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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to share the outcome of our recent Ofsted inspection, which took place on 17th and 18th March 2026.

This was our first inspection under the new Ofsted framework, that was introduced at the end of last year. We are extremely proud that across the 7 areas inspected, we were judged to be at Strong Standard in 5 of them.

The Inspectors found clear evidence of significant improvement in all areas since our last full inspection. This truly reflects the tremendous hard work, dedication and care shown by our staff, pupils, governors and you – our families. It is a true testament to how well we know our school and how we continually work together to make it a place where every child can thrive.

The inspection was thorough and comprehensive. Inspectors observed lessons, spoke with children and staff, reviewed pupils' work and examined every aspect of school life, from teaching and behaviour to leadership and pastoral care. What they saw was a school that is thriving and this was clearly reflected in their positive comments.

Here are just a few highlights from the report:

- "Pupils behave extremely well throughout the day. Staff consistently model positive behaviour. Classrooms are constantly calm and orderly."
- "Children are welcomed with kindness at the start of each day. This helps build positive relationships between staff and children. The learning environment is safe and nurturing."
- "Leaders have a clear overview of pupils with special educational needs and / or disabilities and those who are disadvantaged. When gaps in pupils' learning appear, leaders quickly provide targeted support."
- "The school's inclusive approach means all pupils feel part of the school community….. No pupil misses out."
- "Since the school joined the trust in November 2022, leaders have been robust in their approach to make positive changes in the best interests of the pupils."
- "Relationships between pupils and staff are positive. Staff know pupils well and greet them warmly at the gate and in classrooms. Pupils feel cared for and listened to."

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- "Pupils progress steadily as they move through the school. They have consistently achieved well in published outcomes."
- "The curriculum is well established. It is carefully sequenced and ambitious. It ensures pupils learn the knowledge they need for their futures."

We are looking forward to building on the successes that we have already achieved and will take our next steps with confidence and humility. Alongside the strengths identified in the report, we are proud that our academic outcomes remain consistently strong and place Lyng Primary among the top performing schools in Norfolk.

A copy of the full Ofsted report is available here:
https://www.nightingalefed.greenhousecms.co.uk/docs/Lyng_Ofsted_Report_March_2026.pdf

I hope you feel as proud of our school as we do. Thank you, as always, for your continued support. You are an integral part of our school family and together, we will continue to help every child let their light shine. I am incredibly blessed to be the Headteacher of such a wonderful school.

With warmest regards

Shannon O'Sullivan
Executive Headteacher