



Castle Acre Newsletter for week ending 24th October 2025

The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

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Dear Parents/Carers,

What a glorious day to finish the half term with - it is what an autumnal day should look like! Fingers crossed for this to continue into next week, especially those of you who are going away! We are sadly saying goodbye to Mrs Grenier today. We thank her for everything she has done during her time with us and we wish her all the very best for the future. We would like to thank you, our families, for all your support in your child's learning over the past few weeks. Enjoy the break and really do take time to rejuvenate as it seems to have been a long half term; we are all very tired. Next half term is a busy one - as much as I hate to mention it.....Christmas is on its way (Christmas Trees have already been talked about)!

Best wishes,
Emma Spaul



Upcoming Events

See Diary Dates for details.....

Monday 3rd Oct - Tamion's Super Fun Time Challenge Club starts, 3.15 - 4.15pm, week 1 of 7.

Tuesday 4th Oct - ICS Football Club starts, 3.15 - 4.15pm, week 1 of 7.

Parent Consultation Evening - 3.30 - 7pm

Wednesday 5th Oct - Rowan Class trip to High Lodge.

ICS Multi- Sports Club starts, 3.15 - 4.15pm, week 1 of 7.

Thursday 6th Oct - ICS Outdoor Adventures Club starts, 3.15 - 4.15pm, week 1 of 7.

Parent Consultation Evening - 3.30 - 5.30pm

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 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 24/10/2025

Class	%
Rowan	93.27
Whitebeam	92.38
Oak	92.35

The class with the highest attendance this week is Rowan Class. We hope everybody feels better after half term.

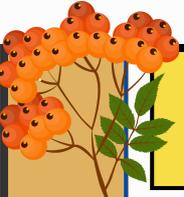




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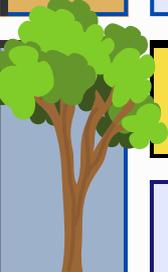


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Rowan Class

Award	Goes to...	For..... 
Reader of the week 	Tyler	Listening to the adults advice and reading his work back before going to an adult.
Writer of the week	Charlotte	Working super hard on her character description. 
Mathematician of the week	Archie.S	Trying really hard to be independent when answering questions.
Shining Light	Reggie Freya	For always helping the adults and children in the classroom. For always listening and following the adults instructions.



Whitebeam Class

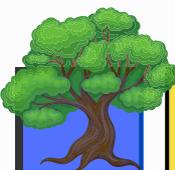
Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Willem	for steady and accurate reading
Writer of the week	Olivia-Rose	for working hard on the presentation of her handwriting
Mathematician of the week 	Gracie-Mae	for her enthusiastic participation during maths and always being willing to answer questions
Shining Light	Isla Arly	for demonstrating our value of kindness by being a good friend for demonstrating our value of responsibility shown through her super attitude towards learning
Tackling Tables 	Ella Toby Ivy	Purple phase superstar Purple phase mixed addition and subtraction Blue phase multiplication mini-test
Reads at home	Isla P Ava Ivy Lewis Arly	10 reads 25 reads 25 reads 50 reads 50 reads 



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Oak Class

Award	Goes to...	For..... 
Reader of the week	Leon	trying hard to get to grips with our class text.
Writer of the week 	Mason	trying really hard and checking he's correct.
Mathematician of the week	Libby	for listening well and just getting on! 
Shining Light 	Darcy c Harry W Brody	always offering to help me with things. always being positive and cheerful excellent commitment to singing in class and worship
Reading Stars	Teddy Tia Rowan Isla Rosanna	10 reads - blue star 10 reads - blue star 25 reads - red star 25 reads - red star 50 reads - bronze star
Tackling Tables		



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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

Having a sense of who you are is a really important part of feeling good about ourselves. Here are some helpful thoughts to chat about with your families:

"The most important thing is to try to know yourself."
— Socrates

"Promise me you'll always remember you're braver than you believe, and stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think."
— Christopher Robin

"Every one of us needs to show how much we care for each other and, in the process, care for ourselves."
— Princess Diana

Message from the Executive Headteacher....



It's been a long half-term filled with some super learning, exciting trips and sports events as well as visitors into school and Parent Cafes. I want to say a huge thank you to all our staff team who work so hard for the children.

Good bye and thank you, as well as best wishes to Mrs Grenier. We know Mr Conway is looking forward to his first half-term with Oak class. We're also lucky enough to have Mrs Edwards, who works with our children in Maple group, staying with us all day from after half-term. Thanks for liking it so much in the mornings you want to stay all day Mrs Edwards! We will also be advertising shortly for some more support for our older children so that is also excellent news.

There is good bus news - thanks to the clerk of the Parish Council, Amy, we have got a meeting with two local councillors to draw together some funding to get the first works done on the bus. If you would like to offer some help and support and join the meeting please do let me know.

Thank you to our families for supporting your child's attendance. We are sending out attendance letters to either thank you for ensuring your child's attendance is meeting the required national standard (96% or above) or to let you know we are monitoring your child's attendance or require a meeting with you. Our attendance is usually high in comparison with national but there have been a few children unwell recently - we hope everyone feels better soon. Have a lovely half-term and I hope that you are all able to get some family time together.

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

We thank you for all the things you create and the lovely food and drink.

Amen

By: Arly

Thank you as always for your support and partnership,

Head of School
Castle Acre C of E Primary Academy

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