



Castle Acre Newsletter for week ending 11th October 2025

The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

Executive Headteacher: Mrs Anne Neary
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Dear Parents/Carers,

It's been another busy week, with two fantastic trips to Norwich Castle Museum; thank you to everyone for your financial support for these, as without this we wouldn't be able to give our children such a wide range of positive and enriching experiences.

Thank you also for hearing your child read every day, as this is probably the most vital academic gift you can give them. Don't forget to book your Parents'/Carers' Evening appointment and we'll look forward to seeing you there.

Emma Spaul



Upcoming Events

See Diary Dates for details.....

Monday 20th Oct - Y3-6 Cross Country Competition at TNHA. Please can pupils come to school in their PE Kit for this trip and bring their uniform to change into afterwards.

Tuesday 21st Oct - Oak Class Parents'/Carers' Cafe at 2pm

Wednesday 22nd Oct - Oak Class (Y4/5/6) Swimming at Dereham Leisure (last session).

Rowan Class Parents'/Carers' Cafe at 2pm

Thursday 23rd Oct - Whitebeam Class Parents'/Carers' Cafe at 2pm

Friday 24th Oct - Last day of half term. School re-opens on Monday 3rd November

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 11/10/2025

Class	%
Rowan	95.29
Whitebeam	97.14
Oak	92.65

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





AWARDS



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Rowan Class

Award	Goes to...	For..... 
Reader of the week 	Ethan	For super Fred Talk during phonics.
Writer of the week	Tobias	Super independent writing about Emma Jane. 
Mathematician of the week	Nathan	For completing extra challenges!
Shining Light	Ronnie Indie	Demonstrating super learning behaviours. For looking after the classroom and demonstrating the school value of responsibility.

Whitebeam Class

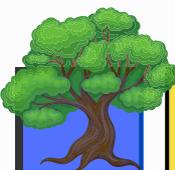
Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Gracie-Mae	for continued enthusiasm when reading and her increasing fluency
Writer of the week 	Isla	demonstrating increased stamina when writing
Mathematician of the week 	Lukas	for learning to count to 10 in English
Shining Light	Ava Lewis	for her positive attitude towards learning which is reflected in the progress she is making in reading for demonstrating our value of courage both in school and during activities outside of school
Tackling Tables 		
Reads at home		



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Oak Class

Award	Goes to...	For..... 
Reader of the week	Darcy B	Good work on locating information in a text.
Writer of the week 	Tyler	Beginning to use persuasive features in his writing.
Mathematician of the week	Lazenby	working independently but asking for help if he needs it. 
Shining Light 	Tia Lola	taking responsibility for her own learning at all times. being a fabulous fire register monitor.
Reading Stars	Mason Sybil Finlay	10 reads - blue star 25 reads - red star 25 reads - red star
Tackling Tables	Oliver P Oscar	Yellow - applying number bonds Yellow - applying number bonds



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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.....

Don't forget the online safety training package for Parents/Carers that we've bought you all:

You can login [here](#).

Username: narvalley.parents Password: MidnightBrainsIdeally90

Here is a helpful article about Halloween:

Click [here](#)

Healthy mind, healthy body

Top tips from some of our children on being happy or what to do if you feel sad:

- "Go and have some time to myself to think" (Esmae)
"Watch something to take my mind off it" (Danny)
"Go to an empty room by myself and take some deep breaths to calm down - this works for anger too" (Slayter)
"If I see something on TV or online that I don't like, or makes me sad, I don't watch it" (Jack)
"I read my reading book" (Reggie)
"Have a drink" (Isal)
"If you feel sad, find someone who cheers you up" (Leo)
Huge thanks to Foxes class in Narborough for their fabulous ideas - they made my day!

Message from the Executive Headteacher....



It's been a busy week at Nar Valley, with two excellent trips to the Norwich Castle Museum. We received some really lovely feedback from the staff there, who sent me an email to say that all our children were so engaged in their learning and a pleasure to work with. Well done NVF!

We also want to say a big 'Good luck' to Arly in Castle Acre, who has an international dance competition coming up.

Thank you to everyone who has worked hard to ensure children come to school with the correct uniform, including sensible black school shoes and grey or white socks and with long hair tied back. Looking our best is important as it helps us be ready for learning and teaches us good habits for when we go to work as adults.

Lunchtime roles at Castle Acre: We will shortly be advertising for people with an interest in and experience with children who have additional needs, to support our children with complex needs over lunchtime. If you would like to know more about the role, please come and talk to me about it.

A very Happy Diwali to all those celebrating - I always loved seeing all the Diwali lamps and banners at one of my old schools at this time of year, lighting up the houses as the nights draw in. Finally, after our lovely Harvest festivals at all three schools, an enormous thank you to everyone in the agricultural community who work so hard to ensure we all have lovely food to eat.

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

Thank you God for pets. Thank you God for the world so sweet. Amen

By: Gracie-Mae

Thank you as always for your support and partnership,

Head of School Castle Acre C of E Primary Academy

Executive Headteacher Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies Castle Acre, Narborough and Sporle C of E Primary Academy