



Castle Acre Newsletter for week ending 10th October 2025

The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It was such a beautiful morning today and the world looked glorious with colour. I don't mind my hour's drive to school so much when the sky is blue and the leaves are golden. It was chilly this morning, however! With that in mind, please do make sure the children come to school with a jumper and a waterproof jacket. They also need a pair of wellies in school, to be able to go on the field (they get a little annoyed if they don't have any and have to stay on the playground!).

Thank you to all of you who attended our Harvest Festival. A well done to all our children but particularly to Reception who have just performed in their first church service. Thank you for all your kind donations too; they are much appreciated and will go to helping those in need.

Have a good weekend, Emma Spaul



Upcoming Events

See Diary Dates for details.....

Monday 13th Oct - 9.00am Open meeting for Oak Class Parents/Carers

2.30pm Maple Group Parents/Carers invited in to their Harvest Parent Cafe

Tuesday 14th Oct - Year 2 & 3 Trip to Norwich Castle Museum

Wednesday 15th Oct - Oak Class (Y4/5/6) Swimming at Dereham Leisure (Session 5 of 6).

Thursday 16th Oct - Oak Class trip to Norwich Castle Museum

Friday 17th Oct - Tempest individual pupil photographs. Siblings of pupils who have not yet started school are welcome to come here with parents at 8.40am to have photos with their sibling pupils but please phone the school office earlier in the week to book if you would like to do this, thank you.

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 pre-owned nearly-new uniform in school. You can buy this for £1 per item, or you can swap it for a donation, 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 is available Friday morning break - 40p per day. After Autumn half term it will be available on Wednesday mornings as well.

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 10/10/2025

Class	%
Rowan	97.31
Whitebeam	97.14
Oak	92.65

The winner of the Attendance Award this week is Rowan but it was extremely close between Rowan and Whitebeam Classes. Please do better next week Oak!

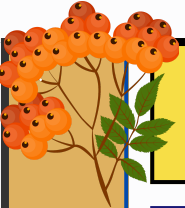







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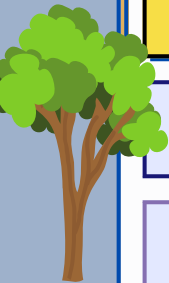


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Rowan Class

Award	Goes to...	For..... 
Reader of the week 	Lexi	fantastic Fred in your head.
Writer of the week	Noel Bonnie	super writing, using capital letters, full stops and sitting letters on the line. super hand writing. 
Mathematician of the week	Freya	confidently using the stem sentence 1 and 1 and 1 makes 3.
Shining Light	Frederick Percy	for clearly communicating his feelings to adults and for following instructions earlier in the week. for always putting his hand up during carpet time and having a go.



Whitebeam Class

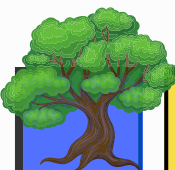
Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Ivy	super work during reading comprehension activities
Writer of the week 	Arly	for independently choosing to write a story demonstrating courage
Mathematician of the week	Toby	participating well in maths lessons and applying what he knows during problem solving and reasoning activities
Shining Light	Indy Skyla	for demonstrating increased focus and perseverance in his learning for demonstrating responsibility in her learning and sharing her home learning with the class
Tackling Tables 		none this week 
Reads at home	Ella Gracie-Mae Indy Lewis	10 reads 10 reads 10 reads 25 reads





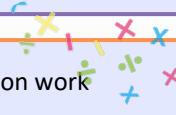

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Oak Class

Award	Goes to...	For..... 
Reader of the week	Finlay	incredible knowledge of inference when reading.
Writer of the week 	Molly	spending her own time writing an incredible story to share with me.
Mathematician of the week	Oscar	super concentration in maths and lots of extension work completed. 
Shining Light 	Etta Hollie C Teddy	being kind and thoughtful to everyone always. always acting responsibly and offering to help me. acting very safely at swimming.
Reading Stars	Oliver P	25 reads - red star
Tackling Tables	Darcy B Alexander L Holly D	Blue - multiplication mini test Blue - times by 5 and divide by 10 Red - fractions & decimals, fractions & percentages and percentages & decimals



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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.....

Helpful guides including on how to use phones, smart speakers and games consoles safely can be found [here](#).

Also - please see this information from our Filtering and monitoring company, who watch all ICT interaction across DNEAT schools:

The misuse of AI chatbots is something the AMS team are noticing an increase of, especially since the return to the new school year. Chatbots are being used to replace real life interaction.

They can often begin quite benignly with a child using them as a knowledgeable friend who can help them explore the world. They may see them as someone with adult knowledge that doesn't get tired of all the questions, someone who they can explore topics that interest them with impunity. However, this creates a false sense of bonding with the chatbot, especially for children who struggle to differentiate between reality and fiction, where it can feel like a real person is there to give them advice, explore topics and be there when ever needed.

Children push boundaries constantly, this is true of any interaction they have, and with Chatbots this pushing of the boundaries means that they are often going into situations that are inappropriate or dangerous.

The AMS team have noticed a rise in interactions with chatbots that have ranged from bullying behaviour to sexual exploration. Chatbots can be seen as not only a friend but also as a romantic partner and due to this, children explore their sexuality and often in ways that involve sexual practices that are far beyond the norm for their age range. Due to this, negative emotions and mental health issues can occur. The creation of graphic pornography can traumatise a child or lead to addiction.

Healthy mind, healthy body

Could you drink more water to look after your body and mind?

Message from the Executive Headteacher....



Many of you have been asking for support with Online safety. I am very excited to share with you that we have been able to purchase a Parent Resource pack, delivered online so you can access it whenever and wherever it suits you. There are guides to things such as Roblox, TikTok etc and there is a training video for families that covers a wealth of information and offers support to draw up a family agreement. It cost us quite a bit of money so please take advantage of it and let me know of any feedback.

Username: narvalley.parents
Password: MidnightBrainsIdeally90

You can login [here](#).

Uniform; we would very much appreciate your support with ensuring that your children are in correct uniform. Wearing the uniform demonstrates that we are all a team together and it enables all children to have equity of clothing. No family should have to worry about the cost of uniform and no child should be disadvantaged. Birds of Dereham provide our items of uniform which have a logo and we also stock 'Nearly new' uniform in school, available at a cost of £1 an item, or you can bring an item to swap (items and sizes are subject to availability. See the office for stock). Summer dresses, polo shirts, trousers, shorts, PE t-shirts, PE shorts and tracksuits can all be bought anywhere, as can shoes and socks. Please see the attached poster for reference.

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

Our next fundraiser is the Autumn Quiz and Supper on Nov 14th, 7pm at CA Village hall. Come and join us :) Or perhaps you can donate a Raffle prize instead? Please do drop one to the school if you can or enquire with Libby-07825229345.'

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

Prayer for the Week.....



Dear God

I ask you to bless everyone's family with love and peace.

Amen

By: Tia

Thank you as always for your support and partnership,

Head of School
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