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Castle Acre Newsletter for week ending 22nd October 2026

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Autumn has definitely arrived and I am often reminded John Keats' poem to Autumn beginning with 'Seasons of mists and mellow fruitfulness'. With this in mind, please can you ensure that your child has in school a warm coat, wellies and hat, gloves and scarf (we do go out in most weathers).

It has been a really good start to the academic year, the children have amazed us with their attitude to learning and their great desire to embody our school values.

Next half term is always a busy one, with many Christmas events, so please keep an eye on the date sheet. The Nativity and End of Term Service are now on the Diary Dates. Please don't forget about Parents' Evenings in the first week back.

Finally, some of our children are arranging some fundraising events for charities, this will begin with a group of our Year 5s doing Guess How Many Sweets are In The Jar' under the bike shelter at the end of the school day on Tuesday and Wednesday after half term.

Have a lovely half term, don't forget the clocks go back this weekend, we look forward to seeing you on Monday 2nd November.

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

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

Tuesday 8th December Morning show



Events.....

Monday 2nd November - Castorama team invited to wear yellow to school for earning the most team points in half term.

Flu Vaccinations - all year groups today

Tuesday 3rd November - 3.30 to 7pm Parents/Carers' Consultations.
Thursday 5th November - 3.30 to 5.30pm Parents/Carers' Consultations

Friday 6th November - Non-uniform day and Friends Bake Sale in support of the schools 'Shed Project'.

Monday 9th November - Cross Country Finals at Dutton Pavilion, Lynnsport for those that qualified. Parents/Carers to transport their children to/from the event, registration by 9.30am for 10am start and return them to **Sporle** when the event ends at 12 midday.

Monday 9th November - Y4/5/6 Federation Day at Sporle Primary - Parents/Carers to transport their own children to/from Sporle.

Thursday 12th November - KS1 Federation Day at Sporle for Rowan/Maple and Whitebeam - Parents/Carers to transport their own children to/from Sporle..

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal poppies and other items will be available at the end of day on the school gate. Any donation for a paper poppy but minimum of 50p for the other items, such as wristbands, keyrings and ribbons, thank you for your support!

Attendance Awards w/e 22/10/26

Class	%
Rowan	96.43
Whitebeam	97.00
Oak	94.14

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



Ted the Bear will be joining Whitebeam Class this week!

This week at Castle Acre...

Wow, what a fabulous half term Rowan class have had!

They have worked incredibly hard and have settled in beautifully.

I asked the children what they have most enjoyed, these are some of the comments:

This half term we have enjoyed making clay pumpkins, learning in mastering number, making new friends and year 1 maths because it is fun!
Phonics because I can write and say the sounds..
I like the sea animals in class. I like writing and drawing club because the books are good.

Rowan Class

In Whitebeam Class we have enjoyed going to Norwich Castle as part of our history learning. We liked learning about castles in art and drawing them using shading and adding moats. We liked making fact files about castles in English and learning how to form our letters in the precursive style in handwriting. In maths we like counting our times tables and we liked learning how to count to 10 in French and how to say the colours. We like reading books and sharing them with our friends after lunch and in science we had 5 caterpillars which turned into beautiful butterflies which we released outside.

Whitebeam Class

We have had a great half term in Oak Class. We have enjoyed exploring perspective art. In PE, Mr Holt made up a rugby game we have enjoyed playing. We have read the book Clockwork in English and liked the character Mr Ironsoul.

We are really looking forward to next half term.

Oak Class

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.