

Castle Acre Newsletter for week ending 19th September 2025

The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

Executive Headteacher: Mrs Anne Neary
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Dear Parents/Carers,

Where has the sunshine come from? I had nearly packed my summer clothes away...so glad I didn't. We have had another wonderful week. Our children are fantastic, our staff are amazing and our families are a pleasure to work with. So thank you very much.

One plea...can you please avoid parking in the staff car park unless you have a need to use the disabled spaces. We have more staff than we have spaces now and a member of staff's car was damaged this week. We appreciate your understanding with this matter.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Spaul



Upcoming Events

See Diary Dates for details.....

Monday 22nd Sept - KS1 Active Kids Festival at Lynnsport, 15 of our Year 1/Year 2 pupils to attend.

3.15 - 4.15pm Tamion's Super Challenge Time club (Y1-Y3 eligible)

Tuesday 23rd Sept - 3.15 to 4.15pm, ICS Football Club for Rec-Yr 6 (week 3 of 7).

Wednesday 24th Sept - Oak Class (Y4/5/6) Swimming at Dereham Leisure (Session 2 of 6).

3.15 - 4.15pm, ICS Multi-Sports Club for Rec-Y6 (wk 3 of 7).
3.15 - 4.15pm, Premier Gymnastics Club for Rec-Y6 (wk 3 of 7).

Thursday 25th Sept - 3.15 to 4.15pm, ICS Outdoor Adventures Club for Rec-Yr 6 (week 3 of 7).

Friday 26th Sept - 3.15pm Macmillan Coffee and Cake fundraiser at school, Parents/Carers invited to attend.

Attendance Awards w/e 19/9/2025

Class	%
Rowan	96.98
Whitebeam	96.67
Oak	85.00

The winner of the Attendance Award this week is Rowan Class, so well done to them but Whitebeam were not far behind. Oak Class attendance needs to improve please.



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

Military families.....

Military Club with Mrs Jary is every Thursday lunchtime 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.

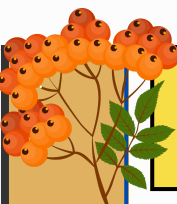
We're proud of our Service personnel and proud to support our service families. We have strong links with the RAF base and look forward to our involvement in events.






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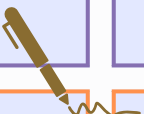



Rowan Class

Award	Goes to...	For..... 
Reader of the week 	Nathan	being courageous by reading aloud the maths questions for the Year 1s.
Writer of the week	Inika	super neat handwriting and remembering to use a capital letter, finger space and full stop. 
Mathematician of the week	Tyler	super independent learning during maths lessons.
Shining Light	Charlotte Freya	being a super helpful year 1. Helping the adults, and being a good role model to our younger children. demonstrating our school values of respect and responsibility by always listening to the adults and for looking after our classroom.



Whitebeam Class

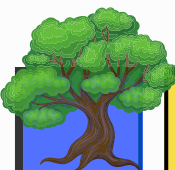
Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Nalah	for spotting adjectives when reading
Writer of the week 	Gracie-Mae	for working independently on her writing
Mathematician of the week	Ava	for always being willing to answer questions during maths
Shining Light	Stan Black Lukas	for demonstrating responsibility especially when helping others for demonstrating courage as he joined Whitebeam Class
Tackling Tables 	Ella Stanley Black Skyla Isla	purple phase mixed addition and subtraction purple phase addition purple phase addition missing numbers blue phase 10 times tables 
Reads at home		





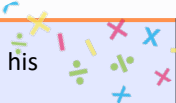

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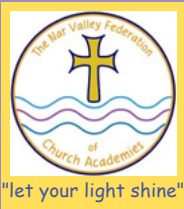


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Oak Class

Award	Goes to...	For..... 
Reader of the week	Holly D	excellent work on writer's meaning.
Writer of the week 	Brianna	correct use of orange pen in her first piece of writing.
Mathematician of the week	Bobbi	trying his hardest and impressing Mrs Harris with his knowledge. 
Shining Light 	Oliver P Faye Libby	completing all his work and then asking for an extension. settling in quickly and helping the younger children. settling in well and being polite and respectful to all.
Reading Stars	Holly D Rosanna	10 reads - blue star 10 reads - blue star
Tackling Tables	Bobbi Finlay Oscar Lazenby	Blue times by 10 and blue divide by 10 Blue times by 2 Green time facts Blue divide by 2



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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/
https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/8_10/
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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.

Message from the Executive Headteacher....

Head Pupil interviews have begun across the Federation with some wonderful points in their letters of application and their interviews:

- "You should choose me because I'm kind and responsible"
- "I should be Head Pupil because I give up my on breakktime to make sure everyone is happy"
- "I feel..responsible"
- "I think I should be Head Pupil because I am responsible, kind and caring to others"
- "I enjoy rising to a challenge, whether that be within a team or by myself"
- "Since starting Narborough school, I feel I have flourished and I would now like the chance to help others, the way others helped me when I began my Narborough journey"
- "I am kind, independent, helpful and hard-working"
- "As a Sports Captain last year I have learned to set an example and respect school valies and I would be happy to get this role"
- "he best thing about our school is the teachers because they're kind and they explain things really well"
- "The best thing about our school is the learning because you can get ready for your next school. Children are really nice and you'll never have a problem"

Well done all our children and we look forward to announcing who our Head Pupils are!

Healthy mind, healthy body

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

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

We're registered on #easyfundraising which means you can raise free donations for us when you shop online! Over 8,000 retailers will make a donation to Friends Of Castle Acre School, Kings Lynn on your behalf when you shop with them. All the big names like Sainsbury's, Argos, Just Eat and more are ready to donate at no extra cost to you. Sign up here today and we could win £250:

<https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/friends-of-castle-acre-school-librarybusproject/sjvzqs/c2s/aHT9IaEN/CE953/facebook/>

Libby Firth - Chair of The Friends of Castle Acre CE Primary Academy

Prayer for the Week.....

Dear God

We pray that God will keep us safe until the end of time. We pray that God will feed us until we cannot eat anymore. We hope God will always be by our side.

Amen

By: Libby B

Thank you as always for your support and partnership,

Head of School
Castle Acre C of E Primary Academy

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