Executive Headteachers' Bulletin
End of Year 2026



The CARE Federation

As another successful academic year comes to a close, I want to thank all staff, parents/carers and children for their support and hard work this year, as well as our Governors and the Friends of our schools. To name just a few, this year our achievements include: Gaining significant funding grants for Nursery development, Enhanced Specialist Provision spaces and Wraparound Care development at Sparhawk; Woodland View achieving the Dyslexia Friendly Award – no easy feat; Spixworth have launched a Flexi-school offer; and we have gained our best ever results in the Year 4 Multiplication Checks, keeping us firmly above the National average (with equally strong and improving data across all statutory checks). We have a fantastic team ready for the new year and we can't wait to continue to bring our values of Community, Adventure, Respect and Excellence to life for you all.
From everyone at The CARE Federation we wish you all a very happy, safe and fun-filled Summer break. To our leavers, we wish you every success at your new school and for all other children and families, we look forward to welcoming you back in September for another exciting year!



Dates

Key dates for the year ahead have now been sent.

We hope this supports your plans and ensures you have a good understanding of what's to come and how this fits into the school year for your child.

Further details for events will of course be sent nearer the time.

Additional dates may be added throughout the year, but we will aim to keep these to a minimum.

For a reminder of these key dates, please see the website or for any questions, please contact the school office.



Keep Learning!

The Summer is a fantastic time for experiencing new and different types of learning but please also continue to find a few minutes each day to keep reading and maths skills fresh.

Maths key skills sheets have been sent to all Y1-6 children, and Reading is everywhere – from the library to that magazine, the menu or the recipe.

There are lots of online links to learning on our website, too.



Safeguarding

If you have a concern about a child, call 0344 800 8020 to pass it on.

The Domestic Abuse helpline is 0808 2000 247

Call the Samaritans on 116 123

The Young Minds parent helpline is 0808 802 5544

Safeguarding is everybody's responsibility

Summer Premises Work



This Summer is a particularly busy one for our schools!

At Sparhawk Infant and Nursery school the current staff room and office areas will be fully remodelled to create new nursery spaces. A new room for school children needing specialist support will also be created in the centre of the school. Interviews are also set to take place for a teacher for this room. The hall is due to be repainted and the Reception outdoor area will be transformed!

At both Spixworth Infant school and Woodland View Junior school, redecoration is the main project. All corridors and cloakroom spaces will be refreshed and some toilet blocks, too. Our new catering provider, Apetito, will also be making ready the kitchens at both Spixworth and Woodland View. From September, both sites will cook food in their own kitchens.



Staffing Update 1

Mrs Clements has made the decision to retire this Summer.

Mrs Clements has been a much-loved TA, caring for and supporting both children and staff alike at Sparhawk, for over 20 years!

We wish her every happiness in her next adventures.

Staffing Update 2

Miss Morton has been appointed as the teacher of our new Flexi-school class at Spixworth.

Miss Morton is a very experienced teacher with a real commitment to child-led learning and working in partnership with parents.

We are excited to see her develop and grow this offer.



Community Hub

The food, clothing and toy banks at Woodland View Junior School will be available over the Summer break.

If you or someone you know needs access, please contact Mrs Kidd at: fsa@carefed.org.uk



Reminders

Please make sure every item of uniform including coats, lunch boxes and water bottles are labelled ahead of September.

Packed lunches from home must be nut free.

If you change your contact details over the Summer, please let us know straight away in September.



Governor

We have a vacancy on our Governing Board!
Could you offer a little time each half term to make a big difference to our schools and community?
Whatever your skillset, you could be invaluable to our team.
To find out more, please get in touch via the school office.

Wishing you all a happy, fun-filled and safe Summer.
From all of us at The CARE Federation.

