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NEWSLETTER 24 OCTOBER 2025

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of the Nightingale Federation,

The first half-term of the academic year has flown by! It was wonderful to see so many families joining us at the Church for our Harvest celebrations at both schools, so beautifully led by Reverend Richard. All of the children performed superbly, and Year 6 guided us in thoughtful prayers of thanksgiving.

We were deeply moved by your generosity. We collected a fantastic number of food donations as Harvest gifts. I was pleased to deliver these to the Mid Norfolk Foodbank, who were incredibly grateful. Thank you for supporting these important community causes.

We were also delighted to welcome families to our recent open events. If you were unable to attend, please know that we would be very happy to arrange a visit at a time that suits you.

Thank you as well for attending our recent parents' evenings. It was wonderful to see such a positive turnout across the Federation and to share in the celebration of our pupils' progress and achievements. We truly value the opportunity to work together in supporting each child's learning journey.

To help us continue improving, we have included a link to our Autumn Term Parent Survey (via a Google Form). Please take a few moments to complete it over the next ten days, your feedback is greatly appreciated. https://forms.gle/VRT8UhQpUBnZvxhy8

We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to our parents and to The Friends of Lyng School (FOLS) for their continued support this term. Your involvement makes a real difference to our school community. We are excited to see what large-scale projects we have up and coming for our children.

Over the last few weeks we also had children in KS1 and KS2 attend curriculum enrichment class trips and sports events, as well as having a number of visitors into school in Reception. We had a lovely e-mail following our recent visit, to let us know how wonderful, well-mannered and interested our children are! Well done.

As we return after half-term, please remember that the weather will be turning colder. We encourage all children to come prepared with warm coats, hats, scarves, and gloves. Some supermarket clothing suppliers often offer 25% off uniforms and winter clothing, over half-term. A great opportunity to stock up on essentials.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable half-term holiday. We look forward to welcoming our families back refreshed and ready for an exciting second half of the term on Monday November 3rd 2025.

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Notices & Reminders

New Lunch Menu

Nourish Catering introduce their autumn / winter menu after half term. A copy is being emailed with this letter and it can also be found on our website.

New Office Email Address

Hopefully you will have seen the email that was sent out regarding a new school email address. Going forward, please use this one to contact school: office@lyng.dneat.org

Any emails sent to the old address will be forwarded on for now, so will still be received.

Norfolk STEPS for Parents Course

We are really pleased to be offering a Norfolk Steps for Parents course which will take place in school on **Tuesday 18th and Tuesday 25th of November** from 9am-11am.

The course will be delivered by the Schools and Communities Team and will share a therapeutic approach to behaviour management focused on around supporting children to emotionally regulate and understanding the emotions behind their behaviours. It will also provide a welcoming space to share experiences and to seek advice. If you would like any further information about the course or would like to attend please email Mrs Smith via the school office.

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Special Educational Needs (SEN) Parent Neurodiversity Workshop and Parent Café

We would like to invite parents and carers to attend our workshop and cafe on **Thursday 13th November at 9am**. The workshop will share some general information and advice about neurodiversity. We will also share some information for parents about school's SEN offer and how we support children with special educational needs within our school.

The session will be delivered by the School and Communities Team and Mrs Smith (SENDCo). We hope the session will be welcoming environment where parents and carers can ask questions and gain useful information.

If you have any queries about the session or would like to attend, please email Mrs Smith via the school office.

Nightingale Federation Fidget Policy

We have recently purchased class sets of fidget tools for children to use within our schools. These include a variety of different types of fidget tools to aid regulation and concentration. This means that all the children who need a fidget tool are able to access one and will avoid tools from home being lost or damaged within school.

Information about the tools available and how children will be supported to use them can be found in our new Fidget Policy which is available on the Special Educational Needs page of the website. If your child requires the use of a different type of fidget tool, please discuss this with your child's class teacher and/or Mrs Smith.

EDP Tokens

Please send in any tokens towards the EDP's campaign for free art supplies for schools if you have been collecting them on our behalf. They will continue to be published until December, but we will need time to count them and send them off. Thank you!

Wraparound Care

Remember to book your before and after school care requirements for after half term via Arbor!

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Shining Lights

Cherry Class – Year R
Rafi is our Shining Light of the Half Term for consistently demonstrating this half term's value of Respect. Rafi has had a fantastic first half term in Cherry class. He is always polite and respectful towards all adults and his friends at school.

Willow Class – Year 1
Bonnie is our Shining Light of the Half Term for consistently demonstrating this half term's value of Respect. Bonnie is always respectful to others and tries hard to respect the equipment in Willow class.

Willow Class – Year 2
Peggy is our Shining Light of the Half Term for consistently demonstrating this half term's value of Respect. Peggy always listens carefully to classmates and teachers during discussions and respects others by making sure nobody feels left out.

Rowan Class – Year 3
Sebastian is our Shining light of the Half Term for consistently demonstrating this half term's value of Respect. Seb always listens carefully to his teachers and friends showing respect and kindness.

Rowan Class – Year 4
Carlo is our Shining light of the Half Term for consistently demonstrating this half term's value of Respect. Carlo always listens carefully and acts in a way that show respect to everyone.

Oak Class – Year 5
Sophia is wonderfully respectful to her peers and adults alike; her manners are impeccable and the respect she has for the resources she uses and the school environment goes above and beyond.

Oak Class – Year 6
Grace is wonderfully polite and kind to everybody, whether it's to her peers or adults alike; she is helpful, especially to the adults within Oak Class and she shows the utmost respect to her learning resources and the school environment.

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

How to raise a concern-

- See something
- Hear 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.

WOW MOMENTS!

William (yr 5) has played in his first competitive rugby match – the Leicester Tigers U10 Cup. William was "player of the match" and was awarded the Tigers game ball. Well done William!

Faith (yr 6) has completed stage 10 in her swimming lessons. She was also challenged to swim a mile – something she did easily in 40 minutes! Faith has only been in the Otters for 4 months, but has already gone up to silver level.

Autumn (yr 3) Autumn has achieved the EA Gymnastics Intermediate Award (level 1). Great work Autumn!

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 does the monarchy do today?

Year 3 & 4: What caused the decline of Roman Britain and the end of Roman rule?

Year 5 & 6: Why is King Alfred known as Alfred the Great?

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Our Learning this Week.....

Cherry Class

Cherry class has had a busy couple of weeks with lots of fun learning taking place. We have been very lucky to have had visits from a nurse, vet and some police officers. Thank you to our wonderful families for supporting this. They have been retelling the story 'Little Red Hen' fantastically, and have even made some bread to support this learning. which they thoroughly enjoyed!

Willow Class

We have had a busy last week in Willow class. In Maths, we have been working hard partitioning numbers into tens and ones.

In English, we have been writing our non-chronological reports about castles. We have been adding the final touches to our crowns and they look lovely! Wishing you a lovely half term holiday.

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Rowan Class

Rowan Class have been busy completing our non-chronological reports about Romans, in English. In Maths we have been working on column addition and subtraction. In Science we have learnt about the digestive system. In P.E we have played some matches of Tag Rugby after working on the skills this half term.

Oak Class

What a half term of learning! Oak Class have worked incredibly hard and deserve a well-earned break for half term.

This week, the children finished drafting their Beowulf narratives, producing some excellent descriptive writing, using dialogue and characterisation to really bring the legend to life. They also completed their artwork, inspired by Peter Thorpe, as you can see with a few examples in the picture below.

In PE, we finished our Tag Rugby unit with a big game of "Capture the Flag" and History saw us learn about what made Alfred 'the Great' and his legacy in shaping our country. 12 members of Oak Class also participated in the West Norwich and Dereham KS2 Cross Country event, all battling well with some very competitive runners from schools across central Norfolk. A special mention goes to Faith who came 4th and qualified for the finals.

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Diary Dates 2025-26

October

24th Break up for half term

October Half term week 27th – 31st October

November

3rd Children return to school
6th Year 3 & 4 Girls' Football Tournament
7th FOLS non uniform day – dress in bright colours
11th Dentist Visit by Beechcroft Dental
20th Cherry Class trip to High Lodge
27th FOLS wreath making workshop (The Old School Room, Sparham 6.30pm)

December

5th FOLS Festive Fair
16th Christmas Lunch
18th FOLS Christmas Disco (in the school hall)
19th **School finishes at 12pm – last day of term**

Christmas Holiday Monday 22nd December – Monday 5th January 2026

January
6th – Back to school

February

13th Break up for half term

Half term Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February

23rd Children return to school

March

27th Break up for Easter
Easter Holiday Monday 30th March – Monday 13th April

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April

14th Children return to school

May

4th Bank Holiday – school closed
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
17th Break up for summer – **school finishes at 12pm**