



Castle Acre Newsletter for week ending 26th September 2025

The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

Executive Headteacher: Mrs Anne Neary
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Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly a thank you for anyone who attended our Macmillan Coffee Afternoon. Like many I expect, it is a charity that is close to my heart as I was in Macmillan House at High School and have been supported by them personally too. If you weren't able to make it but wish to make a donation, please bring it into the office on Monday.

I think the realisation has hit many of our pupils this week that we are here for the duration! We are fully settled in and books are now being filled. Please keep an eye out for the cafe dates.

Just a plea - can children be discouraged from riding scooters or bikes once inside the gate. Following some near misses, we did have a collision today. I appreciate your understanding.

Have a good weekend.

Mrs Spaul

Upcoming Events

See Diary Dates for details.....

Monday 29th Sept - 3.15 - 4.15pm Tamion's Super Challenge Time club for Y1-Y3 (Session 2 of 5)

Tuesday 30th Sept - Year 5 Trip to Norwich Cathedral.

3.15 to 4.15pm, ICS Football Club for Rec-Yr 6 (week 4 of 7).

Wednesday 1st Oct - Oak Class (Y4/5/6) Swimming at Dereham Leisure (Session 3 of 6).

3.15 - 4.15pm, ICS Multi-Sports Club for Rec-Y6 (wk 4 of 7).
3.15 - 4.15pm, Premier Gymnastics Club for Rec-Y6 (wk 4 of 7).

Thursday 2nd Oct - Mr Nourish's Special Birthday Lunch today, plus other usual options of jackets and sandwiches

3.15 to 4.15pm, ICS Outdoor Adventures Club for Rec-Yr 6 (week 4 of 7).

Monday 6th Oct - 9.45am Harvest Festival at Castle Acre church, refreshments available at church before the service.



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.

Attendance Awards w/e 26/9/2025

Class	%
Rowan	96.64
Whitebeam	98.51
Oak	98.88

The winner of the Attendance Award this week is Whitebeam with excellent attendance, well done! Please do better next week Oak Class!

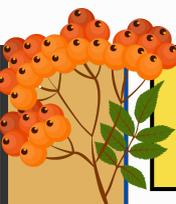




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Rowan Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week 	Percy	For always trying his best in phonics!
Writer of the week	Reggie	For super effort during literacy, particularly with his handwriting. 
Mathematician of the week	Lexi	For becoming a super independent learner, for always putting her hand up and having a go, and answering questions by herself.
Shining Light	Tobias Wilbur	For being a polite member of Rowan Class, and for always volunteering his help. For being super helpful in the classroom and for always making the adults smile.



Whitebeam Class

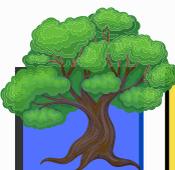
Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Stanley Barker	for fantastic reading and talking about what he has read
Writer of the week 	Noah	for calmly participating in English and completing his writing
Mathematician of the week	Arly	for great work and enthusiasm in maths
Shining Light	Josie Mila	for demonstrating courage especially when facing change for always demonstrating our school values
Tackling Tables 	Ella Ivy Skyla Toby	purple phase addition missing numbers blue phase multiplication 2 and 5 blue phase multiplication 5 blue phase multiplication 10
Reads at home	Arly Ava Lewis	Blue badges for 10 reads 



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Oak Class

Award	Goes to...	For..... 
Reader of the week	Alexander	working hard on finding meaning in a text.
Writer of the week 	Rosanna	taking great care in planning and writing her 'Day in the life of a Celtic child.'
Mathematician of the week	Tia	working very hard and completing some year 5 work. 
Shining Light 	Sybil Logan Harry C	for challenging herself to use courage in a maths challenge extension. showing respect for safety and listening well during swimming. showing real enthusiasm and confidence in singing during music.
Reading Stars	Isla Oliver P Molly	10 reads - blue star 10 reads - blue star 10 reads - blue star
Tackling Tables	Finlay Oliver P Libby	Blue divide by 10 Green - time facts Blue - multiplication mini test



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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/
<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>



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Safeguarding.....

Smartphone-free childhood have a new partner. Dr Susie Davies, a Bristol-based GP has begun to offer talks on smartphones and the internet. Our survey has said that people are interested in finding in more, so please watch this space for details of the talk coming soon, and also a Parents/Carers' Online safety workshop in the Spring.

Message from the Executive Headteacher....

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Parking:

May I please remind everyone to park safely and respectfully so that your children are safe, and neighbours are able to access their houses. We have had issues recently with people parking on dropped kerbs up on the pavement so pushchairs and elderly people cannot get past safely, as well as someone driving too fast around a tight bend and nearly striking a person.

We also do not want to see confrontations outside a school and in front of our children. Thank you for your consideration and care.

Head Pupils: Our children's interviews were fantastic, and they have some excellent ideas as to how to support our community.

Congratulations to:

Fletcher

Holly

Rosanna

Libby

We know you will represent our school brilliantly!

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

Thank you for the world and treats. Thank you for the things that you created and for your goodness.

Amen

By: Skyla

Thank you as always for your support and partnership,

Head of School
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