



Narborough Newsletter for week ending 25th September 2026

The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has absolutely flown by. It has been lovely to spend some time in some classes this week. Highlights have been seeing Squirrels working really hard in dictation, using their knowledge of phonemes to help them with their spelling. Foxes Class were very animated in discussing their collage inspired by Pablo Picasso. Otters have been enthused in Science, planning a fair test in their work on forces. I look forward to spending some time in Hedgehogs class next week.

I would like to thank all the staff this week for being so supportive to their colleagues at Sporle during their OFSTED inspection. It really is a pleasure to work in a federation where there is such a strong and supportive team. Well done everyone!

Congratulations to Isla D for achieving the Good Samaritan award. Isla demonstrated kindness and responsibility by helping another child with their reading in phonics.

Upcoming Events

See Diary Dates for details.....

W/C 28th September Parent/Carer Workshops or Cafes. See box adjacent for day & times

1st October - Nourish Special Menu
"Mr Nourish Birthday Menu"

16th October - Tempest Photographer to take individuals and siblings

22nd October - Cross Country at TNHA - selected Y3-6

22nd October - last day of term. We return on Monday 2nd November

Celebration Worship

Celebration Worship on a Friday; every Parents/Carer is welcome to our Celebration worship at 2.45pm each week whether your child is receiving a certificate or not - you are very welcome to come and be spiritually uplifted by the joy of our children's achievements and we'll always be delighted to see you!

Reminders and Information.....

Our Parent/Carer workshops
2.30pm start

Hedgehogs - Tuesday 29th
September

Squirrels - Thursday 1st October

Foxes - Thursday 1st October

Otters - Wed 30th September

PE DAYS

Hedgehogs
WEDNESDAY

Squirrels
TUESDAY & FRIDAY

Foxes
TUESDAY & THURSDAY

Otters
WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY

Please make sure the children have their trainers and kits in school for these days

Weekly attendance Award

Class	%
Hedgehogs	88.8%
Squirrels	93.4%
Foxes	98.8%
Otters	97.5%
Whole School	95.4%

The winner of the Attendance Award this week is Foxes Class, Well Done!

Freddie the Teddy will be joining Foxes this week!



Please remember we are an Allergy Aware school. We currently have children with an allergy so it is vital that nuts or nut products are not brought into school (including Nutella)

Military Families

Military Club with Mrs Jary is every Thursday lunchtime. Come along, eat your lunch, bring a friend and chat! Our other service children at Castle Acre and Sporle meet online with us each week.

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.

AWARDS

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 Hedgehogs Class 	Award	Goes to...	For.....
	Reader of the week	Jett	Joining in so brilliantly during phonics this week
	Writer of the week 	Evie	Super independence when writing letters during busy learning
	Mathematician of the week 	Levi	Brilliant problem solving and counting beyond 20
	Shining Light	Pippa	Being kind and helpful to others and following our class values
	Reads at home	Well done to	Emily for 10 reads 

Our week in class

Hedgehogs:

Hedgehogs have enjoyed making our own houses and learning about the three little pigs.

They have also made counting hands to use for careful counting.

They have also enjoyed using their problem solving skills when making tracks for cars.



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Squirrels Class	Award	Goes to...	For.....
	Reader of the week	Archie	trying his best when reading with a partner during phonics.
	Writer of the week	Kira	incredible independent writing about the Battle of Hastings.
	Mathematician of the week	Emma	showing a great understanding of parts and wholes and taking on feedback when necessary.
	Shining Light	Joyce	making a really big effort to listen adults and do things even when she doesn't want to.
	Reads at home		

Our week in class

Squirrels

Squirrels class really enjoyed their trip to Norwich Castle where they prepared the hall for the arrival of the King, caught rats (not real ones!) and sat on the King's throne.

They also enjoyed ordering numbers outside.



AWARDS

Foxes Class



Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Scarlett	huge improvements in reading due to a fantastic effort.
Writer of the week 	Arthur	a great improvement in his attitude towards writing and for beginning to self-edit.
Mathematician of the week 	Harley	an excellent effort and understanding whilst learning about place value.
Shining Light	Casey	being kind, responsible and always making people smile.
Tackling Tables	Well done to	Fred and Jaxson
Reads at home 	Well done to	none yet!

Our week in class

Foxes:

Foxes have enjoyed learning facts about France to use in their writing.

They have also enjoyed counting to 1000 in Maths.

In Art, they have been creating a collage inspired by the artist Pablo Picasso.



AWARDS

 Otters Class	Award	Goes to...	For.....
	Reader of the week	Charlotte	effectively using skimming to summarise the main idea of a text.
	Writer of the week	Bow	writing a really clear explantaion of the arguements for and against appeasement in History.
	Mathematician of the week	Yazmin	excellent effort in mastering number sessions this week
	Shining Light	Sienna	always being polite and consistently trying her hardest
	Tackling Tables	Well done to	none this week
	Reads at home	Well done to	none this week

Our week in class Otters:

Otters class have enjoyed starting their collage of an animal, inspired by the work of Megan Coyle.

They have also enjoyed developing their skills in Tag Rugby.

In Science, they were planning an investigation to compare the force needed to pull a shoe across diferent surfaces.

Ruben has also worked incredibly hard partitioning numbers in different ways.





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Safeguarding

As you know, we have 3 online safety days a year, one per term. We use these to go alongside our carefully planned teaching programme to tackle any issues or areas for development that affect our children.

Is there anything you want help and support with? Is there an area of online safety you would like our information for families to focus on on each of those days? Is there anyone who works in the online world that might want to come and present some information to Parents/Carers? Do please get in touch.

Healthy mind, healthy body

This week's tips come from our lovely children in Hedgehogs (Nursery and Reception) at Narborough:
"we need to eat our vegetables....that helps us be good ALL OVER!"
"I love BANANAS!!!"
"Eating fruit makes me happy!"
Well done children, quite right!

Message from the Executive Headteacher....

Ofsted visit!

This week we welcomed an Ofsted team to Sporle, which of course has ripples across the Federation as all our leaders work across our three schools.

The new framework is based on 7 areas of school life; Safeguarding, Leadership and Governance, Achievement, Attendance and Behaviour Curriculum and Teaching, Personal Development and Wellbeing and Inclusion.

They grade each area and Ofsted have been clear that the expected standard is for all schools to be expected or above in every area, as that is the new 'Good' from the old framework. In fact, it is clear from the Ofsted toolkit that the expected standard is much harder to achieve than the old good.

The inspection was an extremely positive experience and I am looking forward to sharing the feedback with everyone. I personally am very proud of all our staff from across the Federation, from those who kept Narborough and Castle Acre running as well as usual whilst subject leaders or senior leaders came to Sporle to those who spoke with the inspectors; everyone played their part in the inspection and we all share in the outcomes.

Finally, I want to say an enormous thank you to our Sporle families, whose feedback was so lovely and meant a great deal to us, and to our wonderful children whom the Ofsted inspectors made a specific point of saying were lovely. Well done children!

Narborough Parent/Teacher/Friend Association (PTFA)

If you have any fundraising ideas or would like to join our PTFA, please contact Mrs Hamilton, Miss Maskell, or speak with the office, Thank you.



Prayer for the Week

Dear God,

Thank you for all our animals and the wonderful lives we have. Thank you also for our living resources (food, drink & air).

Amen
Harrison



Thank you as always for your support and partnership,

Miss Christina Maskell
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Healthy Body, Healthy Mind




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To have a healthy body you could exercise and workout regularly. 	Reading helps with your spelling as well as your mind. 
 Eating fruit and veggies are another form of having a healthy body.	 Education is also a good thing for your mind.
Sweets are very unhealthy because they are full of sugar. 	Video games aren't very good for your mind. 