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Dear Parents, Carers & Friends of the Nightingale Federation,

This week we wanted to give you a quick update on the work we have been doing in school to identify and support Young Carers. Young Carers came into school on Monday to deliver an assembly, helping pupils understand what it means to be a young carer and how they can access support. There is further information below.

This week has also been Science Week. We have had a number of additional activities to engage all pupils in a love of STEM. Today, Willow Class also enjoyed a visit from Mini-Monsters, who brought reptiles and invertebrates into school as part of their animals topic.

Thank you to everyone who attended our Mothers' Day in School event, and to FOLS for organising some wonderful Mothers' Day Shops.

It has been fantastic to see the children's enthusiasm for their learning across the school this week, particularly as they explored a range of hands-on science activities and investigations. Their curiosity, teamwork and problem-solving skills have really shone through.

As we move into the coming weeks, there are several exciting events and learning opportunities planned, so please keep an eye on the diary dates and communications from school.

You will also find information below about how we will be fundraising for Red Nose Day, which takes place next week. Alongside this, we will be marking Neurodiversity Week in school – please see below for further details.

Have a wonderful weekend.

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Young Carers Assembly

This week the children had a visit from The Benjamin Foundation who delivered an assembly about Young Carers. The assembly informed us about who a Young Carer is and how Young Carers can receive support within school and in the community.

We are in the process of establishing a Young Carers group at Lyng which will begin after the Easter holiday.

We are committed to recognising and supporting Young Carers at Lyng. If you have any questions about Young Carers or believe that your child may be a Young Carer, please contact Mrs Smith via the school office.

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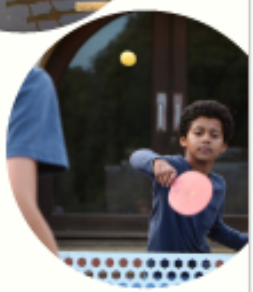
BOOM! Young Carers

Are you a Young Carer?

At The Benjamin Foundation we are committed to working with young carers across Norfolk.



We want you to have the same hope, opportunity, stability and independence as those without caring commitments. We can support you in specialist groups running throughout the year so you can meet other young carers, have a break from your caring responsibilities and have fun taking part in games and activities.

We also run trips, visits, activities (including short residential breaks) in school holidays to help develop your confidence, and giving you the opportunity to try new experiences.

Watton Young Carers Group
Fridays 5pm-6.30pm for 8 - 11 year olds
Fridays 6.45pm-8.15pm for 11-18 year olds

Taverham Young Carers Group
Fortnightly on Tuesdays 6.30pm-8pm for 8 - 16 year olds

Lakenham Young Carers Group
Fortnightly on Wednesdays 6.30pm-8pm for 8 - 16 year olds

North Walsham Young Carers Group
Fortnightly on Thursdays 6.30pm-8pm for 8 - 18 year olds

Norwich Young Carers Group
Marlpit Community Centre
Fortnightly on Wednesdays 4.45pm-6.15pm and 6.30pm-8pm for 5 - 18 year olds
Pilling Park Community Centre
Fortnightly on Thursdays 4.45pm-6.15pm and 6:30pm-8pm for 5 - 18 year olds

We also run monthly meet-ups for Young Adult Carers aged 16-21 in Norwich

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Parents' Evening Update

Please note that Mrs Smith is not able to attend parents evening on Thursday 19th March. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause. She is available after school on Thursday 26th March. If you would like an appointment, please contact the school office.

Neurodiversity Week

Next week we will be celebrating Neurodiversity Week in school. During the week the children will be promoting and exploring neurodiversity.

We will be learning about the positive skills and strengths of being neurodivergent and will be considering famous role models with neurodiversity. The children will be participating in an assembly and will be completing a variety of activities.

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Red Nose Day 2026

Red Nose Day takes place on **Friday 20 March.** We are inviting children to dress in red for a £1 donation to Comic Relief and will also be hosting a Bake Sale. Please do show your support if possible either by providing donations of biscuits and cakes for us to sell (please drop off on Friday morning), or by coming along at the end of the school day to treat yourself to something yummy!

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Diary Dates 2025-26

March

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.
Cherry Class to Pensthorpe
20th Y5 Bikeability Training part 1
Red Nose Day – dress in red! Bake Sale after school.
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 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
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**