

Castle Acre Newsletter for week ending 14th November 2025

The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a lovely week here at Castle Acre. This week was Anti-Bullying Week and the children have been taking part in activities on 'the power for good'. There are photographs of Rowan Class with their 'Kindness Chain' and Whitebeam Class with Odd Socks (see page 6 of this newsletter).

I was really proud of our children for the efforts they put in for Remembrance Day. The war memorial looked lovely with their poppies and lit jars and they stood respectfully whilst we were silent. Roxy Potter took a beautiful photo which is attached (see pg 6). A thank you to our Head Pupils who joined the service on the Sunday to read names of the fallen.

The children looked fantastic today (I now realise how finding spotty clothes is really tricky!). Thank you for your donations to Children in Need, a very worthy cause, so far we have raised £84.30.

We like to celebrate out of school success and want to give a special mention to Harry W for achieving a 3000 metre swim last weekend in under 2 hours.

Emma Spaul



Upcoming Events

See Diary Dates for details.....

Monday 17th Nov - Tamion's Super Fun Time Challenge Club 3.15 - 4.15pm, week 3 of 7.

Tuesday 18th Nov - Flu Immunisation for pupils with parental consent.

ICS Football Club, 3.15 - 4.15pm, week 3 of 7.

Wednesday 19th Nov - ICS Multi- Sports Club, 3.15 - 4.15pm, week 3 of 7.

Thursday 20th Nov - ICS Outdoor Adventures Club, 3.15 - 4.15pm, week 3 of 7.

Wednesday 3rd Dec - Rudolph Run - please collect sponsorship and return sponsor form to school ASAP, in support of Tapping House, 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 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 14/11/2025

Class	%
Rowan	84.84
Whitebeam	87.62
Oak	98.59

We recognise there has been lots of illness and we look forward to our attendance returning to at least 96% next week.

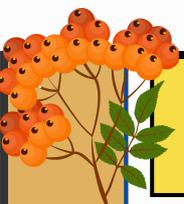




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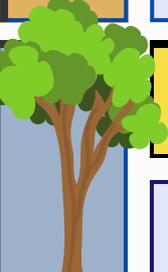


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Rowan Class

Award	Goes to...	For..... 
Reader of the week 	Wilbur	For fantastic segmenting and blending during phonics.
Writer of the week	Freya	For always working hard in literacy and challenging herself by extending her writing. 
Mathematician of the week	Inika	For working independently and always contributing during carpet inputs.
Shining Light	Ethan Lexi	For being a superstar in class and working really hard in phonics and literacy. For demonstrating kindness to others and for always offering to help Mrs Henderson.



Whitebeam Class

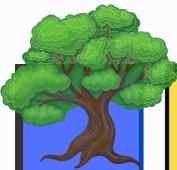
Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Olivia-Rose	for great participation and reading out loud in front of the group in Read Write Inc
Writer of the week 	Stan Black	for focusing on his handwriting and presentation of his written work
Mathematician of the week	Lewis	for always being willing to answer questions in maths and for his growing confidence
Shining Light	Gracie-Mae Mila	for always demonstrating kindness for being a kind, respectful and responsible member of our Whitebeam Class
Tackling Tables 	Toby Skyla	purple phase superstar blue phase multiplication mini test
Reads at home	Mila Ava Lewis	10 reads 50 reads 75 reads 



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Oak Class

Award	Goes to...	For..... 
Reader of the week	Harry C	working hard to answer tricky reading questions.
Writer of the week 	Lola	her great understanding of fronted adverbials and parenthesis
Mathematician of the week	Molly	always asking for help whenever needed. 
Shining Light 	Mason Rowan Rosanna	Working so hard and giving intelligent answers. Working so kindly with Rowan Class. Being a great role model, always supporting her friends.
Reading Stars	Sybil	50 reads - bronze star
Tackling Tables	Finlay Isla Molly Libby Rosanna Tyler	Blue - divide by 5 Blue - multiply by 5 Green - time facts Green - multiplication mini test Red - MTC taster 1 and MTC taster 3 Red - MTC taster 2 and MTC taster 3



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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

Healthy mind, healthy body

Being outside really helps our bodies AND our minds. Lots of local landmarks, parks, forests and walks are free to use, so can you spend some time outdoors this weekend?

Message from the Executive Headteacher....



I want to thank all our Head Pupils and their families who attended the Remembrance service in our communities last Sunday. I went along to Narborough (Castle Acre last year and Sporle next year!) and it was a moving, thought-provoking service. Thank you to Lexi and Sophie at Narborough, Fletcher, Holly and Rosanna at Castle Acre and Skye, Ella-Brooke and Lucy at Sporle.

The community members and celebrants were very impressed with all our children - well done Head Pupils!

Governor recruitment - we would really like to have a parent Governor from Sporle and Narborough. (We have one from Castle Acre) The role has changed recently, and is now focusing on our ethos and Christian distinctiveness. It isn't hard, you don't need to read lots of papers, you don't need to be available during the day to do the job and there aren't lots of meetings. We meet 4 times during the year, currently on a Tuesday evening 6pm-7.30pm. Please consider this and ask either myself or our clerk, who is our secretary at Castle Acre, Miss Karen Howman, any questions you might have. Thank you in advance!

Just to let you know that some parents still owe for trips that have taken place. Unfortunately, if the debts are not settled, then we will not be able to arrange any further trips for that class, as we have no budget to fund these and are reliant on each person paying their bit, as well as our small but mighty Friends/PTFA groups who fund some of the travel.

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

The Friends have organised for the children to design their own Christmas cards which parents will be able to order at the start of December. Part of the funds raised from the orders will go to the school. More information to come!

Prayer for the Week.....



Dear God

Thank you for food, thank you for pets and thank you for animals.

Amen

By: Lola P

Thank you as always for your support and partnership,

Head of School
Castle Acre C of E Primary Academy

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