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Narborough Newsletter for week ending 6TH NOVEMBER 2026

The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

Executive Headteacher: Mrs Anne Neary
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you had a great half-term break and are adjusting well to the darker evenings now that the clocks have gone back. We are diving straight into a packed few weeks ahead. We have a lot of exciting events and school trips lined up, so please keep a close eye on the key dates below to stay up to date with everything happening this half term!

This week, the Eco Council and Forest School attended an online service with the Bishop and made pledges to make the school greener. Together, they have already started to generate ideas on changes they could make around the school. We look forward to seeing the positive impact their changes will have within school.
As we celebrate Guy Fawkes night, we also want to wish everyone a fantastic evening of celebrations. Whether you are attending an organised display or setting off fireworks at home, please chat with your children about staying safe around sparklers and bonfires so that everyone has a fun, injury-free night.

Upcoming Events

See Diary Dates for details.....

9th November - KS2 Federation Day at Sporle Primary School

9th November - Cross Country Finals at Lynnsport - please remember to return the slip to the office

11th November - Remembrance Service for children

12th November - KS1 Federation Day at Sporle Primary School

13th November - Children in Need - £1 suggested donation to wear something Sporty for some fundrasing sporty fun!

Celebration Worship

Celebration Worship on a Friday; every Parent/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!

Weekly attendance Award

Class	%
Hedgehogs	95.5%
Squirrels	93%
Foxes	93.6%
Otters	98.9%
Whole School	95.3%

Well done Otters, our winners this week!



Reminders and Information.....

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Poppies and other items will be available at the beginning and end of the day in the playground.
Any donation for a paper poppy and a minimum of 50p for the other items.
Thank you for your support!

After the incredible kindness and success of last year's Christmas appeal, we are thrilled to bring back our Christmas Hamper Raffle and Pre-Loved Jumper Sale!

To make this year just as successful, we are kindly asking for your support and donations:

- Christmas Hampers: We welcome food items, chocolates, festive treats, toiletries, bottles, or new/unused gift items.
- Jumper Sale: Christmas or winter jumpers for adults or children.

We know the sun is still shining and this may feel premature, but wanted to give as much notice as possible. Thank You.

EXPLORAZONE SCIENCE DISCOVERY LAB

We are still outstanding some consents, payments and forms for Foxes' trip



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Please see the latest Newsletter from Family Voice by clicking here

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/

Tell A Grown up

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/

Military Families; Faraway Families Club

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.

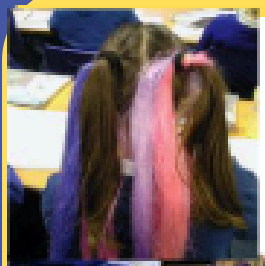
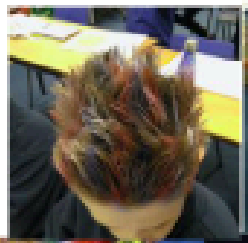
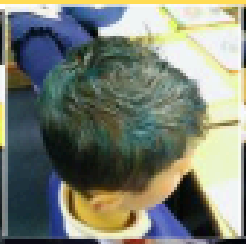
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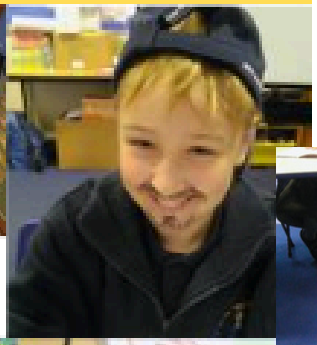
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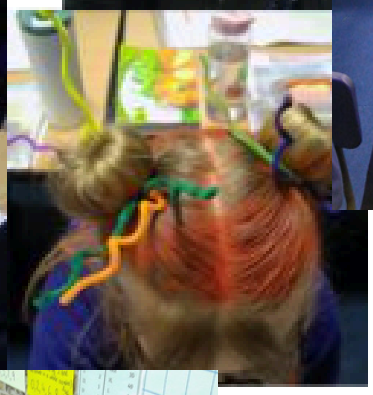
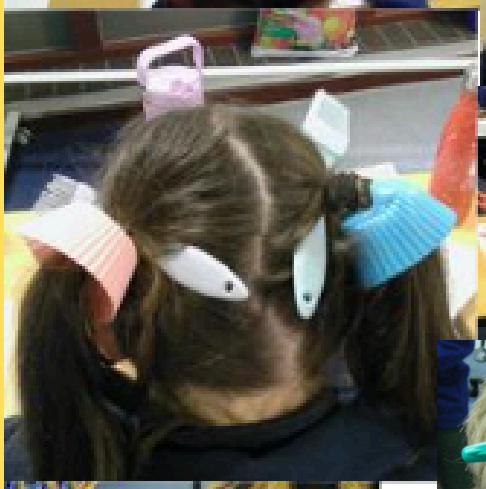
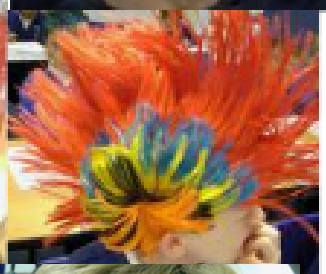
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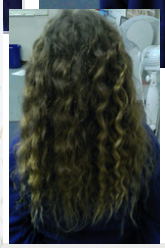
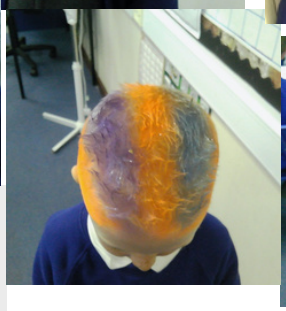




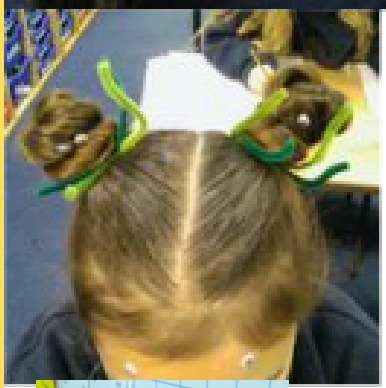











Narborough "Crazy Hair Day"

You all looked AMAZING!

Thank you all for your support!

£48.81 Raised Thank you!

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Hedgehogs Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Ada	fantastic recognition of sounds
Writer of the week	Finley	fantastic improvements with letter formation and always trying your very best
Mathematician of the week	Levi	Great understanding of number bonds to 5
Shining Light	Millie	Being super helpful to adults and children
Reads at home	Well done to	Thea and Lily for 25 reads Joshua and Evie for 50 reads

Our week in class

Hedgehogs:

Hedgehogs Class have enjoyed making bonfire and firework pictures in Art.

They have also enjoyed reading the story of 'The Gruffalo' in drawing club.

In Maths, they have been learning their number bonds to 5. (eg 0+5 = 5, 2+3 =5) Please practise at home!











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Squirrels Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Rocco	taking his time to read every word in his book in phonics and asking for help when he needs it.
Writer of the week	Joyce	very neat writing in her phonics sessions.
Mathematician of the week	Kira	showing persistence and determination with flexible partitioning.
Shining Light	Charley	always demonstrating our school values and putting a smile on people's faces.
Reads at home	Charley Emma	50 reads 50 reads

Our week in class

Squirrels

Squirrels Class have enjoyed using the Google drawing app in computing.
They also enjoyed planning a fact file about sandcastles in English.
In RE, they have enjoyed learning about religious celebrations, such as Christmas and Easter.





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Foxes Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Ronnie	Reading "The Stone Age Boy" clearly and confidently to others.
Writer of the week	Harrison	An Amazing diary entry that was well thought out, descriptive and with great ideas!
Mathematician of the week	Jaxson	Tackling column addition with exchanges using 4 digit numbers
Shining Light	Lilly	Demonstarting great courage by always putting up her hand to share ideas confidently.
Tackling Tables	Well done to	...oh no Foxes! Who can get their certificate next week?
Reads at home	Well done to	Charlie, Lizzy, Joshua.R, Brodee & Ronnie 25 Reads Jasper & Oliver B 50 Reads

Our week in class Foxes:

Foxes have enjoyed writing diaries based on 'The Journey' in English.

Also, they have enjoyed learning about the three periods of the Stone Age in History (the Palaeolithic, Mesolithic and Neolithic).

In addition to this, they have enjoyed learning about column addition in Maths.











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Otters Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Chloe	writing precise and concise answers to retrieval questions.
Writer of the week	Oliver	effectively editing whilst writing to ensure his paragraphs are structured correctly.
Mathematician of the week	Sienna	successfully adding larger numbers using the column method.
Shining Light	Riley	good effort in all lessons this week. Keep it up!
Tackling Tables	Well done to	Mia and Hughie for acheiving a tackling tables certificate this week.
Reads at home	Well done to	Danny and Pvitha for achieving 25 reads at home. Bow, James and Thea for achieving 50 reads at home.

Our week in class

Otters:

Otters Class have enjoyed designing equipment for a playground in Design technology.

In Mastering Number, they learned that dividing by 100 is the same as multiplying by 1/100 (one hundredth).

They have also enjoyed starting to write a biography about Harriet Tubman in English.









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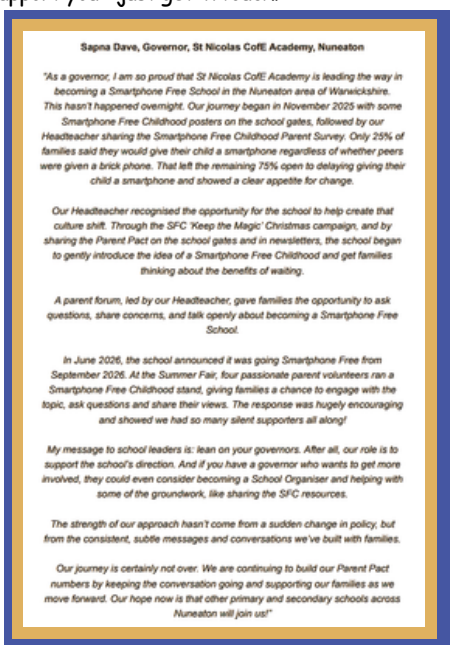
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Safeguarding

Please see this article from a school governor who helped their school to be a Smartphone free school (as we are. If anyone would like to take up this project for us, we'd be delighted to help and support you - just get in touch!



Sapna Dave, Governor, St Nicolas CofE Academy, Nuneaton

"As a governor, I am so proud that St Nicolas CofE Academy is leading the way in becoming a Smartphone Free School in the Nuneaton area of Warwickshire. This hasn't happened overnight. Our journey began in November 2025 with some Smartphone Free Childhood posters on the school gates, followed by our Headteacher sharing the Smartphone Free Childhood Parent Survey. Only 25% of families said they would give their child a smartphone regardless of whether peers were given a brick phone. That left the remaining 75% open to delaying giving their child a smartphone and showed a clear appetite for change.

Our Headteacher recognised the opportunity for the school to help create that culture shift. Through the SFC 'Keep the Magic' Christmas campaign, and by sharing the Parent Pact on the school gates and in newsletters, the school began to gently introduce the idea of a Smartphone Free Childhood and get families thinking about the benefits of waiting.

A parent forum, led by our Headteacher, gave families the opportunity to ask questions, share concerns, and talk openly about becoming a Smartphone Free School.

In June 2026, the school announced it was going Smartphone Free from September 2026. At the Summer Fair, four passionate parent volunteers ran a Smartphone Free Childhood stand, giving families a chance to engage with the topic, ask questions and share their views. The response was hugely encouraging and showed we had so many silent supporters all along!

My message to school leaders is: lean on your governors. After all, our role is to support the school's direction. And if you have a governor who wants to get more involved, they could even consider becoming a School Organiser and helping with some of the groundwork, like sharing the SFC resources.

The strength of our approach hasn't come from a sudden change in policy, but from the consistent, subtle messages and conversations we've built with families.

Our journey is certainly not over. We are continuing to build our Parent Pact numbers by keeping the conversation going and supporting our families as we move forward. Our hope now is that other primary and secondary schools across Nuneaton will join us!"

Healthy mind, healthy body

Congratulations to all our runners who finished in the top ten in their year groups and have made it through the the finals next week - we are really proud of you!
Castle Acre: Well done to Gracie-Mae (and a special well done for winning your category!), Skyla, Oscar, Oliver, Harry and Etta (and a special well done for winning your category!)
Narborough: Well done to Lilly, James (and a special well done for winning your category!), Jasper, Fred and Raphael.
Sporle: Well done to Annie, Leonor, Ethan, Benjamin, Harry, Adaline and Violet.
We are very proud to have 18 Nar Valley Federation children in the finals. Good luck!

Message from the Executive Headteacher....

We are excited about our upcoming Forest School Federation Day at Sporle Primary Academy, where we will be having a really fun day based on outdoor activities and sports learning (with a wet weather plan too!). As you know, we have termly Federation days and revolve round all 3 schools, meaning that you will be asked twice a year with at least two week's notice to get your children to one of our Federation schools. The next one is at Castle Acre in the Spring term.

EYFS/KS1 (Nursery, Reception, Y1 and Y2) day is on: 12th November
KS2 (Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6) is on: 9th November

Details for drop off and pick up are as follows:

Drop off any time between **8.30am and 9.00am**.
There will of course be increased traffic through Sporle on this day, so we ask for your help and support with the system we have created.
Sporle parents, it would be wonderful if as many families as possible could walk to school on this day, leaving the roadsides as clear as possible. If you have to drive, please park on the playing field car park. Enter school via the usual route please at both ends of the day, at the usual time.
Castle Acre and Narborough parents, please drive through Sporle from the A47 end and take the first turning on the right just after the King Charles III pub and before the Church/Village hall. This is the turning with the Sporle village sign on, which is currently decorated with a cloth of red poppies. Drive into the entrance on the playing field and staff from Castle Acre and Narborough will be waiting to help disembark your children onto the playing field, register them and then and walk them in to school via the playing field and Churchyard. Please then follow parking staff's instructions to come out of the field, turn right and drive out of Sporle towards Castle Acre to keep traffic flowing smoothly and make it easy to manage for everyone. Please be aware that there are a lot of cars parked on the main road through Sporle so everyone sticking to the one-way system will really help.

Pick up is the same system, between **2.50pm and 3.10pm**.

Footwear:
Please ensure that your children are wearing wellies and also bring their school shoes. It is ESSENTIAL that these items (and lunchboxes) are named - three schools' worth of pairs of unamed wellies or shoes would be awful to try restore to their owners!!!

Wraparound Care:
Narborough and Castle Acre children are welcome to attend Wrap Around care - Before School Club (from 8am) and After School Club (from 3.10pm) at Sporle on this day - book in the normal way at your home school. Staff from Castle Acre and Narborough will be present at Sporle school.

(Key Stage 2 children who are in the Cross-Country finals at Lynn Sport - please take your children to LynnSport for the start of the school day, give them their lunch afterwards and then drop them at Sporle for the afternoon using the road outside school and take them . Many thanks for your support - we are not given the Cross Country finals date until after the first running event and so could not avoid a clash)

Lunches:
On this day we will be asking for all children to bring a home packed lunch where possible. Alternatively they will be able to order a school Ham or Cheese sandwich on the day. There will be no hot food available on the day.

Groups:
Each group will have one adult who stays with that group all day to ensure continuity of support for the children, and then the other adults lead the group activity.

Many thanks for your support - the children have really enjoyed the previous Federation days and we're looking forward to this one too.

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 our shelter and food also thank you for families and homes.
Amen
Chloe

Thank you as always for your support and partnership,

Miss Christina Maskell
Narborough C of E Primary Academy

Executive Headteacher
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