



## Castle Acre Newsletter for week ending 21st November 2025

The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

Executive Headteacher: Mrs Anne Neary  
Web: [www.narvalleyfederation.co.uk](http://www.narvalleyfederation.co.uk)

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have managed to navigate the sudden change in weather conditions. At least it is a bright, sunny day today (albeit a bit cold).

We've had a lovely week here, despite the weather. We had Rudolph visit us on Tuesday to talk about our Rudolph Run on 3rd December and he kindly left each child some antlers to wear on the day. He was a real hit with the children from Maple particularly!

Over the next few weeks there are many different events! Please keep an eye on the dates and notes and letters coming out. If you have any questions at all then please do ask.

Finally, we are an open door school and welcome communication with you. We understand that you may need to message or email during the evening as this works best for you but please respect that staff may not reply to this outside of working hours. If it is something urgent then please speak to a member of staff on the school gate. Best wishes & thank you for your continued support.

Emma Spaul



## Upcoming Events

See Diary Dates for details.....

**Monday 24th Nov** - Tamion's Super Fun Time Challenge Club 3.15 - 4.15pm, week 4 of 7.

**Tuesday 25th Nov** - ICS Football Club, 3.15 - 4.15pm, week 4 of 7.

**Wednesday 26th Nov** - Schools and Communities Parent Surgery at Castle Acre

ICS Multi- Sports Club, 3.15 - 4.15pm, week 4 of 7.

**Thursday 27th Nov** - 3.30 pm Meeting at Castle Acre for Parents/Carers regarding Year 6 Horstead Residential 2026

ICS Outdoor Adventures Club, 3.15 - 4.15pm, week 4 of 7.

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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	98.97
Whitebeam	91.45
Oak	89.41

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





# AWARDS



The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

Rowan Class

Award	Goes to...	For..... 
Reader of the week 	Archie E	for working really hard during phonics lessons.
Writer of the week	Nathan	for working really hard on his presentation. 
Mathematician of the week	Bonnie	Super independent learning.
Shining Light	Indie Robyn	for demonstrating our school value of responsibility.

Whitebeam Class

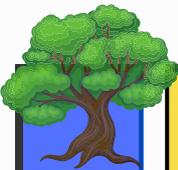
Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Ava	for working really well on the next level of reading
Writer of the week 	Josie	for using the displays around her to help her independently write the story of Little Red Riding Hood
Mathematician of the week 	Ella	for great work on column addition with exchanges
Shining Light Letting your light shine	Skyla Stanley	for always being willing to challenge herself whatever she is doing for making fantastic choices this week
Tackling Tables 	Skyla	Blue phase - divide by 5
Reads at home		



# AWARDS



## The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies



Oak Class

Award	Goes to...	For..... 
Reader of the week	Lazenby	his incredible enthusiasm for books, and reading for pleasure.
Writer of the week 	Tia	taking great care and pride in all of her written work.
Mathematician of the week	Oliver P	always working logically and methodically. 
Shining Light 	Darcy C Henry Teddy	having the confidence to present clearly to the class. coming to school with the right attitude, ready to work. being a brilliant friend to everyone around him.
Reading Stars	Etta Holly C Molly Rosanna	10 reads - blue star 10 reads - blue star 25 reads - red star 75 reads - silver star
Tackling Tables	Isla Darcy B Libby B Darcy C Logan Lola Faye Harry W	Blue - division mini test Green - multiplication mini test Red - multiplication mini test Blue - multiply by 2 and 10 Purple - subtraction and Red - MTC taster 2 & 3 Green - time facts Blue multiplication mini test and Red - MTC taster 2 Blue - divide by 5, division mini test and Purple - mixed addition and subtraction



Castle Acre Newsletter for week ending  
21st November 2025

The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

Executive Headteacher: Mrs Anne Neary  
Web: [www.narvalleyfederation.co.uk](http://www.narvalleyfederation.co.uk)



## 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/4_7/)  
[https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/8\\_10/](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/8_10/)  
<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>



## Castle Acre Newsletter for week ending 21st November 2025

The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

### Safeguarding.....

If your child plays on the Roblox Game, please watch the following really concerning video.

### Healthy mind, healthy body

Please watch the video above and think about the impact on children's mental health

### Message from the Executive Headteacher....



Well done to the staff and children for a super Anti-bullying week last week, which really helped children to think about their Power to Speak up and not to just watch if someone is doing the wrong thing. We reminded the children about the difference between Mean Moments and Bullying - See our poster. Have a look at the photos below of all the super learning across Nar Valley Federation during Anti-Bullying week!

We have also carried out our Pupil Voice survey, asking our children about how coming back to school in the Autumn term was, what is going well at school and what would be even better. We'll also be asking you the same questions and warmly invite you to our Parents/Carers' Forum. These are being held after our Parents/Carers' cafes later in the term - do come along if you can. We also offer an online option for working families later that evening at 6pm, so if you'd like that option, please email the office for the meeting link.

Our children responded very positively, with (delete as necessary per school Narb and SP - all three classes being very happy in school CA - with Rowan class and Whitebeam class being very happy and Oak letting us know they were feeling very unsettled at the beginning of term and half-term but that they are starting to feel better. We will obviously keep checking in with Oak class and will check again before Christmas but can see that the team of Mr Conway, Miss Sandford and Mrs Harris are doing a super job) We will feed back thoughts and feelings of the children next week.

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

#### Christmas Cards:

The Friends have asked the children to design their own Christmas cards, which have been done beautifully! You now have the opportunity to order some and 30% of the funds will go back to us to be spent on the children! Your personal order form will be sent home in your child's bag this week so please do keep an eye out for it. The company taking the orders will close the ordering by December 8th so don't wait!

#### Autumn Quiz:

Thanks to anyone who contributed to the Fundraising Autumn Quiz on Friday, it was wonderful to see a couple of staff tables and as always many Castle Acre residents came to support the school which is heart warming. We raised £561! It would be lovely to see some parents next time!! Next one will be the Valentine's Quiz in February.

### Prayer for the Week.....



Dear God

Thank you for all of my family members and my pets.

Amen

By: Rowan

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