

Sporle Newsletter for week ending 5th December 2025

The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

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Dear Parents and carers,

Well, Christmas season is firmly in full swing. Our children loved having the wonderful Reverend Nigel in this week introduce advent and explore how it helps us await the birth of Jesus. On Monday, some of our children were invited by the community to help decorate the beautiful Christmas trees you see at the bottom of the lane. Don't they look beautiful? Thank you to Pam and the community for inviting us to take part in such a wonderful occasion.

Thank you to our families for making such a smooth transition in the morning routines. We will continue that when the children arrive from 8:30, they can head straight into the school and their classroom, ready to begin morning work. A reminder that the school day begins at 8:40 where the children complete their morning task. Thank you. Next week sees the first of our Nativity performances for the Robins and Woodpecker classes. We look forward to seeing you then.

Upcoming Events

See Diary Dates for details.....

See details in FOSS section below

ROBINS PARENT CAFE - 11th December
- Join your child for an afternoon of making decorations!

WOODPECKERS PARENT CAFE - 8th December
Join your child for an afternoon of making decorations!

Church Christmas Service - 17th December
Please join us at 1:30pm for a Festive service. Refreshments afterwards

Reminders and Information.....



This year, Christmas jumper day will be on the same day as Christmas Lunch.

Robins and Woodpeckers Nativity - 12th December and Monday 15th December
Tickets issued at the office

For the Monday performance we would like the children to stay and perform even if you are not attending this show. If this is a problem or you have any concerns, please inform the office

Kingfishers Singing Performance - 15th December
Tickets issued at the office

Henry in Kingfishers has organised a Non-uniform Day to be held on Friday 19th December, to raise money for school equipment. Details on the theme will be following on Monday. If you would like your child to take part, please can they bring with them a donation of £1

Jack and the Beanstalk - 16th December
Please note, the coach will not return to school until around 6pm due to the performance time. We will keep you updated through Arbor messaging throughout the afternoon

Could we also ask you to ensure that you take extra care to drive slowly and carefully around school; there have been some near misses lately and we don't want anyone hurt. We also don't want anyone getting cross with each other, so if there are any issues, please just let us know in school, thank you.

Headlice in school

Please check your child's hair on a regular basis for headlice and treat accordingly. Although it is impossible to prevent them, you can help to ensure we control it so it is manageable

Military Families.....

Military Club with Mrs Jary is every Thursday lunchtime in person at Narborough, but children from Sporle and Castle Acre are also going to be able to access this online in coming weeks. Come along, eat your lunch, bring a friend and chat! In future we will be meeting online with our other service children at Castle Acre and Sporle. We're proud of our Service personnel and proud to support our service families. We have strong links with the RAF base and look forward to our involvement in events.

Attendance Awards.....

Class	%
Robins	95.1
Woodpeckers	96.23
Kingfishers	93.7

Well done to Woodpeckers Class who are winners of the Attendance Award this week.





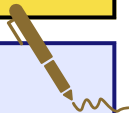


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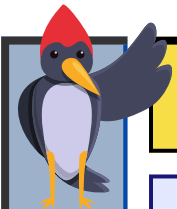
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Robins Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week 	Amira	trying her hardest in phonics all week 
Writer of the week	Paddy	super writing in his drawing club 
Mathematician of the week	Tommy	Showing super effort in maths this week.
Shining Light	Jake	ALWAYS making super choices and encouraging others to make the same choices.
Letting your light shine	Priscilla	Being a happy smiley member of our class.



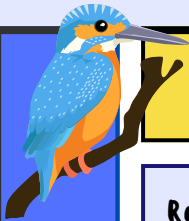
Woodpeckers Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Ethan	for empathy and contributions when reading our class text 
Writer of the week 	Layla	for an incredible diary entry
Mathematician of the week	Rosella	for fantastic subtraction work 
Shining Light	Harry	for always working hard every day 

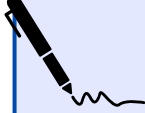



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Kingfishers Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the Week	 Luke	Excellent answers to reading comprehension questions
Writer of the Week	Dollyanna	Always trying hard with her writing
Mathematician of the Week	 Freddie	Excellent use of vocabulary in his maths explanations
Let you Light Shine	Riley	his 2 nd place in the national Tackling Tables competition
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Safeguarding

Each week I get an update from the company that monitors school children and young people's online use nationally. This week they have seen and increase in:

- Use of Canva and Google Docs as informal instant messaging tools; be aware these platforms can do that!
- instances of unkind or bullying language being sent through Microsoft Teams messages. It is a really important message for children to understand that they need to be as respectful in digital learning environments as they are in person.
- an increase in Searches for 'Childline' there has been a slight rise in searches for "Childline." This could be positive, in terms of young people seeking support, but could also be a good reminder for us to check in with our children and young people - how are they feeling? do they have trusted adults to talk to and do they?.
- use of AI Image Generators for Sexualised Content

The company have observed children experimenting with AI image generation tools to create sexualised content. This raises significant safeguarding concerns, particularly around exposure to inappropriate material and potential misuse of technology. Do we know what our children are doing when they are online? Are we supervising?

Healthy mind, healthy body

Two things came from our children today on how we can all feel happy which I really wanted to share as they were delightful in their simplicity yet perfection. A child in Y1 said to me today 'I make people happy by smiling at them on purpose'. Also, at a school event one of our children slipped his hand through mine and we had a dance together. Small things can make a huge difference

Message from the Executive Headteacher....

Thank you to everyone who has filled in our really short Autumn Parents/Carers' survey so far. We want your opinions so that we can use them to inform our work, so please do fill it in, it only takes a few minutes. Many thanks.

Thoughts from our Pupil Voice survey of the children:
How did you find being back at school this year?
What is going really well?
What would be even better?

Children at Spole were very positive about their learning, staff in school, how they felt in school and how much fun they have. They were 'impressively mature, particularly Kingfishers, about their learning and suggestions More comments next week!

Under the 'even better if' section, across the school, apart from wanting more learning (team point everyone!), the children were all really clear that they would like more equipment for the playground.

Therefore:

We have received a donation for each school of £200, which given the children's feedback above, we would like to spend on a piece of outdoor equipment. We are going to let the children at each school via their School Council decide what to spend it on, and whether they would like to try to raise some more money to make what they buy bigger.

Friends of Spole School (FOSS).....

Sunday 14th December 4-6pm - FOSS DISCO, Spole Community Centre

£5 per child - all welcome including siblings
Price includes hot dog, drinks and a small present
All cash payments in named envelope to the office. No entry on door. If you prefer to pay direct, ask a member of FOSS for details



Prayer for the Week....

Dear God,
We pray that you help us learn and give us protection. .

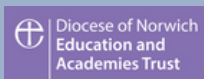
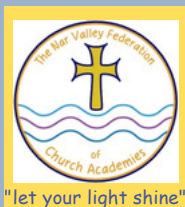


Amen by Ava

Thank you as always for your support and partnership,

Head of School
Spole C of E Primary Academy

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Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies
Castle Acre, Narborough and Spole C of E Primary Academy



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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/8_10/
<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>