# Executive Headteachers' Bulletin
# Summer B 2026



## *The CARE Federation*

Welcome to the final half of the Summer term and the final half term of this academic year.

I want to start by congratulating all of our Year 6 pupils on the completion of their SATs. All they had to do was their best – and they did exactly that! Their determination, perseverance and maturity were a pleasure to witness. Some of our Year 2 children have already started their end of year assessments, Year 4 have their Multiplication Check coming soon and Year 1 have their Phonic Check in June, too. Best of luck to everyone, the information from these checks will be useful to support your next steps.

This final half term is always one of many emotions, as we look both back and forward on the journeys of our children and support them in acknowledging their past with acceptance and pride and stepping into their future with confidence. Read on to find out more about how our pastoral offer continues to develop and please talk to your child's class teacher or Head of School if you would like more information about our pastoral offer as a whole.

Ms Jordan



## *Governing Board*

Martyne Ellison – Co-opted Governor




Martyne joined the Governing Board in 2022. She brings valuable knowledge of EYFS and HR through her many years of managing excellent nursery provision across Norfolk.
Martyne is currently our Vice Chair of Governors and she holds specific governor responsibilities for Children in Care, SEND, Pupil Premium and Wellbeing and Workload.

## *Individual Schools, Together*

Learning from each other and sharing successes is a strength of federation.

The wellbeing of children (and staff) is very important to our schools. We recognise every child as an individual and look deeply into what their behaviours may be communicating.

Our pastoral support offer is ever-growing! All of our schools now have a trained Drawing and Talking practitioner. This is a therapeutic intervention that supports children to express their worries in a visual form.

Last half term, all children completed a wellbeing survey. The results help us shape our offer and overall were extremely positive. (Any individual concerns will be raised with you separately.)

Julie Barnes (parent support at Sparhawk) is moving on from her role with The Benjamin Foundation. We are delighted that our very own Mrs Kidd will be extending her Family Support Advisor role across all three schools, bringing even more cohesion to our pastoral offer.

## Attendance




This year schools have been given Attendance Targets by the government. How is your school doing?
Sparhawk Target 96.2% Attendance to date 95.63%
Spixworth Target 96.1% Attendance to date 95.65%
Woodland View Target 96.2% Attendance to date 96.23%
Well done Woodland View. Keep up the great work everyone. You are all so close!

## Safeguarding Domestic Abuse

Domestic Abuse devastates lives and impacts everyone in the household.

1 in 5 children in the UK have lived with an adult perpetrating domestic abuse.

Children are victims in their own right: The Domestic Abuse Act 2021 (part 1 section 3), defines a child who sees or hears, or experiences the effects of, domestic abuse and is related to the person being abused or the perpetrator, as a victim of domestic abuse in their own right.

'My children were upstairs… they didn't see…'
Children are always aware of the abuse.
Depending on their developmental stage:
They see the impact on their non-abusive parent
They feel the impact in their home and environment
They share with their siblings
They see it
They hear it
They are involved – They live it

If you, or someone you know, needs help, we have trained Domestic Abuse Change Champions in school or contact:

NIDAS: 0300 561 0555 Home - NIDAS

National Domestic Abuse Helpline: 0808 2000 247

Norfolk Community Law Service: 01603 496623

Samaritans: 116123 (SMS Text SHOUT to 85258)

MIND: 0300 123 3393

National Stalking Helpline: 0808 802 0300

## Parent Questionnaire

Thank you to all families who took the time to complete the recent Ofsted-style parent questionnaire. The data for each school has been analysed separately as well as being viewed as a Federation. There are many strengths that you have recognised which we are very proud to share. Please find alongside this bulletin, a summary of the feedback with specific content for your school. The views you share give us really useful information on which to focus for the coming year. All feedback is received with thanks.

## Staffing Update

Very sadly, Mrs Mokhbi has had to leave our admin team quite suddenly, due to ill health. We are fortunate to have appointed both Stephanie Drane, Clerical and Communications Assistant, who will be based at Woodland View Junior School and Donna Patzelt as Clerical Assistant and will be based at Spixworth Infant School. We welcome them both to our team!

Looking ahead to September, we have a small number of teaching staff changes. Mrs Patterson will be retiring, Mrs Aston will be taking a career break to support her health and Mr Read will be taking the next step in his career at a larger school.

We support each of these teachers in their next adventures and look forward to confirming our teaching team for next year very soon.

## Policies

Where appropriate, our policies are for all schools.

**Educational Visits policy - review**

We have a Federation Educational Visits policy. This is due for review this Summer.
We are aware that the cost of living is a real worry for many families. We also know that you value the experiences we can offer outside of the classroom.
**We intend to:**
Plan our educational visits at least one year in advance
Include at least 2 external, paid-for visits per year group, per year
Keep residentials to Years 2, 4 and 6
Keep costs down by increasing visitors and in-school experiences
**Do you agree?** Please let your Head of School know on the gate or via email to the office.