

# Sporle Newsletter for week ending 23rd January 2026

The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

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## Dear Parents and carers,

It's been an action packed week here at Sporle. It started with some of our younger children attending the Active Kids Sports Festival at Kings Lynn. Well done to all those involved who represented the school beautifully. The children have been out and about enjoying the school grounds this week in play. Please do remember to send your child with wellies so they can play on the grass during the winter weather. Thank you to those children who come in beautifully in the morning. A small reminder, our doors open from 8:30 however all children must be in by 8:40 as that is the beginning of our school day.

## Upcoming Events

See Diary Dates for details.....

**Benedictine Project Day - Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February**  
Year 5 pupils from Castle Acre and Sporle will go to join Narborough Year 5's Thank you to our FOSS for paying for this coach.

**Kingfishers Class Trip to West Stow - Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February**

Last day of Spring 1 term - Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February

First day of Spring 2 term - Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February

**Tag Rugby at The Nicholas Hamond Academy - Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March**

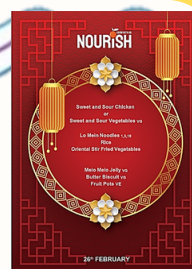
**Chinese New Year Special Lunch - Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February - see menu opposite**

## Reminders and Information.....

**Special Lunch - 26<sup>th</sup> February.**

**Chinese New Year**

See menu for details, Please order as normal on the day



**Kingfishers West Stow Trip and Y5 Benedictine Project**

Please give consent via the link and pay as soon as possible (only West Stow) via Arbor. Please contact the office if you have difficulty paying or giving consent.



**Norfolk Safeguarding Children Partnership**

**Start for Life Conference:**  
See attached leaflet for details  
**Working effectively with fathers to improve outcomes for children**  
26<sup>th</sup> March 2026  
10:00am - 3.30pm

## Attendance Awards.....

Class	%
Robins	94.44
Woodpeckers	95.63
Kingfishers	93.87

Oh dear, not quite this week :-)



### Parking:

We've had a plea from a local resident, who would ask you all to please avoid blocking their drive. Please remember that you can park on the playing field and walk to school; it isn't far, gives us a good fresh air boost first thing in the day, makes us fit and healthy and is courteous to our local residents. Thank you for your support.



### Wellies or outdoor shoes

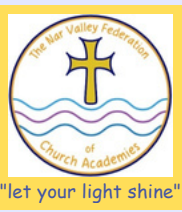
Please ensure your child has a pair of wellies (preferable) or suitable waterproof outdoor shoes in school. Also, a waterproof, warm coat for outdoor play.

### Headlice

Please check your children regularly. Although we can't prevent headlice, we can try to keep on top of it by using methods such as wet combing and various treatments. This NHS link will help.

### Military Families.....

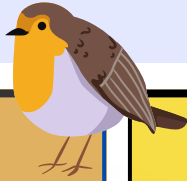
Military Club with Mrs Jary is every Thursday lunchtime in person at Narborough, but children from Sporle and Castle Acre are also going to be able to access this online in coming weeks. Come along, eat your lunch, bring a friend and chat! In future we will be meeting online with our other service children 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.



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**Robins Class**

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Yasmin	Brilliant effort in phonics.
Writer of the week	Rebekah	A super diary entry about the great fire of London.
Mathematician of the week	Ollie	Super participation in Maths
Shining Light	Gracie-Mae	Being an all around superstar!
Letting your light shine	Priscilla	A super attitude to learning.

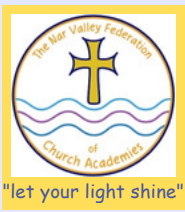
## Our week in Class



This weeks in Robins we have been continuing on our super learning about The Great Fire of London. The year 1s have been doing some amazing writing, creating a diary as if we were living in 1666.

Reception have been doing some super writing all about Billy goats gruff. In science we have been building pictures of plants and labelling the parts of them.

In R.E we have been doing lots of learning about Shabbat.



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Woodpeckers Class

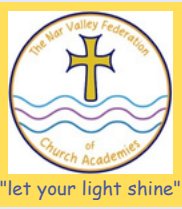
Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Freddie D	for super reading to an adult
Writer of the week	Rosella	for writing amazing story sentences
Mathematician of the week	Violet	for adding and subtracting fractions
Shining Light	Vinnie G	for working his hardest every day

## Our week in Class



In science, we've loved learning about the circulatory system. We did a fun drama activity to see how deoxygenated and oxygenated blood moves around the body. In history we learned how Britain looked different before and after the coming of the railways. In writing we learned how to use inverted commas for speech.

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**Kingfishers Class**

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Writer of the Week	Oscar	Super writing about characters from Beowulf
Reader of the Week	Pollyanna	Success in answering 3 mark answers in her assessments
Mathematician of the Week	Skye	Improvements in Arithmetic Assessment
Shining Light	Luke	Always trying hard with his learning

## Our week in Class

This week in Kingfisher class we have been practising division methods in mathematics. We have been writing sentences starting with subordinate clauses in English and have been learning the spelling rule for adding suffixes which end in 'fer'. In science, we have started learning about gravity and have used forcemeters to measure the pull of gravity on different classroom objects. What a busy week of learning!



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### Safeguarding

National Online Safety Week  
- February 9th-13th

We are going to run a workshop for families on Monday 9th February. During this, we will look at some local and national issues, and find out what things cause families issues, and share some resources that may help. We can run this either in person or online, so please sign up to the letter with your preferred option by the end of next week.  
Many thanks.



### Healthy mind, healthy body

You may remember our Summer holiday competition to design a poster to promote the idea of having a healthy mind and a health body. Please see the attached winning poster to launch our campaign; a HUGE well done to Ethan, Annie and Rosie from Sporle, whose designs were so good we asked them to amalgamate theirs into one. This poster will be displayed across all our schools, and the launch of our campaign is during Children's mental health week 9th-13th February, so look out for it then!

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

Term-time absence:

As many people's thoughts turn to booking a holiday to look forward to, firstly can I remind you that there are 13 non-school weeks in the year when you can have a holiday. I know that there are some people who can't during this time, so if you absolutely must request leave of absence from school, please do the following:

1) try to minimise the number of days, and try to split them so that the children miss the end of one week and the beginning of another, rather than a full week.

2) certainly we cannot authorise anything that is more than one school week; such a length of absence would be likely to drop your child's attendance below the expected level and this can have a very detrimental affect on them, particularly if they are receiving booster sessions, one to one tuition or other support to get their learning to the expected level.

3) please come and talk to your child's teacher about the best time before you book, so that you can minimise disruption for your child. For example, it is far better if your child has strong attendance (96%+) to take a few days before a school holiday.

4) Finally, a plea. Please do not take them away on holiday and not tell us. There have been cases in the local authority of people falsely reporting the children as ill. Remember we have to call every day if you do not call us on each day of absence. It is also awkward if a child is put in a position where they are having to lie. Happily, I'm sure none of our families would do this to their children.

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

If you have any ideas or suggestions to raise money for the school please speak to a member of FOSS on the playground. Alternatively, speak with a member of staff who can pass this on.

### Prayer for the Week....

Dear God,

We hope every single person in the world remains healthy and happy. Please look after each other and our pets.

Amen

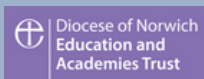
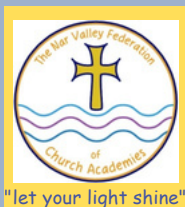
by Anne, Rosie and Ethan



Thank you as always for your support and partnership,

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Sporle C of E Primary Academy

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Castle Acre, Narborough and Sporle 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/4_7/)**  
**[https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/8\\_10/](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/8_10/)**  
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