Head of School Newsletter
Summer 1 2026



Once again, we have had a busy half term! This has included our KS1 trip to the newly renovated Norwich Castle, welcoming many grandparents into school during our intergenerational week and hosting a Year 1 art evening.

As always, thank you for your continued support at the infant school and see you all back at school on **Monday 1st June 2026**, Miss Owen.

Aiming for the best in everything we do, everything we are and everything we can be.

Every child in our school is an individual and we ensure all progress is celebrated. Achievement and Celebration assemblies are held every Friday where we highlight the achievements of children across the school in that week. Children are awarded certificates, linked to one of our school values including 'Excellence', class teachers enthusiastically share the reasons with the whole school.

Celebrating National Numeracy day on Wednesday this week was brilliant too. It was lovely to see all of the children dressed up with their numbers and the children fully engaged in a wide range of numeracy challenges all day.

Key Dates

w/c 8th June: Phonic screening checks
8th June: PEEP transition sessions begin for new Reception (September starters)
12th June: Day of Welcome
17th June: Sports morning and picnic (24th Reserve)
19th June: Ambulance visit
24th June: 12pm New reception Teddy Bear's picnic (September starters)
30th June: YR to Fairhaven Water and Woodland Gardens
30th June: 5pm New Reception introductory presentation
29th June: Year 2 presentation for parents 2.30pm
1st July: Whole school morning transition session
1st July: Year 1 presentation for parents 2.30pm
2nd July: 5 & 5.30pm New Y1 & Y2 presentation and meet the teacher event
3rd July: Reception presentation for parents 2.30pm
9th July: Whole school afternoon transition session
10th July: Reports to parents
14/15th July: Y2 Residential to Hautbois Activity Centre
16th July: Y2 Messy afternoon
17th July: Y2 Leavers assembly at 9.15am - parents invited
17th July: End of term!

Bystanders

At The CARE Federation we hold 'RESPECT' as a key value to live by – this is for both children themselves, staff, families and our community beyond the school gates. As part of the education of our children, across all our schools, we have been part of Norfolk County Council's 'Bystander Intervention Programme' for the past 2 years. All staff are trained, and receive regular updates and refreshers, to ensure we can provide the best advice and support for all, through our PHSE programme and wider curriculum.

The Bystander Intervention Programme supports schools in reducing sexist language and incidents of sexual harassment. Everyone is a bystander who may notice problematic situations around them. By taking action or speaking up, people can become active bystanders and help challenge harmful behaviour and shift social norms.



These shocking facts are a reminder of why this education is so important:

- 2 women are killed every week in the UK by a partner or ex-partner (ONS 2023).
- 14% of children are exposed to domestic violence in the UK at some point in their childhood (Women's Aid and supported by the Children's Commissioner in her report February 2023).
- 51% of children aged 11-13 reported they had seen pornography at some point (Children's Commissioner report 2023).

In an infant school, this may look like the examples below:

- Telling someone to stop if they see another child being unkind or hurtful.
- Helping a friend join in a game if they are being left out.
- Letting an adult know when someone is upset, hurt, or in trouble.
- Asking another child if they are okay if they look sad or lonely.
- Standing next to someone who is being treated unfairly so they don't feel alone.
- Using kind words to calm a situation or encourage others to be kind.
- Helping someone speak up by supporting them when they want to tell a teacher or share their feelings.

These behaviours help children build empathy, confidence and a sense of responsibility for others, empowering them with the skills to become active bystanders, helping them understand how language influences others and how they can contribute to positive cultural change.

Further information is available here: Norfolk Schools and Learning Providers - Norfolk County Council Bystander Intervention Programme

Before and after school



Following a concern raised regarding the safety of our children and our school and neighbour's property, please remember our school gates are open at 8.40am and the classrooms open at 8.45am. This short time is not additional playtime. All pupils must wait with their adults to calmly enter the classroom for the day. Being respectful of our neighbours, our environment and other people is part of our school values. Please ensure your children are safe and represent these school values on their way to school, waiting in the mornings and on their way home at the end of the day.

Staffing



It is with great disappointment that we share the news that Mrs Aston has decided to leave at the end of this academic year. As Reception parents are aware, Mrs Aston has been very unwell this year. She has not taken this decision lightly, as an extremely talented teacher and highly valued member of The CARE Federation team, she has decided to focus on getting well and supporting her own family by taking a step back from teaching at this time.
I know the children, families and school community will miss her and will wish her well in her recovery.

We will look forward to being able to inform you of our staffing for September in the coming weeks.

The Friends of Spixworth Schools are an invaluable group of volunteers who work tirelessly to plan events to raise funding for our schools.

Thank you to the Friends for organising the **Raisin' Change Challenge** for this half term and a **Garage Sale** on 12th July, both raising vital funding for our schools. Look out for information in the weekly bulletins and on their social media pages.

Further volunteers are always welcome too! Please contact them via email: spixworthfriends@gmail.com or via their social media accounts.

General Reminders

- Please park considerately to our neighbours and safely for our whole community. **Do not park in Elizabeth Close.**
- All children should have their own, named, water bottle in school everyday.
- Please name all your child's items.
- Please let us know if your details or circumstances change over the holiday.
- Our schools are nut-free zones. Please do not include any items containing nuts in packed lunches. Special diets can be catered for by the kitchen.

Safeguarding

Online safety is an essential element of safeguarding for all children and adults in the digital world.

Visit our website to view the latest Knowsley Online Safety Newsletter.

Safety Reminders

- Only certain members of staff are allowed to let visitors into the school.
- If you come into school you will be asked to sign in and out at the office.
- Unless otherwise informed, push chairs should normally be left outside school in the buggy park or in the entrance.

House Points

Our totals so far this year… Well done to Chittock who continue to lead but there has been a surge in the other Houses, so watch out! Keep up the good work everyone.

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Attendance Matters!

Well done to **Milky Way Class** who lead in attendance with an amazing 96.6% achieved this half term!



Our whole school has achieved 95.7%, still just falling below our target of 96%.