Question?"

We look forward to welcoming families into school for the following events:

- Parent Book Look – Wednesday 11 March, 3.00pm
- Whole School Reading Breakfast – Tuesday 17 March, 8.30am

These occasions are a lovely way to come together as a community and celebrate our shared love of reading.

We are also looking forward to welcoming governors into school in the coming weeks. They will spend time visiting classes and seeing first-hand the high-quality learning taking place across the federation.

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Notices & Reminders

Valentine's Bake Sale and Non Uniform Event

We are pleased to let you know that the School Council successfully raised £174.60 before half term, through hosting a Bake Sale and non uniform day. This will be split equally between Gt Ormond Street Hospital and FOLS for the play equipment fundraising.

Family Voice Newsletter

Please click on the link below to view the latest newsletter from Family Voice Norfolk:

http://account.epromailer.com/t/r-l-tkuyjuc-pjllykktiu-t/

Family Action Autism / ADHD Support Service Newsletter

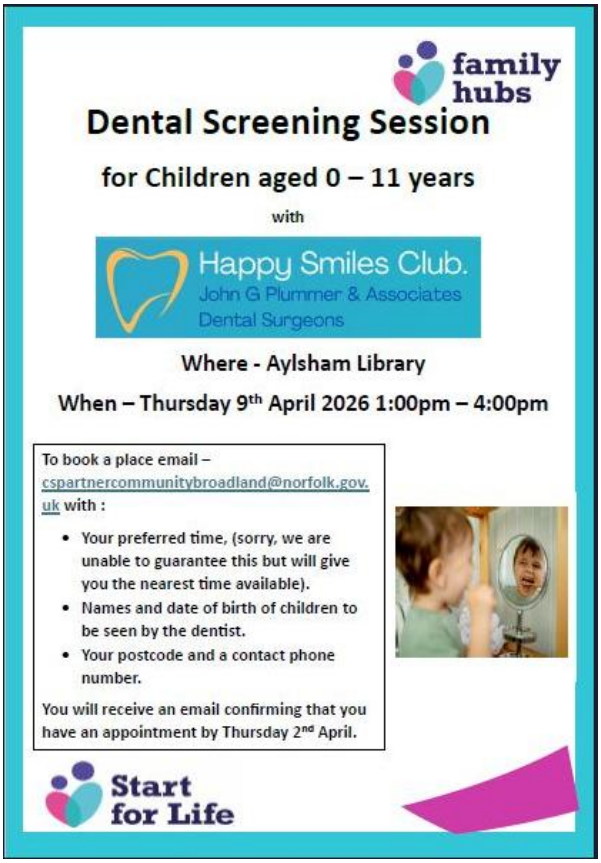
Please click on the link below to access the latest newsletter:

https://sway.cloud.microsoft/FEvLtGHNmlTDy3Eh?ref=email

Polite Reminder

We would like to remind all parents that smoking or vaping on school premises or in the immediate vicinity of the entrance gate is not permitted. We are grateful for your support in protecting the children attending our school. Thank you.

Please see below for an opportunity for children's dental screening in the Easter holidays:



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Norfolk Steps for Parents Course

We are pleased to confirm that the above course that had to be cancelled before Christmas has been re-scheduled for **30th April and 7th May**. Please see details below and contact Mrs Smith via the school office if you would like to attend.

Zones of Regulation - parent/carer information session

We would like to invite you to attend 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

Cherry Class – Year R
Rosie is our Shining Light of the Week for her fantastic efforts during our phonics lessons. She has persevered and it's really paying off.

Willow Class – Year 1
Scarlett is our Shining Light of the Week for her excellent effort and determination in phonics this week.

Willow Class – Year 2
Loki is our Shining Light of the Week for his excellent effort during KS1 Assessment week!

Rowan Class – Year 3
Oakley is our Shining Light of the Week for his excellent effort in Forest School, making good decisions and listening very well.

Rowan Class – Year 4
Carlo is our Shining Light of the Week for his brilliant effort with joining his handwriting, his perseverance has been excellent.

Oak Class – Year 5
Sophia is our Shining Light of the Week for her excellent attitude shown towards the publishing of her mountains explanation text recently. She missed a big session but didn't let that stop her from working extra hard to catch up and produce a fantastic, published piece which will be displayed for all to admire in the coming weeks.

Oak Class – Year 6
Monty is our Shining Light of the Week for the excellent attitude he has shown his Mock SATs this week. He worked really hard to show his workings and attempt as many questions as possible, earning some great scores and making pleasing progress in preparation for the real thing in May. Excellent effort, Monty.

ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance this week is **98.14%**

The award for the best year group attendance goes to Years 3, 4, 5 & 6. All have achieved **100%** this week - well done!

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WOW MOMENTS!

Imogen (Yr R) attended her first gymnastics club during half term. She learned lots of skills and had a fantastic time. At the end of the day she was awarded the "Child of the Day" trophy!

Ethan (Yr 5) was selected to play for Norwich City U10s against Colchester Utd, in which his team won 10 – 5!

Harris (Yr 3) played against the Norwich Academy with his football club and managed to beat them 4 – 3 in a very tough match.

Rupert S (Yr 3) took part in his gymnastics club's in-house competition during half term and achieved two silver medals and two gold medals with an overall gold in his category.

Argia & Carlo (Yr 4) both completed Hunny Bell X Country for Break Charity. It was a 4K race, lots of mud, running in woods and over molehills! Carlo came 4th in 8-12 years category. Argia came 3rd in 8-12 years category.

Daisy (Yr 4) Daisy took part in her 1st Baton Twirling competition, she won 2 x 1st place gold trophies and a 4th place medal, she is now area champion in Solo and Lyrical!

Willow D (Yr 1) Willow has gained two rosettes from her riding school. One for grooming and one for health and safety.

William P (Yr 4) William completed the Stody Trail Run at the weekend. A 4k trail run across the Stody Estate and came 7th in his age category. Well done William!

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 Asia like?
Year 3 & 4: What are the features of a river and where are major rivers found?
Year 5 & 6: What is an earthquake?

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Supporting Young Carers at Lyng

We are committed to ensuring that all students get the support they need to have a positive school experience, are happy in school and can achieve their full potential.
We know that for some students, factors outside of school can have a big impact on this, particularly if there is someone in their family or a friend who is ill, disabled, or has a mental health problem or an addiction. Data shows that in every class there could be as many as 2 pupils who are helping to support someone because of one of these factors – we call these students young carers.

Students can be young carers for lots of different reasons, this can include providing physical and/or emotional support. Some young carers might be doing lots of caring, others just a small amount but are impacted by the situation at home for example by worrying about the person with the health condition, or needing to do more things for themselves compared to other students. For example, if a sibling has SEND this may have a big impact on them.
We are currently working alongside Carers Matter Norfolk and The Benjamin Foundation to better improve the Young Carers support we provide in our school.
This will include assemblies, PSHE lessons around this topic and more opportunities for Young Carers to talk to a member of staff and a regular group.

Outside of school, there are many support services available in the local area:

- Carers Matter Norfolk – 1-1 and family support

- The Benjamin Foundation (Watton) – Boom! groups – evening groups and trips (see flyer for details).

If you think that any of the above applies to your child, and that they might possibly be a young

carer then please consider the survey questions to see if you think your child might be a young carer questionnaire via the link below.

If you would like to complete the questionnaire then this can be accessed by clicking here

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScuZREAkI07iXZwNUoixLOKKKtLx2YAErnrNUJUzENQ9DASJA/viewform?usp=header

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Our Learning this Week.....

Cherry Class

Cherry class has been busy learning all about dinosaurs. They have sculpted some fantastic dinosaur eyes, made salt dough fossils, and learnt so much about dinosaurs. We have focused on vocabulary linked to dinosaurs and even had a virtual look at Dippy at the Natural History Museum.

Willow Class

Willow class enjoyed the visit from the author Keith Hatton on Monday. We enjoyed using recyclable materials and our imaginations to make our own machines. In Geography, we enjoyed learning about Asia and all the landmarks in Asia. In English, we have written some incredible character descriptions of Boggis, Bunce and Bean! Great work this week Willow class!

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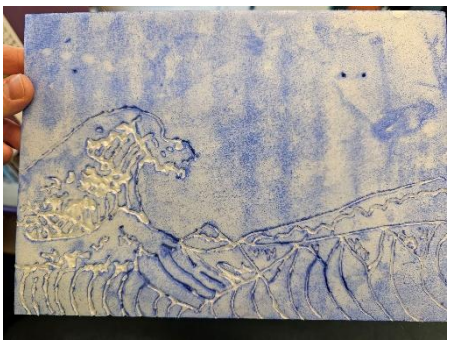
Rowan Class

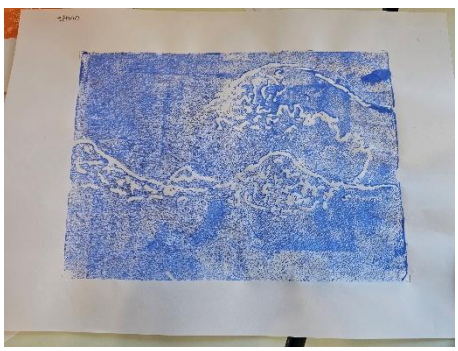
Rowan Class loved our workshop on Monday with Keith Hatton, author of Purple Panda and Nature Boy. We designed robots and then started writing stories about them. We really enjoyed Keith's ideas and feedback.

In maths we have been learning about equivalent fractions and fractions bigger than 1. In science we have explored how humans and nature can change an environment. In Design and Technology we have started to design headdresses. In Spiritual Art Club we drew pictures with charcoal, linked to Ash Wednesday.

Oak Class

Since returning from half term, Oak Class have been continuing with their decimal learning in maths. English has seen the class begin a new unit exploring another Katherine Rundell book, 'Into the Jungle', which is a collection of short stories based on the timeless Rudyard Kipling classic, The Jungle Book. We've been exploring some of the characters and writing a character profile for Bagheera. In PE, we have started netball, in preparation for an upcoming competition in a few weeks. In Geography, we have continued our unit looking by looking at the composition of volcanoes and the impact of their eruptions. RE has introduced a new unit based on Easter and the significance of Jesus' resurrection to Christians. And finally, in Art, the children got the chance to finish their Hokusai Art unit, printing their final designs onto paper using inks, using a polystyrene tile which had been carefully and intricately etched with fine details (below are some of the fantastic examples).





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WORLD BOOK DAY

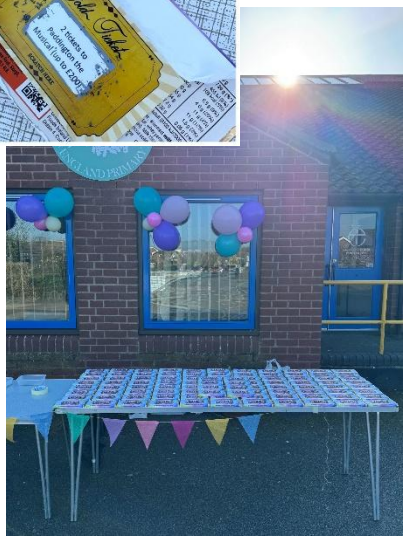
Thank You from FOLS

FOLS would like to say a huge thank you to the local businesses and individuals who generously supported our recent World Book Day 'Wonka Bar' fundraiser. Their kind donations and sponsorship helped make the event a fantastic success for the children and the school community.

Thanks to this support, along with the enthusiasm of our families and staff, we raised valuable funds which will go towards new outdoor play equipment for the children.

We are incredibly grateful for the continued support from our local community. Thank you to everyone who contributed and helped make the event such a success.

If any prizes are still to be claimed, these can be collected from the school office.



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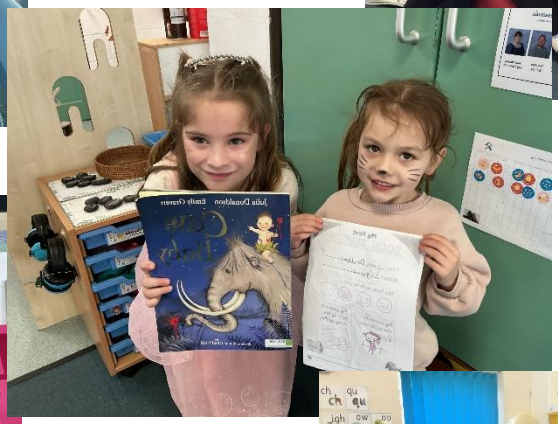

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Diary Dates 2025-26

March

9th FOLS Mother's Day Shop (YR & KS1)
10th Y1 & 2 Cricket Festival at UEA
11th Parent Book Looks 3.00pm
13th FOLS Mother's Day Shop (KS2)
Cherry Class Mother's Day event 2.30pm
17th Whole School Reading Breakfast 8.30am
18th Parents Evening 3.30 – 6.00pm
19th Parents Evening 3.30 – 5.30pm
Y4 & 5 Orienteering Festival at Langley Prep.
20th Y5 Bikeability Training part 1
23rd Eaton Vale Outdoor Day (selected children yr 4 & 5)
24th Easter Service 2.00pm – Lyng Church
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
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

13th – 15th Y6 to Eaton Vale
17th Break up for summer – **school finishes at 12pm**