



## Castle Acre Newsletter for week ending 5th December 2025

The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I cannot believe we have just 2 weeks left of this term. As I sit here surrounded by Christmas trees, baubles, stockings, glue, paint and glitter, it doesn't seem possible that 365 days have passed since we were last at this point. We have some lovely events coming up and, as a parent, these present some of the most wonderful opportunities for treasured memories.

We would like to congratulate Arly in Whitebeam. She took part in an international dance competition in France at the weekend. She came first in both of her routines and we look forward to seeing her successes in the future. If anyone else has any other out of school achievements, please let us know.

Have a lovely weekend - I will be decorating!

Best wishes, Emma Spaul



## Upcoming Events

See Diary Dates for details.....

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December - Sporthall Athletics for Years 5 and 6.

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December - 6pm - Evening Nativity Performance of 'Away in a Manger'. Please bring pupils to school at 5.30pm to get changed and ready, thank you.

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December - 2pm - Afternoon Nativity Performance of 'Away in a Manger'.

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch (no jacket potatoes or school packed lunches on this day).

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December - Jack & the Beanstalk Pantomime, please make payment via Arbor before the date of the trip, £5 installments if you prefer.

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December - Maple Group trip to Church Farm, Stow Bardolph, please complete consent via the link and make payment via Arbor before the date of the trip.

## Reminders and Information.....



This year, Christmas jumper day will be on the same day as Christmas Lunch. Please complete the form indicating your child's choice as soon as possible as we have to put orders in to the kitchen before 11<sup>th</sup> December, thank you.

Rowan and Maple Rec/Y1 'Away in a Manger' Nativity 9<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm and 10<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm  
Please complete the form which was emailed to book your seats, thank you.

Jack and the Beanstalk Panto Trip - 16<sup>th</sup> December

Please note, the coach will not return to school until around 6pm due to the performance time. We will keep you updated through Arbor messaging throughout the afternoon

### PE DAYS

On your child's PE day, please send them to school WEARING their FULL PE kit, including trainers. Please send their school shoes and jumper/cardigan in a separate bag to change into afterwards.

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 5/12/2025

Class	%
Rowan	93.23
Whitebeam	97.14
Oak	94.71

Well done to Whitebeam who are clear winners of the Attendance Award this week with over 97% attendance. Please do better next week Rowan and Oak Classes





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### Safeguarding.....

As we come up to Christmas and you may be considering buying your child a device, please see the Smartphone Free Childhood movement for ways of allowing children to game safely.

Also - we have a workshop for families coming up in the Spring term on Internet safety day and we would like to know whether there are specific issues you would like us to explore during those - drop me an email and we'll include them in the content.

Many thanks.

### Healthy mind, healthy body

Two things came from our children today on how we can all feel happy which I really wanted to share as they were delightful in their simplicity yet perfection. A child in Y1 said to me today I make people happy by smiling at them on purpose. Also, at a school event one of our children slipped his hand through mine and we had a dance together. Small things can make a huge difference

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

It was lovely to see so many people at our Christmas Crafts and Carols Round the Tree, so thank you for coming along, we appreciate your time and support.

At this time of year we like to invite our Trustees from DNEAT to come and visit the schools that they oversee, so Ailene, our Trustee came to join the carols. Ailene taught for many years and is an experienced educator and a passionate advocate for education and children. She spoke to many of our children and said what a delight they were to spend time with. Well done children, we are always proud of the way you talk to visitors.

Just a reminder regarding our Parents/Carers' Survey and thank you to those who have filled it in. A huge thanks for putting your names on as there were one or two simple things that we could sort out for people and an excellent piece of feedback regarding additional feedback around assessments for Y6 in Oak class, which we have actioned, so thank you for that. We had also planned to do an additional Parents' Meeting for Oak class after Christmas as now that he has completed assessments, Mr Conway knows exactly what we need the children to focus on and can share their updated assessment information and how you can help and the date for that will be in the newsletter before the end of term.

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

Thank you to everyone that has taken part in ordering their child's wonderful artwork for Christmas cards. We really appreciate the support. We welcome all feedback if you think there is a better way to do this for next year...

Looking to 2026 we only have a couple of fundraising events, A Feb Valentine's Quiz, The May Duck Race and an Autumn Quiz so if you have any ideas or would like to run a one off let us know! We'd love to help support your idea.

### Prayer for the Week....

Dear God

Thank you for helping us to learn from our mistakes, so we can have a good life

Amen

By: A Castle Acre pupil

Thank you as always for your support and partnership,

Head of School  
Castle Acre C of E Primary Academy

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**Help with online safety::**

**childline**

ONLINE,  
ON THE PHONE,  
ANYTIME  
[childline.org.uk](http://childline.org.uk)  
0800 1111

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/>**