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Castle Acre Newsletter for week ending 13th November 2026

The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

Executive Headteacher: Mrs Anne Neary
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Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a fantastic week with Federation Days. As always, it is an absolute pleasure to take our children out and see them display fantastic behaviour in another setting. It was lovely to see them form new friendships with their peers at Sporle and Narborough and taking part in all different activities. A huge thank you has to go to Sporle for hosting, especially to Mr West who organised the day. The next day will be in the Spring Term and will be here so I will, once again, be donning an imaginary hi-viz vest and directing traffic. And on that note, Castle Acre families get the award for following the drop off and pick up instructions. I didn't expect anything different!

Thank you for supporting Children in Need day today. It is spotty and yellow. We are still doing the final count and will let you know of the total raised.

We love to encourage our children beyond the classroom and I am so pleased that children of all ages are wanting to raise money for the school and charity. We would just ask that they make sure they speak to a member of staff first so that we can make sure it is advertised and fully supported. But we cannot knock enthusiasm and I have to say, our children could sell ice to the eskimos!

We thank you for your continued support. Emma Spaul, Head of School

Upcoming Events

See Diary Dates for details.....

Anti-Bullying Week 16th - 20th November 2026

Monday 16th November - Odd Socks Day in support of Anti-Bullying

Tuesday 17th November - Height and Weight checks by NHS for Reception and Year 6, plus vision and hearing screening for Reception.

2.30 - 3.30pm Parents/Carers invited to Family Community Hub workshop at school regarding children's feelings & emotions. Followed by opportunity to ask about anything.

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Wednesday 18th November - Y4/5/6 Swimming at Dereham in the morning

Monday 23rd November - Flu Vaccination catch up for those absent at previous session

Thursday 26th November - Musical Day at Castle Acre - kindly funded by The Friends

Attendance Awards w/e 13/11/26

Class	%
Rowan	96.67
Whitebeam	97.19
Oak	95.94

The winners of the Attendance Award this week are Whitebeam Class, well done!



Ted the Bear will be joining Whitebeam Class this week!

Reminders and Information.....



Celebration Worship on a Friday; every Parent/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!







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/

The whole Federation is going to Panto!..... "Oh, yes they are!" Please pay via Arbor in installments if you prefer.

Tuesday 8th December 2026
Morning Show



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.

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AWARDS

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Rowan Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Ethan	being a phonics superstar and reading with great confidence and fluency.
Writer of the week	Albie	working really hard on your handwriting and remembering a full stop.
Mathematician of the week	Percy	great independent learning and for working hard on number formation.
Shining Light	Wilbur Esca	being a fantastic role model and for being super helpful in class. showing wonderful listening skills on the carpet and trying your best with all of your learning.
Reads at Home	Mia Esca Sissy Archie Ethan Freya	10 25 25 25 25 50

Our week in Class

Well done for another wonderful week Rowan class.

We were extremely proud of the children during the remembrance service, they stood silently and were extremely respectful throughout the service.

Yesterday, we had lots of fun during the Federation day at Sporle. The children took part in a picture hunt, parachute games, yoga, mindfulness and team games.

Wow, what a busy week!







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Whitebeam Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Reggie	for fluent reading and answering comprehension questions well
Writer of the week	Nathan	for super writing including expanded noun phrases
Mathematician of the week	Eliza	for working well independently during maths lessons
Shining Light	Liberty Lexi	for demonstrating our value of courage as she recently joined our school for demonstrating our school values and embracing change
Tackling Tables	Nathan	purple phase mixed addition and subtraction blue phase X 10
Reads at home		None this week

Our week in Class

Well done Whitebeam for a super week of learning in class and for demonstrating all of our school values as we visited Sporle School yesterday for our Federation Day. It was wonderful to see you mixing with children from Narborough and Sporle and for your super listening and joining in with the range of activities. You worked well in groups, with partners and when working independently and you all especially enjoyed the yoga session. Thank you for your generosity today for Children in Need Day and we have been learning about the history of this charity in class.









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Oak Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Skyla	her amazing, angry performance as 'Liam's dad' during English.
Writer of the week	Ivar	taking care in his writing, creating interesting descriptions and dialogue.
Mathematician of the week	Ivy	her excellent problem solving ability, finding a shape where the are and perimeter were equal.
Shining Light	Gracie-Mae Tia Darcy B	her consistent enthusiasm and motivation for her learning. her amazing independent attitude to her learning. her speedy and efficient work during every lesson.
Reads at home	Finn Ella Isla B	25 reads - Red Star 25 reads - Red Star 50 reads - Bronze Star
Tackling Tables	Darcy B Ivy Ivar Rowan Harry Etta Isla P Isla B Oliver P Toby Oscar Hollie Logan	Blue - purple subtraction Blue - purple superstar Blue - divide by 2 Blue - divide by 2 Blue - missing numbers Green - missing numbers Blue - missing numbers, Red - division and mixed Green - division, Red - multiplication and division Red - multiplying & dividing with fractions and decimals Red - multiplying & dividing with fractions Green - division Blue - purple superstar

Our week in Class

This week the children enjoyed Federation Day at Sporle! All of Oak represented Castle Acre brilliantly.

In our Maths lessons, we have been looking at Division and Area. Oak have investigated whether a shape can have an area equal to its perimeter and have practiced using the bus stop method/short division.

In English we have been learning how to punctuate dialogue before moving onto a narrative paragraph using dialogue to show character. The children have written brilliant paragraphs showing Liam (from *Cosmic*) being told off by his dad after a misadventure involving a Porsche.

In our afternoons, we have experimented with light's effect on the eye and explored the Paleolithic Era of the Stone age.







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Safeguarding.....

I wanted to alert our families to a worrying article that I read on the BBC news here.
The article explains that the UK has the third biggest market for online live-streamed child abuse and that 1.8 million people admitted to online child abuse.
Most of this abuse comes from images from adult devices, and it feels sensible to be very, very careful about allowing children's images to be captured online.

Healthy mind, healthy body

Well done to all in Nar Valley this week for your excellent ideas about this; see the photos!

Message from the Executive Headteacher....

What a week it has been! Two fantastic Federation days full of fun learning and playing together with lots of friends across Nar Valley Federation and some fabulous running from our Cross-Country finalists.
Firstly, a huge thank you to Mr West and every member of staff who supported him to create such wonderful day - everyone learned about how to stay healthy in our bodies and in our minds, having fun playing new team games and outdoor activities like orienteering.

Secondly, a massive congratulations to our cross-country finalists who ran this week so well - they showed courage and determination and all did brilliantly. Well done to:

- **Castle Acre**: Gracie-Mae, Skyla, Oscar, Oliver, Harry and Etta.
- **Narborough**: Lilly, James, Jasper, Fred and Raphael.
- **Sporle**: Annie, Leonor, Ethan, Benjamin, Harry, Adaline and Violet.

The really exciting news from the cross-country is that not one, or two but THREE of our children finished in the top 5, meaning that they earn the right to compete in the School Sport Partnerships Norfolk School Games county-wide finals in Shouldham Warren on February 7th - enormous congratulations to James, who came 5th, Gracie-Mae, who came 4th and Etta who came 2nd!

What a fabulous week of sporting endeavour and trying new things and challenges; well done all!

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

We're registered on #easyfundraising which means you can raise free donations for us when you shop online! Over 8,000 retailers will make a donation to Friends Of Castle Acre School, Kings Lynn on your behalf when you shop with them. All the big names like Sainsbury's, Argos, Just Eat and more are ready to donate at no extra cost to you.

https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/friends-of-castle-acre-schoollibrarybusproject/sjvzqs/c2s/ahT9IaEN/CE953/facebook/

Prayer for the Week....

Dear Lord,

Thank you to those who have donated to the Children In Need. Please, please help disadvantaged children.

Amen

By: Logan and Rowan W

Thank you as always for your support and partnership,

Head of School
Castle Acre C of E Primary Academy

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