



Castle Acre Newsletter for week ending 12th September 2025

The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

Executive Headteacher: Mrs Anne Neary
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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back!! It is so lovely to see all our families already part of our school and wonderful to welcome our new families. I would also like to officially welcome Mrs Grenier (Oak Teacher), Mrs Henderson (Rowan Teacher) and Mrs Edwards (Maple TA) to the Castle Acre Team. We have all made an amazing start to the year and it is lovely to see such great learning happening already!

Over the next few days, we will be electing pupils to fill their various roles and will let you know our successful candidates in the very near future. The autumnal weather is already with us so please make sure that your child comes with appropriate clothing - a jacket and a pair of wellies which can be left in school all week.

Please keep an eye on the date sheet as events are already appearing! If you have any questions or queries then please do come and talk to us; we are here to help and support.

I very much look forward to working with you all this year.
God Bless, Emma Spaul

Upcoming Events

See Diary Dates for details.....

Monday 15th Sept - 3.15 - 3.45pm, Parents/Carers of Oak Class pupils invited to drop in to school to meet Mrs Grenier (new teacher). Mrs Grenier will have her diary if you wish to make an appointment for a longer meeting.

Tuesday 16th Sept - 3.15 to 4.15pm, ICS Football Club for Rec-Yr 6 (week 2 of 7).

Wednesday 17th Sept - Oak Class (Y4/5/6) Swimming at Dereham Leisure (Session 1 of 6).

3.15 - 4.15pm, ICS Multi-Sports Club for Rec-Y6 (wk 2 of 7).
3.15 - 4.15pm, Premier Gymnastics Club for Rec-Y6 (wk 2 of 7).

Thursday 11th Sept - 3.15 to 4.15pm, ICS Outdoor Adventures Club for Rec-Yr 6 (week 2 of 7).

Friday 12th July - Castorama Team (Yellow), invited to wear something yellow to school for most team points last half term.

Reminders and Information.....

School Uniform

Please remember to put your child's name in their school uniform so we can reunite them with misplaced items as quickly as possible. If there is no name in items found they will initially go to our Lost Property box in the school office.

We have lots of second-hand uniform (we call it thrift), in school. We suggest a donation of £1 per item and all monies paid go to our fundraising group, The Friends of Castle Acre Primary. Please enquire at the school office, thank you.

Payments on Arbor

We understand that sometimes it's difficult to keep track of payments for various events. However, if we do not receive all of the payments in advance for clubs and trips, it means we are unable to cover the cost of them which could affect having them in the future. We appreciate your support as always. If we do not make the income we are predicted to - ie if not every parent pays - then it could mean losing things from next year's budget that the children have had this year, so please do your bit and pay. Thank you.

Before School Care is available Mon - Fri from 8am to 8.40am at £2 per session.

After School Care is available Mon - Fri 3.10pm to 4.30pm at £6 per session.

Tuck Shop (starting again w/c 15/9/25) - Wednesday and Friday morning break - 40p per day

Attendance Awards w/e 12/9/2025

Class	%
Rowan	93.54
Whitebeam	96.67
Oak	93.82

The winner of the Attendance Award this week is Whitebeam class - well done! We hope Oak Class will achieve higher attendance next week. (Rowan class has some new pupils on part-time which affected their attendance percentage).





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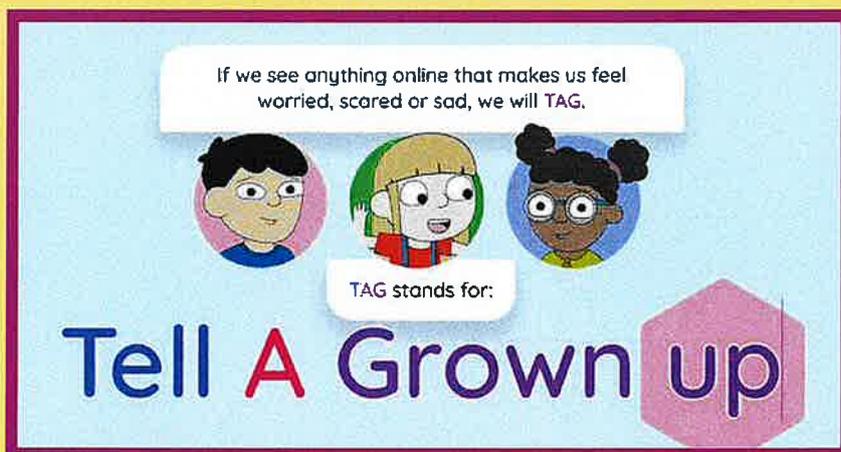


Help with online safety::



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/>



See these links for further information, games and tips:

https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/4_7/
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Safeguarding.....

Smartphone Free school:

Thank you all for your support - we have zero children bringing a smartphone which is superb

Smartphone-free childhood have a new partner. Dr Susie Davies, a Bristol-based GP has begun to offer talks on smartphones and the internet. Would you be interested in coming along? Please respond to our really short one question (yes or no) Google poll.

Healthy mind, healthy body

A huge congratulations to our competition winners, Ethan Rosie Annie whose winning entry will be turned into a poster and displayed across all our schools!

Message from the Executive Headteacher....

A big well done to all our children who have settled back so well, and a huge well done and welcome to all our new children across each school and our Federation family.

Our children have shown their values of kindness, responsibility, respect, hope, forgiveness and courage so well, welcoming and supporting their new friends.

Congratulations to almost every single one of our children whose attendance is super! Let's keep that up, as it helps our children's learning and well-being so much.

Today was the closing date for applications to be Head Pupils and we are looking forward to the interviews and announcing our squad of super role models for each school.

Military families.....

Military Club with Mrs Jary is starting on Thursday 19th September at Narborough Primary. Come along, eat your lunch, bring a friend and chat! In future we will be 'meeting' online with our other service children at Castle Acre and Sporle. 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.

Friends of Castle Acre School (FOCAS).....

NEW Parent Lottery!

We know time is precious and so we've been hunting for fundraising solutions that we can all contribute to that are as easy as possible from the comfort of your own home and ta-da! we found one! Please join us in playing the Parent Lottery :)

- ◆ 60p of every £1 ticket goes to the school school
- 🎁 Weekly cash prizes for supporters
- Each week you will have the chance to win guaranteed prizes, which are:
 - Match 6 digits in the correct order - £25,000
 - Match 5 digits in the correct order - £1,000
 - Match 4 digits in the correct order - £25
 - Match 3 digits in the correct order - £5

You simply sign up once and that's it :) Sign up here: <https://www.theparentslottery.org/find-your-school>
You can cancel at anytime: support team at contact@theparentslottery.org or call 01628 369182
Libby Firth - Chair of The Friends of Castle Acre CE Primary Academy

Prayer for the Week....

Dear God

Thank you for all the food and water, we are grateful for all your provide. Please show us how to help others and all the animals. We appreciate all you do for us.

Amen

By: Holly D

Thank you as always for your support and partnership,

Head of School
Castle Acre C of E Primary Academy

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