



Castle Acre Newsletter for week ending 6th February 2026

The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a pleasure to walk round our school this week and see all the children's superb learning. Every child was focused and on task, and taking pleasure in challenging themselves, as well as enjoying their learning.

Our youngest children were particularly impressive and so keen to tell us all the sounds they know! Well done everyone!

Emma Spaul

Upcoming Events

See Diary Dates for details.....

Monday 9th February - 6pm Parents/Carers Online Safety Workshop at Narborough Primary or online

Friday 13th February - Oak Class trip to West Stow, with Otters and Kingfishers Classes from Sporle and Narborough. Please make payment of £9.65 via Arbor

Monday 16th to Friday 20th February - School Closed for Half Term

Thursday 26th February - Chinese New Year Special Lunch

Thursday 5th March - World Book Day, dress as favourite book character

Monday 9th March - Crucial Crew Trip for Year 6 pupils

Monday 23rd March - Circus Day, dress in circus costume



Reminders and Information.....



Valentines Quiz & Supper Fundraiser plus Appeal for Raffle Prizes

The next fundraiser organised by our wonderful Friends of Castle Acre School is a Valentines Quiz and Supper to be held at Castle Acre Village Hall on **Friday 13th February**. Please see the posters for full details, it would be lovely to see parents/carers at the quiz.

The Friends would be grateful for donations of prizes for the raffle to be held at this event. Donations can either be dropped off at the school office or given to Libby Firth (parent and Chair of Friends), Tel: 07825229348

Polite payment reminder

We appreciate it that things are easily overlooked, but please ensure payments are made in time for trips, events and clubs. Failure to do so may prevent further events in school.

Yr6 Horstead Residential 6th - 8th July

Please complete permission for your child to attend via the link and pay deposit of £30 by 3/4/2026

family voice norfolk Please click [here](#) for the latest newsletter

Special Lunch - 26th February Chinese New Year

See menu for details. Please order as normal on the day



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. Eat your lunch, bring a friend and chat! Each week we meet 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 6/2/2026

Class	%
Rowan	90.65
Whitebeam	99.05
Oak	93.24

Well done to Whitebeam who with near perfect attendance are winners of the Attendance Award this week. We hope for better attendance from Rowan and Oak next week.





AWARDS



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Rowan Class

Award	Goes to...	For..... 
Reader of the week 	Freya	For super reading during phonics lessons.
Writer of the week	Inika	a wonderful diary entry about the Great Fire of London. 
Mathematician of the week	Tyler	for working really hard and answering lots of questions during the input.
Shining Light	Percy Wilbur	for demonstrating our school value of courage. for being a wonderful member of Rowan class, always willing to help others.
Reads at Home	Tobias Percy Inika	50 reads 50 reads 100 reads

Our week in Class



A super week in Rowan Class, well done!
 This week, year 1 children are learning about the features of a letter. We were extremely fortunate to receive a letter from Nathan in Thailand.
 Reception children are focussing on spelling red words.
 In maths, year 1 children are working within numbers to 50.
 Reception children are continuing to impress us with their number bond knowledge.



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Whitebeam Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Gracie-Mae	confidently using her phonics when reading alien and real words.
Writer of the week	Ella	super writing in all subjects and taking care over the presentation of her work.
Mathematician of the week	Olivia-Rose	working well in all maths lessons and always being willing to answer questions.
Shining Light	Indy Toby	demonstrating responsibility towards his learning, demonstrating responsibility by helping younger children without being asked.
Tackling Tables		
Reads at home		

Our week in Class

Another great week in Whitebeam. The children worked really well in dance with their partners to produce dance routines around the theme of The Circus. In science they tested different materials after predicting last week how their shape could be changed and they looked at how glass is made.

In history, we explored a painting of the first passenger train from the perspective of passengers and bystanders.

In English we are continuing our fact files about trains and in maths we have been working on non-unit fractions.

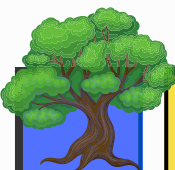
Today they enjoyed finishing their paintings in the style of Cotman.





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Oak Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Rosanna	wonderful reading & questions in our year 6 readers group
Writer of the week 	Harry C	incredible improvement in his writing, using subordinate clauses.
Mathematician of the week	Bobbi	great enthusiasm in arithmetic, offering brilliant answers.
Shining Light 	Oscar Darcy B Holly D	his reliably thoughtful and well explained answers in class. working ambitiously in every lesson, always trying to improve. being consistently and responsible, every day all day.
Reads at Home	Teddy Libby Harry C Hollie C Holly D Rosanna Mason	25 reads - red star 50 reads - bronze star 25 reads - red star 25 reads - red star 150 reads - shield 150 reads - shield 50 reads - bronze star
Tackling Tables		

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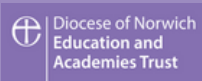


Another great week! We have finally finished our PiXLs for the half term. Well done everyone! Hopefully children know what they can do to improve, and are proud of their successes. Parents evening is after half term, when I will be showing papers to parents/carers.

In Maths, Year 6 have been looking at some shape and space topics, such as area, perimeter, triangles, and classifying angles. This has taken place while Y4 and Y5 were doing their PiXLs.

In English, we are planning our news report! We are writing about Beowulf's defeat of Grendel, defending the hall of Heorot.

We have also carried out an experiment into friction, dragging trainers across various surfaces, and studied the Anglo-Saxon kingdoms. One more week to go - thanks for all your support!



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Safeguarding.....

A message from the company who monitor children's electronic use across all schools across the country:

There has been a rise in bullying behaviours across the country on online platforms and social media: information from our monitoring partners:

We have noticed a recent increase in the number of captures relating to bullying behaviours mainly taking place through email, shared documents and online chat platforms. These messages have often been discriminatory and violent in nature, with comments telling peers to kill themselves. Alongside this, we have also seen a rise in pupils expressing feelings of needing to harm themselves, feeling worthless, as well as disclosures of loneliness and isolation.

Feedback from last year's online survey of families:
Families wanted to learn more about is the language of the digital world and how to prevent unsuitable material being accessible and ways we can lobby the Government.

We drew people's attention the Smartphone Free Childhood as a campaign group to lobby the Government.

We also provided articles in the newsletter around familiarity with the digit world, parental controls and hints and tips.

We would love to see you at our Parent workshop on Monday.

Parents/Carers' online safety workshop
Monday 9th February 6pm at school:
Please book via the letter that will come out.

Healthy mind, healthy body

Our strategy launches next week, so please ask your children how they think people keep themselves feeling healthy and send it in, we'd love to have emailed or Dojo'd examples.

Message from the Executive Headteacher...

It has been a real pleasure looking at our children's work and learning this week, and we are proud of their progress.

We look forward to seeing you at Parents/Carers' Evenings, which are the week beginning 2nd March.

We are also in a national Multiplication Tables competition this week, so please keep practising these - all children must have instant recall of every multiplication fact up to 12 x 12 by the Summer of Y4. Does your child? Remember your child's weekly homework for Maths is to practise these on Tackling Tables at home. A big thank you to all families who work on this with their children.

Drop off and pick up:

Please could families not park opposite driveways or on the grass verges. Thank you.

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

Our Valentines Quiz & Supper is on Friday 13th February at Castle Acre Village Hall. Doors open at 7pm for 7.30pm start. £13 per head includes Quiz plus local Fish and Chip supper or £11 for quiz plus Sausage or Veg Spring Roll and Chips, or £6 for Quiz with no supper. We hope you can join us for this fun event!

Libby - Chair of Friends, Tel: 07825229348 for further info.

Prayer for the Week.....

Dear God

Thank you for the wonderful world that we have.

Amen

By: Anon

Thank you as always for your support and partnership,

Head of School
Castle Acre C of E Primary Academy

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Castle Acre, Narborough and Sporle C of E Primary Academy



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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/>