



Castle Acre Newsletter for week ending 24th April 2026

The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

Executive Headteacher: Mrs Anne Neary
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Dear Parents/Carers,

It is lovely to see sun & warmth together - now everyone is commenting on how hot the school is!! We have had a great start back after the Easter Break and I am really impressed, particularly with our Year 6s, on their work ethic. In just a couple of weeks, they will be sitting their SATs and they can go in knowing that whatever the outcome, they have tried their absolute best.

Just a reminder that we have our Book Fair on Monday and Tuesday after school. Please come and support this as we are donating a certain number of books based on our sales. Don't forget the competition to bring in on Monday morning - design a bookmark based on your favourite book.

This is a busy term so please keep an eye on the date sheet. Thank you for your continued support.

Emma Spaul Head of School

Upcoming Events

See Diary Dates for details.....

Monday 27th - AM deadline for return of Design a Bookmark competition entries.
Day 1 Scholastic Book Fair at School, 3.10 - 3.30pm.

Tuesday 28th April - Day 2 Scholastic Book Fair at School, 3.10 - 3.30pm.
ICS After School Football Club, 3.15 - 4.15pm.

Wednesday 29th April - ICS After School Multi-Sports Club, 3.15 - 4.15pm.

Thursday 30th April - Rowan Class trip to Church Farm, Stow Bardolph.
ICS After School Outdoor Activities Club, 3.15 - 4.15pm.

Attendance Awards w/e 24/4/2026

Class	%
Rowan	96.33
Whitebeam	93.33
Oak	94.06

The winners of the Attendance Award this week are Rowan Class, well done to them for achieving over 96%! Please do better next week Whitebeam and Oak Classes.



Reminders and Information.....



Scholastic Book Fair

Monday 27th & Tuesday 28th April
3.10 - 3.30pm in the School Hall
Please remember to bring your phone and debit/credit card for online payment as no cash payments, thank you.



Design a Bookmark Competition

Deadline for entries to school is **Monday morning (27th April)**. Your chance to win a £5 book token to spend at the fair! Design a bookmark regarding your favourite book, using the template sent home.



After School Clubs
Summer 1 Half term (6 weeks)
Football Club - Tuesdays
Multi-Sports Club - Wednesdays
Outdoors Club - Thursdays

Please book places direct with ICS using this link:
<https://icscoaching.pembee.app/>

PE DAYS

On your child's PE day, please send them to school WEARING their FULL PE kit, including trainers. Please send their school shoes and jumper/cardigan in a separate bag to change into afterwards.

Before School Care is available Mon - Fri, from 8am to 8.40am, £2 per session.

After School Care is available Mon - Fri, 3.10pm to 4.30pm, £6 per session.

Tuck Shop is available Wed and Fri morning break - 40p per day

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 Sporre.

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

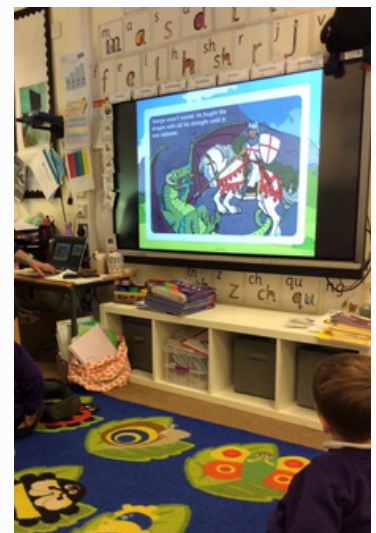
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Rowan Class

Award	Goes to...	For..... 
Reader of the week 	Reggie	For super independent reading during maths.
Writer of the week	Ethan Tyler	fabulous writing in drawing club and for using fred fingers to spell. amazing independent writing and for using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. 
Mathematician of the week	Percy	for great maths and using Numicon to support with addition.
Shining Light	Lexi Amelie	For being a super helpful member of Rowan Class and always trying her best. being a responsible member of our class, always asking if she can help the adults.
Reads at Home		

Our week in Class

Well done Rowan Class another great week!
The children have enjoyed learning about Saint George and even went on to impress Miss Taylor during Collective Worship with their knowledge.
Year 1 children have been learning how to group objects equally and to use columns and rows to understand how many equal groups there are in an array.
Reception children have been using Numicon to support them with addition to 10.
Next week, Year 1 children will begin writing their own stories.
Reception children will continue with Drawing Club.
Have a super weekend!





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Whitebeam Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Ivy	for her love of books, super reading and always being willing to talk about what she has read
Writer of the week	Stan Black	for his demonstration of writing stamina this week
Mathematician of the week	Stanley Barker	for his great attitude towards maths and challenging himself especially when working on Tackling Tables
Shining Light	Olivia-Rose Gracie-Mae	for being a kind and caring member of our school community and for demonstrating a growth mindset for being a Captain of her own learning by always striving to improve and challenge herself
Tackling Tables	Stan Black, Skyla, Gracie-Mae, Florence, Stanley Barker, Ella, Nalah Toby, Ivy,	All colours!
Reads at home	Nalah Florence, Isla, Skyla, Gracie- Mae Ella Lewis, Arly	25 reads 75 reads 100 reads 200 reads

Our week in Class

Well done Whitebeam for another great week of learning. We have started our Fact Files in English and the children have decided to make booklets about facts about the Elizabethan Era. In RE we explored the story of Moses and looked at a range of Jewish artefacts. In maths we have been learning about volume and capacity.

Our focus in science continues to be plants and the children have told me all about the bean plants they have taken home. Following St George's Day yesterday we made links with our PSHE and designed shields showing who is in their family and what they like to do as a family. The photo shows the wonderful shields they have made. In art today they have sketched Henry VIII using their observational skills.



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Oak Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Fletcher	Great understanding and careful work when tackling complex SATS texts.
Writer of the week	Teddy	wonderful determination to push his writing to be as brilliant as possible.
Mathematician of the week	Harry C	an incredible improvement in his mental maths, and great clarity in his mathematical explanations.
Shining Light	Isla Faye Tyler	being a brilliant friend, always helping others. being a brilliant friend and always helping others. taking great responsibility for all aspects of his learning.
Reads at Home	Hollie C Oliver P Darcy B Mason Tyler Sybil Alexander	50 reads - bronze star 200 reads - bronze bookworm 100 reads - gold star 100 reads - gold star 50 reads - bronze star 200 reads - bronze bookworm 150 reads - shield
Tackling Tables	Logan Darcy B Rosanna Alexander Oscar Tia Etta Sybil Teddy Oliver P Darcy C	2 certificates 1 certificate 2 certificates 1 certificate 4 certificates 2 certificates 1 certificate 7 certificates 1 certificate 1 certificate

Our week in Class

Hi Folks,

Another great week!

In English, we have been writing our spooky stories, thinking about how we can build suspense and tension with our writing. We have been trying to maintain control with our vocabulary and punctuation choices.

In Maths, we have been looking at areas of rectilinear shapes and perimeter. This is such a tricky topic, and Oak have done so well! Today, we started looking at statistics, creating a bar chart based on data from Lego bricks.

In our afternoons, we have been playing rounders, tennis, investigating the Vikings, learning about teeth, and experimenting with pointillism.





Safeguarding.....

There is a consultation from the Government regarding children's online activity that you may wish to take part in and give your views: you can find this [here](#):

Healthy mind, healthy body

Tips for how to stay healthy from pupils at Sporle:

1) EAT 5 DIFFERENT FRUIT AND VEGETABLES EVERYDAY



2) BRUSH YOUR TEETH TWICE DAILY



3) GET UP TO 9 HOURS OF SLEEP A NIGHT



4) DO NOT SMOKE OR VAPE



Message from the Executive Headteacher....

Forest School Fun! Please see the letter which will follow next week regarding changing the site of the Federation day

School lunches; please be aware that if your child is late into school due to an appointment etc then you will either need to ring up school by 9.30am to order them a lunch, or if you prefer, provide your own on that day.

Year Five residential - We recently faced the difficult challenge of the centre that we used to go to very sadly going out of business. I am however delighted to announce that despite this, we have been able to secure at fantastic residential for Y5 children at an excellent cost under £100. The letter will be coming out next week, but I wanted you to have the dates as soon as possible, which are the 29th and 30th June. We will be doing bushcraft and adventurous activities, so very similar to our old residential and I am certain the children will really love it!

I am interested in family views about school life, and am shortly going to be offering a regular weekly drop-in session on a Friday for any Parent/Carer to come in and share their views. If you can't make the session please contact Miss Cawkill to book another slot.

Please see this link should anyone need support with heating oil:

Norfolk Oil heating crisis [fund](#).

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

Thanks to all those families who have returned their duck sheets with money to school. A last call to go 'quackers' this weekend if you have not yet returned your duck sheet to school, to sell ducks to family and friends and return sheets on Monday 27th April. Many thanks for all your support!

Libby Firth, Chair of Friends.

Prayer for the Week.....

Dear God

Please help us to help other people with expecting nothing in return.

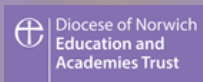
Amen

By: Oliver P

Thank you as always for your support and partnership,

Head of School
Castle Acre C of E Primary Academy

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Healthy Body, Healthy Mind



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Healthy Body 🍌 Healthy Mind 😊

🚫 Healthy Body 🥦 ✓

To have a healthy body you could exercise and workout regularly.



Eating fruit and veges are another form of having a healthy body.

Sweets are very unhealthy because they are full of sugar.



📖 ✓ Healthy Mind 🚫

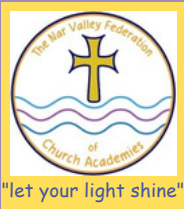
Reading helps with your spelling as well as your mind.



Education is also a good thing for your mind.

Video games aren't very good for your mind.





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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/>