



Castle Acre Newsletter for week ending 2nd October 2026

The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

Executive Headteacher: Mrs Anne Neary
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Dear Parents/Carers,

What a beautiful start to October, although I do find it a little confusing that it is still so warm at the beginning of the autumnal season. I was bombarded by Rowan Class yesterday who wanted to tell me about the visitor who keeps stealing acorns from their Tuff Tray...a squirrel. They were extremely excited! I have tasked them with naming him so am waiting to hear back.

Thank you to everyone who attended our Parent Cafes. I was in the unfortunate position of not being able to attend any of them but I know they were well attended and everyone seemed to enjoy them. If you weren't able to make this one then please look out for the next.
Have a lovely weekend.

Emma Spaul, Head of School

Upcoming Events

See Diary Dates for details.....

Tuesday 6th October - Year 6 Parent Consultations with Mr Conway 2pm - 4.15pm.

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

Friday 16th October - from 8.45am Pupil Individual Photographs with Tempest. Younger siblings can have their photo taken individually or with siblings at school, please contact the school office to book, thank you.

Monday 19th October - Open Day from 9.45 - 2.45pm by appointment with the school office for Parents/Carers of children due to start school from September 2027.

Thursday 22nd October - KS2 Cross Country at TNHA

Friday 23rd October - School Closed for Inset Day, followed by Half term Break. School re-opens on Monday 2nd November.

Attendance Awards w/e 2/10/26

Class	%
Rowan	93.81
Whitebeam	96.8
Oak	96.88

The winners of the Attendance Award this week are Oak Class (by the smallest of margins!)

Ted the Bear
will be joining
Oak Class this
week!



Reminders and Information.....

Celebration Worship

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!

family
action

Click here for October newsletter



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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OPEN EVENING
Strive. Belong. Aspire.

Thursday, 15th October 2026
6:00 - 8:30pm
Litcham School, Church Street, Litcham, PE32 2NS

- Tour the school
- Meet teachers
- Review curriculum
- Ask questions

Arrange a daytime tour
To book, call:
01328 781265
Or email:
ptaylorball@litchamschool.org.uk

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	Sissy	great segmenting and blending during phonics lessons.
Writer of the week	Indie	working really hard on her handwriting and presentation.
Mathematician of the week	Mia	fantastic participation and wonderful independent learning.
Shining Light	Hollie Percy	always trying your best and following instructions really well. being super brave and continuing to work hard.
Reads at Home	Albie Ethan Hollie Reggie Freya	10

Our week in Class

Well done Rowan class for a fantastic week of learning!

The year 1 children have been working really hard on their handwriting and presentation. The Reception children have been using sound knowledge to write words.

In maths, the Year 1 children have been learning about part whole models and reception children have been learning to subitise.

Thank you to the parents that came to our parent cafe, your support is very much appreciated.





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Whitebeam Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Tyler	for using segmenting and blending skills well when reading
Writer of the week	Noel	for using his phonic knowledge to help with spellings
Mathematician of the week	Reggie	for always being willing to answer questions in maths especially when they are on the interactive whiteboard
Shining Light	Olivia-Rose Ivy Hart-Melton	for demonstrating all of our school values for demonstrating all of our school values
Tackling Tables		
Reads at home	Arly	10 and 25 reads

Our week in Class

A big thank you to all who were able to come to our class cafe on Wednesday this week. It was lovely to see so many of you spending time with the children engaged in different reading and writing activities and exploring Tackling Tables. In English we have started our fact files about castles and in PSHE we have been thinking about what foods we need to keep healthy. In science we have thought about what animals, including humans, need to survive. Another busy week. Well done Whitebeam.

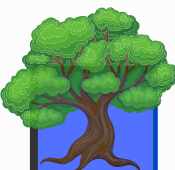




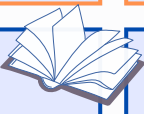
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Oak Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Ella	her hard work with independent reading questions.
Writer of the week 	Tia	her mature, detailed writing style and confidence in her ideas.
Mathematician of the week	Toby	showing ambition to complete more and more questions each lesson.
Shining Light 	Florence Crimson Darcy B	her resilience, pride in her work, drive to do her best and care for her friends. his consistent positivity and hard work in Oak Class. her mature and positive attitude to everything in her learning.
Reads at home	Skyla Ella Finlay Crimson Oliver P	10 reads - blue star 10 reads - blue star 10 reads - blue star 10 reads - blue star 25 reads - red star
Tackling Tables	Rowan Etta Darcy C Harry Ivy Oliver Oscar Skyla Alexander	Blue mixed, Green division and Red division. Blue multiples. Blue divide by 2. Blue divide by 2. Blue purple mixed addition and subtraction. Red simplifying fractions & creating equivalents. Red simplifying fractions & creating equivalents. Red multiplying & dividing with fractions. Red mixed mini test.

Our week in Class



Well done for another lovely week, Oak Class! Thank you to everyone who came to our Cafe this week, it was great to see you all!

This week, Oak Class have been writing a recount about an event from our class text, Clockwork. We have been using fronted adverbials, coordinating and subordinating conjunctions, and parenthesis.

In Maths, we have looked at roman numerals, addition and subtraction, and quadrilaterals.

In the afternoon, we have explored the effects of exercise on our body and imitated the work of Lowry.





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....

This week has been another lovely busy week for me with Parents/Carers' cafes - it was lovely to be part of Foxes! - getting to spend some time in EYFS, and to read some fantastic feedback from Ofsted.

As we said last week, the level that Ofsted expect is to be a very good school, and I am proud of all our team and children at Sporle for living up to that (and of course the rest of the children across NVF do too!) I am also very grateful to all the families who took the time to respond to Ofsted - thank you so much for your support!

I was fortunate enough to see the books that our youngest children are doing their learning in - what a wonderful way to finish the week!

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 the water we drink and the rivers that help animals survive.

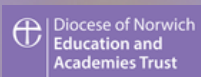
Amen

By: Skyla and Isla B

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



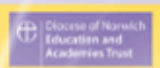
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Healthy Body, Healthy Mind





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. 