



## Sporle Newsletter for week ending 22nd March 2024

The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

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### Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all those who attended our Easter celebration at the church today. It was so lovely to see so many of you attend. Also, a huge thank you to our fabulous FOSS who organised the Easter egg hunt; it was a super occasion and I know the children enjoyed their treats.

This week has been busy as ever with lots of events. Our Year 3 and 4 children represented us beautifully at the football competition and all of our children absolutely loved the chance to go to Castle Acre yesterday for the 'Playground Proms'. They got the chance to see real life musicians in action. Thank you Mrs Clifton for organising the fabulous event and families for supporting the cost of the coach.

### Upcoming Events

See Diary Dates for details.....

**26th March - High 5 Netball**  
Selected pupils will attend TNHA during the morning. If your child is attending, please remember their PE kit on the day

**27th March - last day of term**

**We return for the summer term on Monday 15th April**

### Reminders and Information.....

#### Cake Stall

**27th March - end of school day**  
Please buy a home-made cake from the stall on the playground. This is being held by a Year 5 pupil who is holding the stall to achieve a badge for Brownies. All proceeds will go towards East Anglian Air Ambulance Charity. Please note - the cakes are all home made so please be allergy aware at the time of buying. Well done Bella for your courageous advocacy.

Please make sure that your child is wearing the correct uniform for school, including their PE kits and shoes. We all have a dress code we have to follow and it is important to show that they belong. Please note that the hoodies are for PE and trips or when it is particularly cold on top of a jumper. Please make sure your child has their PE kit in from Monday to Friday. This then helps if they are attending an event at TNHA also.

**Public Health Agency - 'Do I need to keep my child off school?'** please see the poster in the link below:

<https://www.publichealth.hscni.net/sites/default/files/2019-11/Do%20I%20need%20to%20keep%20my%20child%20off%20school.pdf>

### Attendance Awards.....

Class	%
Robins	98.88%
Woodpeckers	94.13%
Kingfishers	93.83%

Oh dear everyone - get better soon. Please note that if your child has chicken pox, they can return once the spots have crusted over.

#### ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Every school day counts BUT every minute is equally important!

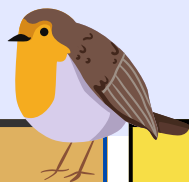
Please remember to be on time for school - children need to be in their seats at **8.40am**, learning. Every minute helps them and every minute is time lost from their learning and over time is a huge and needless disadvantage for them.



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## Robins Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Ethan	for reading regularly at home - achieving his 100 bookworm badge this week.
Writer of the week	Violet	great descriptive sentences using -er and -est suffixes to compare, as well as adjectives to write about her extraordinary plant.
Mathematician of the week	Joshua	really great concentration to find tricky patterns: AA BB AA BB
Shining Light	Ralph	settling into Robin class so well this week.



## Woodpeckers Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Alfie	for always working hard to improve his reading at home and school
Writer of the week	Riley	for always trying his best in all his writing
Mathematician of the week	Skye	for working hard to multiply and divide decimals
Shining Light	Sienna	for always being a star in everything she does every day
Readers	Jacob	for 50 reads


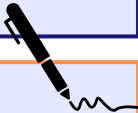



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Kingfishers Class

Award	Goes to...	For..... 
Reader of the Week	Bailey	Excellent progress in his Reading SATS
Mathematician of the week 	Ronnie	Brilliant progress in his Mathematics SATS
Shining Light	Chloe	Fantastic progress in Maths and Reading 
Let Your Light Shine	Bella	Super progress in Spelling
Writer of the Week	Abi	Wonderful progress with her writing

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### Help with online safety::



The CEOP website, run by the National Crime Prevention agency, gives helpful advice about when and how to report your concern.

***<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Get-help/Reporting-an-incident/>***



See these links for further information, games and tips:

***[https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/4\\_7/](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/4_7/)***

***[https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/8\\_10/](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/8_10/)***

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### Safeguarding

According to a recent Ofcom report\*, what percentage of children below the age of 11 have had a social media account setup for them by a parent?

Fifty-eight percent - the top five most popular being: YouTube (33%), TikTok (18%), WhatsApp (17%), Snapchat (14%) and Facebook (9%). It's worth noting that on 11th April 2024, WhatsApp is changing their minimum age to allow children aged 13+ to use the service (down from 16). WhatsApp offers end-to-end encryption - a security feature that scrambles messages to ensure no one can view the contents.

How much do children (aged 8 - 17) spend on video games (including in-app purchases)?

The Insights Family\* data (Ofcom, 2023) suggests that children aged 8-17 who spent money on video games (including in-app purchases) had spent an average of £38 in the past month.

#### Further research

\*The Ofcom report makes fascinating reading across a number of areas of children's media use. You can download it here:

<https://www.ofcom.org.uk/research-and-data/media-literacy-research/childrens>

You can interrogate the data here:  
<https://www.ofcom.org.uk/research-and-data/media-literacy-research/childrens/children-and-parents-media-use-and-attitudes-report-2023/children-and-parents-media-use-and-attitudes-report-2023-interactive-data>

### Message from the Executive Headteacher....

Congratulations to the Nar Valley Federation Dodgeball Team, a group made up of all 3 of our schools, who despite not having played together before, came together fantastically at the tournament this week, demonstrated all our school values, and are through to the final! Really well done to all our participants - and I think you can see from the photos they meant business! Thank you to Theo's Dad for the photos



Naming of some streets in Narborough; well done to our Head Pupils, Macy and Theo, pictured here with David Williams, Chair of the Parish Council and the Community Centre, Helen Pipe, Vice-Chair, Cameron Harris, Burmor Quantity Surveyor and Oleg Barsoukov, Senior Project Manager at Flagship Homes, who worked with those people to present our children's ideas for naming some of the new roads. Oak Tree Way and Willow Way were chosen, so very well done children!

It's been a fantastic week across the Federation, with our Trust very pleased with the standard of the children's learning, excellent learning behaviours and super spelling! Well done NVF Team!

Well done to our amazing FOSS for holding the Bingo on Monday evening. It was a huge success and they raised a massive £470 for the school!

### Friends of Sporle School (FOSS).....

We are always looking for ideas of how to raise funds for the school. If you feel you could suggest anything, please let us know or speak with a member of FOSS

### Prayer for the Week....

Dear Lord,

We pray that everyone is safe, happy and loved. We also hope that everyone is respectful to each other.

Amen

by Lou-Lou and Skye, Woodpeckers Class



Thank you as always for your support and partnership,



Head of School  
Sporle C of E Primary Academy



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