

Sporle Newsletter for week ending 12th December 2025

The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

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Dear Parents and carers,

Well the Christmas spirit is firmly in full swing. Thank you to our parents and carers who joined us for the decoration cafes; it was lovely to see so many of you present and to share that time all together. On Thursday, the children enjoyed Christmas dinner in their festive jumpers. A huge thank you to our fabulous FOSS (Friends of Sporle School) for purchasing the Christmas crackers.

On Thursday morning we had our RE morning. The children had a fabulous morning learning about and comparing about how different religions view the concept of light. Thank you to Reverend Nigel who joined us for this day. It was fantastic to have his input. The children behaved beautifully all day even when in different classes for the day.

Upcoming Events

See Diary Dates for details.....



All monies straight to a member of FOSS or the school office please

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

Kingfishers Singing Performance
Monday 15th December at 2pm

Robins and Woodpeckers Nativity
Monday 15th December at 3:45pm

Carol Singing

You are invited to join the children for singing in the playground on the last day of term

Reminders and Information.....

For the Monday Robins and Woodpeckers 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

Please send the children wearing Christmas outfits or jumpers on Monday

On the last day of term join us for a Carol Service in the Playground - please arrive for a 2:30pm start



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

Polite payment reminder

We appreciate it is an extremely busy and expensive time of the year but please ensure payments are made in time for trips, events and clubs. Failure to do so may prevent further events in school.

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

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.

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	96
Woodpeckers	96.42
Kingfishers	94.29

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





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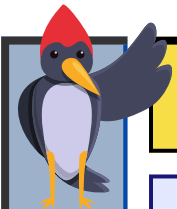
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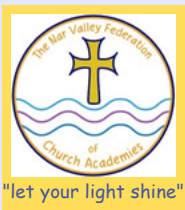
Robins Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week		None this week.
Writer of the week		None this week.
Mathematician of the week		None this week.
Shining Light		None this week.
Letting your light shine		None this week.



Woodpeckers Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Layla	reading beautifully to Miss Behan
Writer of the week	Ava	writing super sentences in her diary
Mathematician of the week	Aaron	super fraction work
Shining Light	Archie	learning his lines to the Nativity and always trying his hardest

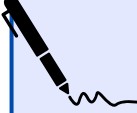




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Kingfishers Class

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

An article on some positive steps taken by Roblox:
Roblox Security Changes - South West Grid for Learning
The introduction of the Online Safety Bill earlier this year (is important in online) safeguarding). The risks have become unmistakable. Adults now face increasingly sophisticated attacks from hackers and scammers, while children remain acutely vulnerable to online predators.
For children, one of the most persistent avenues for predatory behaviour has been online video games. These are spaces where young users gather, communicate, and interact, often with limited verification or oversight.
Roblox, a platform widely associated with younger players, is now beginning to address this by introducing facial analysis age checks and optional ID verification for users over 13. These real-world verification measures are designed to confirm a user's age more accurately and to restrict interactions that could place children at risk. In practice, they signal an important shift in how major platforms are starting to manage online safety and respond to the expectations set out in the Bill.

Please be aware - Roblox is rated T for Teen, suitable for ages 13 and up due to the fact that anyone can create content on it for all to access. You can read more about these checks on the SWGfL website:
<https://swgfl.org.uk/magazine/roblox-announces-facial-age-checks-for-chat-features/>

Healthy mind, healthy body

Here is our draft vision for the above for children are families - please let us know your thoughts.

For our children, we work hard to model and talk about how to keep ourselves healthy in body and mind without necessarily using the term 'mental health'. We share ideas about how to feel positive, how to recognise and change emotions, and how to regulate ourselves. We teach breathing in and out using the hand model, offer safe spaces to go to in order to calm down if needed and ask how our children are. We ask all our children if they have a trusted adult in school and home so that we know they have someone they can go to. We celebrate excellent examples of children taking positive steps for their wellbeing. For our families, we have an open door culture and we ask with genuine care if families are alright if we can see a change. We listen without judgement and we promote seeking support and signpost to services.

Message from the Executive Headteacher....

Thank you to everyone who has filled in our really short Autumn Parents/Carers' Survey 83% of families were very positive and felt their children are very happy at school. There was one issue very personal to one family, which we have resolved for that family and otherwise there were no suggestions for improvement.

Thoughts from our Pupil Voice survey of the children: What's going well? Children said 'I've got more independent in my learning', 'My art skills have improved', 'I've got faster and better at my times tables', 'I like the jobs I do in Church', 'The Cathedral had lots of places to explore', 'We like doing all of the drawings in our Drawing club (a writing initiative for Reception class)', 'I enjoy Maths'

What could be even better?

'I think we should have compost bins', 'Harder maths', 'Harder writing', 'More science experiments' and 'Art and history and PE' 'We want more Eco Council meetings', 'More busy learning', 'lunch time is too loud'

As a result, we have done the following:

Miss Willgress has ensured Eco council are meeting and they are currently carrying out an audit and climate action plan review.
Miss Behan has organised lunchtime in to more than one sitting so that it is quieter for the younger children.
Our Subject Leaders and Strategic Leadership team monitor the timetable to make sure we are having all the subjects as we know our children enjoy their learning.

Friends of Spurle School (FOSS)..... Raffle Tickets



These are available at the school office at **£1 per strip**.

If you have any unopened unwanted gifts, bottles or new items suitable for prizes, please donate them at the school office. Thank you for your continued support

Prayer for the Week....

Dear God,

We are thankful for having our friends and family. We appreciate the teachers and staff at school who help us.

Amen

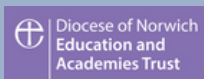
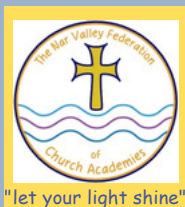
by Noah and Logan



Thank you as always for your support and partnership,

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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/>