



Castle Acre Newsletter for week ending 10th July 2026

The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

Executive Headteacher: Mrs Anne Neary
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Dear Parents/Carers,

Wow! What an amazing performance by Oak Class. Every single child performed superbly and confidently. I cannot believe how much they have grown and for those who wouldn't stand up in church 4 years ago and sung solos a huge well done. You should all feel very proud of yourselves.

This will be my last newsletter of the year and I just wanted to take the time to say what a pleasure it has been to have worked with you all over the past year. Your children are wonderful and we fully appreciate your support whether it be reading, practising times tables or just saying thank you.

We are saying goodbye to some wonderful children this year. Our 9 Year 6s will be moving on to pastures new and then we have some other children who will be going to new schools. We will miss every single child and I have a feeling the church service is going to be an emotional one.

My final thank you has to go to the staff. We have a wonderful staff team and every single member of staff goes above and beyond to give the best we possibly can.

Have a lovely break.

Emma Spaul, Head of School

Upcoming Events

See Diary Dates for details.....

NB: There is no ICS After School Multi-Sports club (Weds) this week as that ran for 6 weeks, so finished last week. Football Club and Outdoors Club are on this week.

Sunday 12th July - 1 - 4pm, Party including Disco for Year 6 Leavers (who have purchased a ticket) at Narborough Community Centre.

Tuesday 14th July - 3.15 - 4.15pm, ICS Football Club (last session this term).

Thursday 16th July - 3.15 - 4.15pm, ICS Outdoor Adventures Club (last session this term).

Friday 17th July - 1.45pm, End of Year Service at St James Church, Castle Acre.

Thursday 3rd September - School re-opens for Autumn Term.

Reminders and Information.....

For activities
available to
children and young
people throughout
the summer break
CLICK HERE



The magazine
is also available
online [here](#)

Attendance Awards w/e 10/7/26

Class	%
Rowan	89.9
Whitebeam	89.52
Oak	89.69

There are no winners of the Attendance Award this week as unfortunately attendance is still very much under our target. We hope for improvement next week.



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.

STAY SAFE ** HEATWAVE ALERT ** STAY SAFE ** HEATWAVE

Please read the advice around
drowning prevention, which can
be found [here](#)

It's hot out there



AWARDS



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Rowan Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Indie	For working really hard during phonics.
Writer of the week	Reggie	For working hard during English lesson despite having an injury.
Mathematician of the week	Charlotte	For consistently applying new strategies and working hard.
Shining Light	Percy Archie.S	For being kind and helpful to our newest members of school during Transition Week. For being a superstar, looking after our classroom and working hard in all lessons.
Reads at Home		

Our week in Class

Well done Rowan class for a great week.

Following on from the story 'Pirates love underpants', the children designed their own pirates with underpants. They used some great adjectives to describe them.

In maths, Reception children have been completing 1 more and 1 less. Year 1 children have been learning the days of the week, months of the year, and time.



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Whitebeam Class

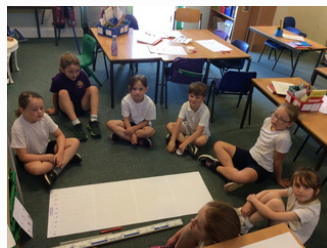
Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Gracie-Mae	super reading and moving up a reading group
Writer of the week	Stan Black	his increased focus and perseverance when writing
Mathematician of the week	Florence	always being willing to answer questions during maths lessons
Shining Light	Josie Lukas	being a kind and responsible member of our school community the super progress he is making in learning and speaking English
Tackling Tables	Nalah Gracie-Mae Isla Ella	red division, missing numbers and mixed mini test purple subtraction missing numbers blue division and mixed mini test red mixed numbers improper fractions mini test
Reads at home	none this week	

Our week in Class

Well done Whitebeam for the super learning this week despite the heat. In maths, the Y2 children have been learning about position and direction and the Y3 children have continued to learn about angles, horizontal, vertical diagonal lines.

During RSHE we have thought about our feelings, our bodies and our relationships this week and next week we will explore our beliefs, our rights and responsibilities and asking for help.

During ICT, the children created some super quizzes with a partner and we all really enjoyed watching Oak Class dress rehearsal.

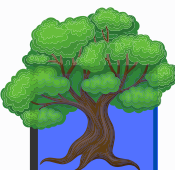




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Oak Class

Award	Goes to...	For..... 
Reader of the week		
Writer of the week 		
Mathematician of the week		
Shining Light 	Year 5 Pupils and Year 6 Pupils	representing our school so well on the Year 5 and Year 6 residential. They joined in with the activities and showed huge enthusiasm and great teamwork. Well done! Please see some photographs from the residential below.
Reads at home		
Tackling Tables		

Our week in Class



What an incredible performance! Oak Class have worked so hard and they should be so proud of their efforts. I hope you all had fun watching!

This week was also the Year 6 residential! They spent 2 nights at the Horstead Centre, taking part in a range of adventurous activities. The children rock climbed, zip lined, ascended stacks of crates and paddle boarded down a river! Every single child was an absolute credit to the school, and the centre staff commented on how much they were a pleasure to spend time with.

One more week to go! Please make sure all children are coming to school with suncream, water and a hat.





Safeguarding.....

If you feel like your child is online or on screens too much, then have a look at the Best Start in life website [here](#).

This is aimed at children under 5, but there are links for older children.

Guidance is around 1-2 hours a day of screen time, and not at meal times or an hour before bed.

Healthy mind, healthy body

Summer Holiday Competition

We are asking children to grow a plant and bring it in September, to fit in with our Healthy Body, Healthy Mind work.

To keep their brains active over the summer, we have a reading competition. Please see the details on the letter you will receive.

Message from the Executive Headteacher....

Congratulations to all our NVF Sports Day Finalists and a big thank you to families for supporting them.

Winners were:

Event	Year group	Place			
		1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
100m Sprint	6	Chloe	Harry	Fletcher	Rosanna
200m Sprint	3	Arthur	Violet	Charlie	Ronnie
		Alfie	Joey	Scarlett	Toby
	4	Reggie	Pathiva	Leo	Darcy
		Etta	Oscar	Mason	Oliver
	5	James	Chloe	Luna	Harrison
		Adhanaa	Sienna	Holly	Harry
	6	Chloe	Harry	Lacie	Sophie

The winning relay team was:

1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
Team Endurance	Team Castorama	Team Britannia	Team Beagle

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

Our school needs your help! We need a shed to store the precious outdoor play equipment. Can you help? If families could give £5-10 each we could smash our target and help the lunchtime team to get a shed in place in no time! We realise not everyone is in a position to donate. Perhaps you can help in other ways? Let me know? libbyofirth@gmail.com

Libby Firth, Chair of Friends, Tel: 07825 229345

Prayer for the Week.....

Dear Lord,

I feel so happy that so many people have been kind to me so that means I want to be kind to them. I wish I could help the people that feel bad.

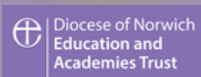
Amen

By: Teddy

Thank you as always for your support and partnership,

Head of School
Castle Acre C of E Primary Academy

Executive Headteacher
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Castle Acre, Narborough and Sporle C of E Primary Academy



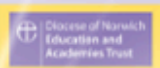
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Healthy Body, Healthy Mind





Healthy Body Healthy Mind 😊

 Healthy Body 	 Healthy Mind 
To have a healthy body you could exercise and workout regularly. 	Reading helps with your spelling as well as your mind. 
 Eating fruit and veges are another form of having a healthy body.	 Education is also a good thing for your mind.
Sweets are very unhealthy because they are full of sugar. 	Video games aren't very good for your mind. 



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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/>