



Castle Acre Newsletter for week ending 25th September 2026

The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

Executive Headteacher: Mrs Anne Neary
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Dear Parents/Carers,

Well, what a week! I must begin with such a HUGE THANK YOU to the staff. They were expecting their Head of School to arrive at 9:30 on Monday morning but instead got a phone call from me saying 'Sorry guys! Just had the Ofsted call at Sporle. See you Thursday!!' And what an amazing job they have done in keeping Castle Acre going. Your children really do have the most amazing adults helping them. I did reward the staff with donuts and sausage rolls! Tuck Shop will be up and running on Wednesday. We will be selling the same items as last year. We choose items that do not contain nuts (although may contain traces of) such as pop corn, Yo Yos, fruit Winders, Snack a Jacks, smoothies. If you wish to come in and see the products, please come to the office. We have decided to keep the cost at 40p and all profits will go back into the school.

Have a lovely weekend.

Emma Spaul, Head of School

Upcoming Events

See Diary Dates for details.....

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. If your child is taking part in the competition to design Mr Nourish a birthday card, please ensure they bring it to school today at the latest for judging, thank you.

2pm, Rowan Class 'Phonics' Parents/Carers Cafe.

Monday 12th October - 9.30am Harvest Festival Service at Castle Acre Church, all welcome.

Reminders and Information.....



Celebration Worship on a Friday; every Parents/Carer is welcome to our Celebration worship at 2.45pm each week whether your child is receiving a certificate or not - you are very welcome to come and be spiritually uplifted by the joy of our children's achievements and we'll always be delighted to see you!

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.



Attendance Awards w/e 25/9/26

Class	%
Rowan	98.57
Whitebeam	98.88
Oak	96.25

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

Ted the Bear will be joining Rowan Class this 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/>

Today is

MR NOURISH'S BIRTHDAY PARTY 01 OCT

Beef Burger in a Bun 1.50
Vegetarian Pizzas 1.00
Jackpot Potato with a Choice of Fillings 1.50
Potato Wedges Sweetcorn
Iced Birthday Cake 1.00
Mr Nourish's Confetti Cookies 1.50

NOURISH

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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Rowan Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Ethan	great reading and partner work during phonics.
Writer of the week	Mia	fabulous handwriting and for working hard to form your letters correctly.
Mathematician of the week	Wilbur	great contribution to teacher-led inputs and for working independently.
Shining Light	Jaxon Reggie	for settling in well to Rowan class and for demonstrating our value of responsibility. being a superstar. You always follow instructions and listen beautifully.
Reads at Home	Ethan Amelie	10 10

Our week in Class

What a busy week!
Well done Rowan class for working hard.

This week, we have explored feelings and expressions. The children used natural objects to create different feelings.

In English, we have been reading the story Owl Babies.

In maths, the Year 1 children have been learning the symbols greater than, less than and equal to.

In Science, we have been learning about materials and objects.
Another fantastic week!





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Whitebeam Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Lexi	for working well during reading sessions and for regularly reading at home
Writer of the week	Stanley	for challenging himself when writing independently
Mathematician of the week	Freddie	for his increased focus, completion of work and generally super work in maths
Shining Light	Amelia Nalah	for demonstrating our school values especially courage and kindness for always demonstrating all of our school values
Tackling Tables	Nalah	Yellow phase addition and green phase superstar
Reads at home	Nathan Archie Amelia Charlotte Ave	10 reads

Our week in Class

The highlight this week in Whitebeam Class has been our trip to Norwich Castle. The children were able to explore the galleries within the castle and we even found an original painting by JMW Turner, the artist we are studying this half term. We were able to enter the castle through the door which would have been used by important visitors, prepare the great hall for a feast and a visit by important visitors and were able to hold and try on armour that may have been used. We were able to go up to the battlements at the top of the castle and see the amazing views over Norwich. We saw the market, both cathedrals and lots of churches. There were also lots of 'wow' moments when we visited the Natural History gallery. Well done Whitebeam Class.

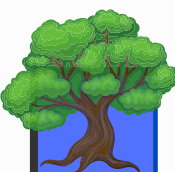




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Oak Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Josie	her brilliant enthusiasm for Reading and her love of Oak's Book Corner.
Writer of the week	Mason	making significant improvements to the presentation and quality of his handwriting.
Mathematician of the week	Ivar	his determination and resilience when answering tricky Maths questions.
Shining Light	Stan Oliver P Logan	being an incredible helpful friend. being recognised by another adult (Miss Maskell) for his responsibility and maturity. his quiet determination to always succeed in his work.
Reads at home	Ivy Isla P	10 reads - blue star. 10 reads - blue star.
Tackling Tables	Etta Logan Rowan Darcy B Ivy Tia Alexander	Blue - times by 10 Blue - divide by 5, divide by 10 and missing numbers Blue - divide by 5 Blue - divide by 10 and missing numbers Blue - purple subtraction Green - multiples mini test Green - mixed mini test

Our week in Class



This week, Year 4 and 5 have been working very hard with their PiXLs. The papers are so challenging and the children have shown great resilience. Well done!

Meanwhile in the mornings, Year 6 have been working with me on some very tricky Maths. We have been looking at multiplying mixed numbers by integers, as well as long division through chunking. I've been impressed by Year 6's focus and their clear drive to learn!

On Tuesday afternoon, we were joined by Maple for some group reading and rounders. Oak Class were wonderfully caring and responsible - they made me so proud.





Safeguarding.....

As you know, we have 3 online safety days a year, one per term. We use these to go alongside our carefully planned teaching programme to tackle any issues or areas for development that affect our children.

Is there anything you want help and support with? Is there an area of online safety you would like our information for families to focus on on each of those days? Is there anyone who works in the online world that might want to come and present some information to Parents/Carers? Do please get in touch.

Healthy mind, healthy body

This week's tips come from our lovely children in Hedgehogs (Nursery and Reception) at Narborough:
"we need to eat our vegetables....that helps us be good ALL OVER!"
"I love BANANAS!!!"
"Eating fruit makes me happy!"
Well done children, quite right!

Message from the Executive Headteacher....

Ofsted visit!

This week we welcomed an Ofsted team to Sporle, which of course has ripples across the Federation as all our leaders work across our three schools.

The new framework is based on 7 areas of school life; Safeguarding, Leadership and Governance, Achievement, Attendance and Behaviour Curriculum and Teaching, Personal Development and Wellbeing and Inclusion.

They grade each area and Ofsted have been clear that the expected standard is for all schools to be expected or above in every area, as that is the new 'Good' from the old framework. In fact, it is clear from the Ofsted toolkit that the expected standard is much harder to achieve than the old good.

The inspection was an extremely positive experience and I am looking forward to sharing the feedback with everyone. I personally am very proud of all our staff from across the Federation, from those who kept Narborough and Castle Acre running as well as usual whilst subject leaders or senior leaders came to Sporle to those who spoke with the inspectors; everyone played their part in the inspection and we all share in the outcomes.

Finally, I want to say an enormous thank you to our Sporle families, whose feedback was so lovely and meant a great deal to us, and to our wonderful children whom the Ofsted inspectors made a specific point of saying were lovely. Well done children!

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

The Friends invite you to come to their Autumn Quiz fundraiser, Save the Date: evening of Friday 13th November.

Libby Firth, Chair of Friends, Tel: 07825 229345

Prayer for the Week.....

Dear Lord,

Thank you for all of the food we eat. Thank you for all of our family and friends. We are grateful for the water and nature you have provided us with. I am thankful that I can sleep with a roof over my head.

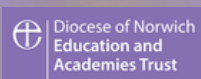
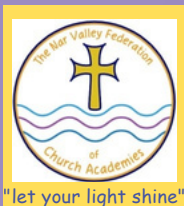
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By: Darcy C and Sybil G

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



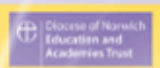
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To have a healthy body you could exercise and workout regularly. 	Reading helps with your spelling as well as your mind. 
 Eating fruit and veges are another form of having a healthy body.	 Education is also a good thing for your mind.
Sweets are very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