



Castle Acre Newsletter for week ending 18th September 2026

The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

Executive Headteacher: Mrs Anne Neary
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Dear Parents/Carers,

What an exciting second full week back...but aren't we tired!! I have seen some amazing learning this week and it is a pleasure to walk around the school seeing a real effort to do the very best we can. Mrs Neary was blown away yesterday! A huge well done to those children who have managed to persevere through the sniffles, coughs and sore throats that are doing the rounds. We know that we can all feel groggy in the morning but often, once we are in, we can feel much better. Just a reminder that we will give medication including paracetamol to keep them going. Good news - we have been able to recruit for both our Teaching Assistant vacancies. We welcome Mrs Chloe Davis into Maple. We have also appointed someone for the TA role in Rowan Class and will be announcing this very soon. This means that we can now provide further support in Oak Class and I will be sending a letter home next week explaining this. Thank you massively for all your support so far this year. It really does take a village to raise a child! Have a lovely weekend,

Emma Spaul, Head of School

Upcoming Events

See Diary Dates for details.....

Tuesday 22nd Sept - 7.30pm, The Friends of Castle Acre Primary AGM at The Ostrich Castle Acre (or via zoom). See The Friends section at the end of the newsletter for more information.

Thursday 24th September - all day, Whitebeam Class Trip to Norwich Castle Museum.

Monday 28th September - 2pm, Maple Group 'Sensory' Parents/Carers Cafe.

Tuesday 29th September - 2pm, Oak Class 'Reading & Spelling' Parents/Carers Cafe.

Wednesday 30th September - Tuck Shop resumes from today. 2pm, Whitebeam Class 'Reading & Spelling' Parents/Carers Cafe.

Thursday 1st October - Special Nourish Birthday Lunch, 2pm, Rowan Class 'Phonics' Parents/Carers Cafe.

Attendance Awards w/e 18/9/26

Class	%
Rowan	97.14
Whitebeam	95.2
Oak	95.63

The winners of the Attendance Award this week are Rowan Class, Well Done!

Ted the Bear will be joining Rowan Class this week!



Reminders and Information.....

Celebration Worship

If your child is awarded a certificate, you will be invited to join us on a Friday afternoon via Class Dojo from your child's teacher

Please note, you will only be invited if your child is receiving an award that week



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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PE DAYS



Rowan
MONDAY & WEDNESDAY
Whitebeam
TUESDAY & THURSDAY
Oak
TUESDAY & THURSDAY
Maple
MONDAY & WEDNESDAY
Please make sure the children come to school in PE Kit on these days.

On Friday 16th October from 8.40am, Tempest Photography are visiting school to take individual photographs of our pupils. Please contact the school office if you would like younger siblings who are not yet school-aged to have their photo taken too, thank you.



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.



AWARDS

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Award

Goes to...

For.....

Reader of the week

Indie

always trying her best and for using her Fred Fingers to support her spelling.

Writer of the week

Esca

trying really hard with letter formation during phonics lessons and for practising letter formation during his own learning time.

Mathematician of the week

Percy

for always putting his hand up during maths inputs and making great contributions to the lessons.

Shining Light

Hollie
Albie

following our classroom rules beautifully by putting her hand up when she has an idea and for super sitting and listening during inputs.

being a kind and caring member of rowan class and helping children at home time.

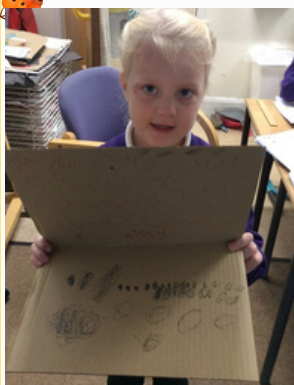
Our week in Class

Another fabulous week in Rowan Class.

The year 1 and reception children have been continuing with Drawing Club. This week, we read *The Three Little Pigs*. The children made stick puppets and explored building houses with bricks, straw and sticks.

In maths the year 1 children completed 1 more and 1 less. The reception children have been counting to 20 and helping the pigs pack their suitcases with various items.

Well done!





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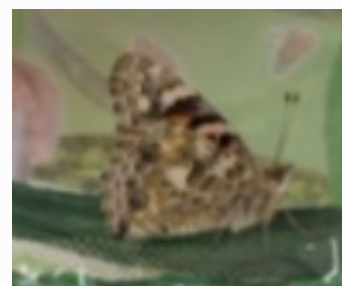
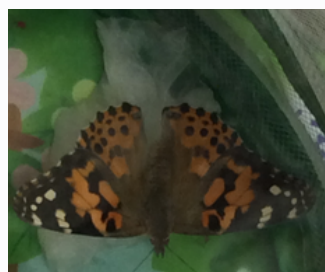
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Whitebeam Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Jaxon	for his love of sharing books about the natural world with his friends
Writer of the week	Charlotte	for taking care when writing independently
Mathematician of the week	Ava	for her enthusiasm for answering questions in maths
Shining Light	Tobias Lukas	for always demonstrating our school values especially kindness for his super positive attitude towards school
Tackling Tables		
Reads at home		

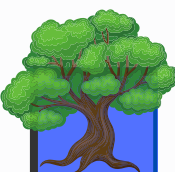
Our week in Class

Another great week in Whitebeam Class. We have started our descriptive writing about the Battle of Hastings and explored different adjectives we can use to make our writing more interesting. In maths, we have looked at symmetry along with place value. The children have been excited to see our beautiful butterflies emerge from their cocoons. By the time this message is read, the butterflies will be exploring the big, wide world beyond the classroom. We were all so happy that all 5 caterpillars made this amazing transformation. In ICT, the children worked in pairs to explore how digital devices work and they have been busy practising passing skills in PE. Well done Whitebeam.



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Oak Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Gracie-Mae	Her clear interest and enthusiasm for our class story.
Writer of the week	Hollie	Her ambition to improve her writing and her pride for her brilliant ideas.
Mathematician of the week	Noah	His wonderfully clear and enthusiastic explanation to questions for the class.
Shining Light	Ivy Sybil Lola	Her incredibly respectful and thoughtful attitude. Her maturity and confidence which drives her learning. Consistently being a responsible role-model for the whole school.
Reads at home	Oliver P	10 reads - Blue Star
Tackling Tables	Sybil Etta Finn Hollie Tia Darcy B Toby Oliver P Lola Oscar Logan	Blue divide by 2, multiply by 5, divide by 5 Blue divide by 5 Blue multiply by 5 Blue Mixed mini-test Blue divide by 5 Blue divide by 5 Yellow missing numbers Green Missing numbers Green Missing Numbers Red Superstar Missing numbers mini-test

Our week in Class



Such a brilliant week in Oak! The children continue to impress me.

In English, we have been building on our sentence structures, adding coordinating and subordinating conjunctions to the mix. We have been creating character profiles of two characters from our class text, *Clockwork*.

In Maths, we have been looking at numberlines, place value and triangles. The children have been giving excellent verbal answers in class using their mathematical vocabulary.

In the afternoon this week, we have been sketching one-point perspective images, hunting for minibeasts around the school, researching capital cities of European countries, discussing sources of authority in RE and exploring data packets in Computing.





Safeguarding.....

Just a reminder that it is soon (possibly January 2027) going to be against the law for children to be on social media - why not take the chance to talk things through with your children and explain why they cannot be on platforms such as TikTok. As school staff we have to undergo some quite harrowing training about the harm that is regularly coming to children on social media, so we are keen to support you to keep your children off social media. If you can think of anything as a school we can do to help, please let us know; many of us are parents too and understand how hard this can be in today's world.

Service Families Club; Forces and Faraway families club

We have extended our club for military children to include children whose parent is away for long lengths of time for any reason, such a working off shore or living somewhere else. The club takes place physically at Narborough, supported by Mrs Jary, but we online meet with service children at Castle Acre and Sporle too, so if your child's parent is away for long periods of time and you would like them to be part of the club, please contact your Head of School or myself.

Healthy mind, healthy body

It would be great to see some competition entries - we've extended this to be a picture or model of something you did over the Summer holidays that was healthy for your mind. Entries to be in by half-term. Good luck!

Message from the Executive Headteacher....

Parents/Carers' cafes;

As you may know, we have one of these each term and are always delighted to welcome so many of you. The idea of these across the year is to support you with knowing what and how your children are learning, well as to enjoy doing creative things together.

We look forward to welcoming you!

Volunteers:

We would also be absolutely delighted to welcome you in to volunteer in school to hear our children read - reading every day is so necessary for ALL our children, not just when they are in Reception to Year Two, but when they are older too. It helps develop their fluency, confidence and ability to understand the world around them. You don't have to give up a lot of time, even an hour would help 6 children be better readers, so please contact us if you have a little time to spare. Thank you in advance!

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

Parents/Carers of Castle Acre pupils are invited to come along to our AGM which is on Tuesday 22nd September, 7.30pm at The Ostrich in Castle Acre. Please see Libby Firth (Chair of Friends) or Miss Howman (School Secretary) if you would like any further information. If you are unable to attend in person but would like to join via zoom, please let us know ASAP. We hope to see you there, it doesn't mean you have joined The Friends committee if you attend but we will be voting in the committee for the coming year if you would like to join The Friends more formally. Thank you. Libby Firth, Chair of Friends, Tel: 07825 229345

Prayer for the Week.....

Dear Lord,

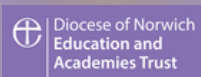
Thank you for all you provide, the food, water, animals, humans and our world that we live on.
Amen

By: Ella P

Thank you as always for your support and partnership,

Head of School
Castle Acre C of E Primary Academy

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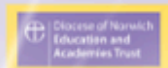
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Healthy Body, Healthy Mind





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. 

