

## Sporle Newsletter for week ending 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026

The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

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### Dear Parents and carers,

It has been a fantastic week here at Sporle, packed full of exciting lessons. This week we have seen exciting science experiments, gymnastics, etymology and so much more. The children have impressed with their learning and understanding. Next week sees the launch of the National Tackling Tables competition for Years 2 to 6 and we would love to see our children represented well in a National competition. So, do encourage your child to practise their times tables as much as possible so they are prepared for this. Next week Year 5 are off to Narborough for their 'Benedictine Day'. Thank you to FOSS for paying for this coach.

### 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 - Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026

#### 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

#### World Book Day - Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March

### Reminders and Information.....

#### Special Lunch - 26<sup>th</sup> February Chinese New Year

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

#### Year 5 Benedictine Trip to Narborough

Please remember a home packed lunch and water bottle. Children are to wear normal school uniform please.



Please click [here](#) for the latest newsletter

#### Kingfishers Class Trip to West Stow

Please remember to give consent via the email link and make payment via Arbor. If not, the trip may not be able to go ahead.

**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.

### Attendance Awards.....

Class	%
Robins	94.31
Woodpeckers	95.5
Kingfishers	93.97

Oh dear, not quite this week :-)

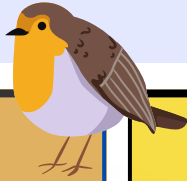




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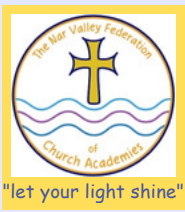
**Robins Class**

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Lily	Brilliant effort in phonics.
Writer of the week	Amira	Excellent effort with her handwriting.
Mathematician of the week	Tommy	Super participation in Maths
Shining Light	Rosie	Being an all around superstar!
Letting your light shine	Oliver	Super attitude to learning.

## Our week in Class



This week in Robins we have been continuing our amazing learning about the Great Fire of London. Year 1 have been learning how to write a letter and reception have been focusing on the story of Rama and Sita. In science, we have been learning about what plants need to grow. In PE we have been continuing with our unit of Yoga, the children loved our cosmic kids session on 'We're going on a bear hunt.'



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Woodpeckers Class

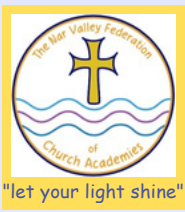
Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Ethan	for reflecting and asking questions about he has read 
Writer of the week	Harry	for an amazing story in his writing
Mathematician of the week	Isabelle Mai	for super arithmetic work 
Shining Light	Alfie	for always making good choices

## Our week in Class






This week in Woodpeckers we have enjoyed learning more about the railways changed life in Britain. We also loved taking part in a science experiment where we found out just how the digestive system works. The children had great fun. In maths we've been learning to tell the time.

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Kingfishers Class	Award	Goes to...	For.....
	 <b>Writer of the Week</b>	Lou Lou	Making super progress with her spelling
	<b>Reader of the Week</b>	Annie	Efficient reading for information
	 <b>Mathematician of the Week</b>	Jasper	Impressive problem solving involving fractions and time
	<b>Shining Light</b>	Lucy	 Working hard at home to improve her mathematical understanding

## Our week in Class



This week in Kingfisher class we have started learning about fractions in mathematics. We have practised punctuating direct speech in English and have learnt about the conversion of the Anglo-Saxons to Christianity in history. In science, we had great fun pull our shoes across different floor surfaces to observe and measure the force of friction. I'm really proud of how well the children are progressing with their times tables and I look forward to seeing how they do in next week's Tackling tables competition.



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### Safeguarding

Our Online Survey is being launched next week for families; please take the time to fill it in, as it helps us shape our curriculum and ensure that children are being taught about what they need to keep them safe.

#### Parents/Carers' online safety workshop

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February 6pm at school: Please book via the letter that will come out.

Parents/Carers' Mental Health Day is today - 30 January.

As you know, we are working on a strategy for mental health, called 'Healthy mind, healthy body'

The Parents/Carers part of this is as follows:

*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.*

I would be incredibly grateful if any of you could take 2 minutes to read the above and give me some feedback on the wording - does it say what we do, does it make it clear we care and does it make you feel that families are important to us? thank you in hopeful anticipation....

#### Healthy mind, healthy body

Our Wellbeing group met yesterday, and the actions we are working on for the children are three strategies for helping yourself to feel calm, as well as having a quiet space to go to in school if you need it. More on that during Children's Mental Health week, which is in February (the same week as Online safety week)

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

#### Smartphones in schools;

You will have seen a lot of coverage in the media about the above and the growing call to ensure children do not have access to smartphones.

As you know, our policy as a school is that smartphones are NOT allowed in school and we do not allow children to travel with them and hand them in when they arrive, and we do not look after smartphones. Should a child ever have a smartphone in school, we would ask you to come and collect it. We began this policy last Summer, after a consultation with Parents/Carers which voted overwhelmingly in favour of this. Happily, I am pleased to be able to say that we have had no issues with this at all and every family has been incredibly supportive of this. If your child is going to be walking to and from school by themselves, we would be happy to look after SMS and call only phones - non-smartphones with them being handed in at the office each day. Thank you for your understanding and support with this policy to keep our children safe online.

#### Drop off and pick up:

Please could families not block the driveway of our neighbours on the road up to school and please could families avoid parking outside the bus stop, as it is preventing a family getting their disabled relative mobile. Thank you.

#### 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 really hope that children and adults in all countries are healthy and happy in all they do.

Amen

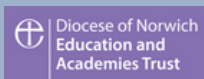
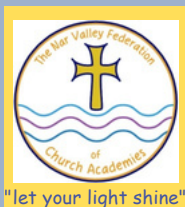
by Rebekah, Robins Class



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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