



Castle Acre Newsletter for week ending 6th March 2026

The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

Safeguarding.....

There is a new Government campaign to offer support to Parents/Carers in terms of online safety for your children. The link to this is here:
<https://kidsonlineafety.campaign.gov.uk/>

They are also wanting to survey families, particularly of children. The link for this is here:

<https://survey.savanta.com/?id=a957374a58Sa03ba4b9&lng=en-G>

You could also consider joining the Smartphone Free Childhood group. This is a nationwide movement with county-wide groups. The group send lots of resources such as films and links to support material that you may find helpful, as well as sending a lot of really educative material.

The link to this group is here:
<https://www.smartphonefreechildhood.org/>

Healthy mind, healthy body

This week, a tip for busy Parents/Carers' - the 7-7-7 minutes rule!

<https://www.careforkids.com.au/blog/the-7-7-7-rule-of-parenting>

Message from the Executive Headteacher....

Governors' Update: how we live out the vision of Christian Distinctiveness: During the past term, Mother Angela as Chair of Governors has been spending lots of time in NVF. At our meetings we have looked together at how the Christian festivals are shaped and how we can celebrate those distinctively. Our Benedictine project has been a focus for Governors to understand how this is making a difference to our children and where we can take this in the future.

Parent Governor Roles

Due to the retirement from the role of our last Parent Governor for the Federation, we really need someone from each school. You only need to attend 4 meetings a year, currently a Tuesday evening at 6pm-8pm. Governors only have one job - to oversee our Christian distinctiveness and ethos. Each governor does one small job, which is talking to our children about their views. This could be done at a Parents'/Carers' Evening so you are not having to give more time. The report template is really easy and you are supported by our clerk, Karen Howman, the secretary at Castle Acre. You also do not need to be a Christian - it is really important to get everyone's viewpoints represented. If you'd like to help, please get in touch - we REALLY want the viewpoint and feedback of Parents/Carers. There are also biscuits on offer....

Change to our booking/payment process for Wrap around care - Breakfast and After School Club.

Just to let you know that from Easter, in order to book wrap-around care, you will need to book for the half-term in advance, by filling in the link that the office emails you in the final week of term. Your child's account will need to be in credit before you can book and you will be booking and paying for the half-term. There will be a date by which you will have need to have paid. You will still be able to do ad-hoc bookings on the day, but again, your account will need to be in credit before you can book.

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

A reminder that pupils are invited to wear circus themed fancy dress on Monday 23rd March when we are being visited by 'Elevate Circus Workshops' for the day. Please can children bring £1 donation which will go to The Friends funds. There will also be a cake sale at the end of the school day, so please bring some money to spend on delicious baked treats! Thank you.

Libby Firth, Chair of Friends.

Prayer for the Week....

Dear God

Thank you for life, family, friends. Thank you for everything.

Amen

By: Isla B

Thank you as always for your support and partnership,

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