



## Castle Acre Newsletter for week ending 31st January 2025

The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to begin with a big thank you for your efforts with helping your child have the correct PE kit in school. We had noticed that some non-uniform items were creeping in, especially some with large logos and character images printed across the front. I was really pleased to see a sea of children wearing plain clothing. Supporting children in their journey through school is a real partnership between school and families and this has emphasised that. We really appreciate your support and working with us on this matter.

It has seemed strange the past few days with some of our Year 6s out on residential but we welcomed them back this afternoon after having an amazing time and taking part in a range of activities; rock climbing seemed to be the most popular. I don't think much sleep was had though so it will be a quiet weekend for many! I would always say, if you get the opportunity to go on residential then do. Many of my best memories from school are being away with my friends, visiting different places and taking part in activities I otherwise wouldn't.



### Upcoming Events

See Diary Dates for details.....

Wed 4th - 3.15pm Premier Sports' Gymnastics Club (Rec - Y6)

3.15pm ICS KS2 Football Club (Y3-6)

Thurs 6th - Planetarium trip to Sporle for Rowan Class pupils

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Our Friends of the School have organised a Valentines Quiz & Supper for Friday 14th February, at Castle Acre Village Hall. Please see posters for further details or contact the school office.

### Reminders and Information.....



If you've considered a teaching career, UEA is holding information sessions where you can learn more about how to train to teach Primary or Secondary schoolchildren. The events will take place on UEA's campus, and are open to anyone. GCE Primary Teacher Training Information Session (3-11 yrs) - 1 February from 9:30 - 12:30. The PGCE Secondary Teacher Training Information Session (11-16 yrs) - 27 February from 16:00 - 19:00

Further details can be found [here](#).

Please ensure your child has their wellies in school for wet weather and don't use other kinds of footwear as they tend to get wet feet and we don't want any cases of trenchfoot... Thank you for your help.

Before School Care is available Mon - Fri from 8am to 8.40am at £2 per session. After School Care is available Mon - Fri 3.10pm to 4.30pm at £6 per session.

Tuck Shop - Wednesday and Friday morning break - 40p per day

### Attendance Awards w/e 31/1/2025

Class	%
Rowan	99.84
Whitebeam	98.87
Oak	93.1



The clear winner of the Attendance Award this week is Rowan Class with over 99%. Well done! We hope to see improved attendance for Whitebeam and Oak next week






# AWARDS






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Rowan Class

Award	Goes to...	For..... 
Reader of the week	Nalah	excellent reading during a phonics assessment
Writer of the week 	Bonnie	sentence writing in English and learning to write her name with correct letter formation
Mathematician of the week	Mila	adding numbers within 20 using tens frames 
Shining Light	Reggie Ava	showing kindness and support to a friend when they were sad helping Reggie with his belonging most mornings whilst his finger was broken
Reads at home	Indy Charlotte Reggie Archie Ava	10 reads 10 reads 10 reads 25 reads 50 reads

Whitebeam Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Mason	for his great reading of story books
Writer of the week	Bobbi	for his enthusiasm to write
Mathematician of the week 	Gracie-Mae	for super work on finding a half and a quarter of numbers
Shining Light	Tia Crimson	for always demonstrating good learning behaviours and for helping others for demonstrating responsibility and enthusiasm during his learning
Tackling Tables 		
Reads at home		


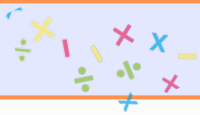



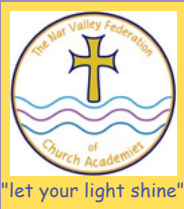
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**Oak Class**

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Holly	her fantastic retrieval work.
Writer of the week 	Amelia	trying really hard in her English lessons this week
Mathematician of the week	Finley	his understanding of fractions. 
Shining Light 	Henry Fletcher Max	coping extremely well with all of the changes this week. coping extremely well with all of the changes this week. coping extremely well with all of the changes this week.



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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/4_7/)***  
***[https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/8\\_10/](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/8_10/)***  
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### Safeguarding.....

#### Online Safety survey:

I do appreciate that we have had a number of short surveys recently, but I would be very grateful to Parents/Carers for filling out our annual (and quite short) online safety survey that will be coming out soon. This helps us identify any areas that we need particularly to support through our curriculum, areas that you may need support with and also how effective our work to support has been. Many thanks

Could I also remind Parents/Carers that our staff work hard for your children and should always be treated with respect. Happily, incidences of this nature are very rare, but when they happen they upset staff.

### Message from the Executive Headteacher....



#### Norfolk SENDIASS January Spotlight

For free online information and training for parents and carers, please click [here](#)

#### Free Cyber security webinars

To access a national programme co-ordinated by the National Crime Agency, click [here](#). The webinars are delivered by Cyber Choices teams within Regional Organised Crime Units and Local Police Force Cyber Teams.



Well I have had a wonderful residential with Y6 this week! Highlights include watching children challenging themselves to go further than they thought they could, their excellent teamwork, lovely manners and the Horstead Centre staff saying that our children were a real joy to be with - which all the staff heartily agree. We have also been responding to feedback from our Parents'/Carers' Forum, which was to ensure the dates sheet went further ahead into the school year. Thank you for that feedback and we hope this helps.

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

We would be grateful for donations of Raffle Prizes for our Valentines Quiz and Supper on Friday 14th February. There will be a box in the bike shed at school to pop them in for example wine or unwanted gift sets from Christmas, chocolates, etc..

Thank you. We've had 13 donations in the last 30 days, thanks to our supporters using #easyfundraising when YOU make online purchases! Please keep up the good work, your donations are very appreciated. It's never too late to sign up and help us if you haven't already. Plus, if you sign up today we could win a £250 donation! Let's see how much we can raise together: Your online shopping can raise free donations for Friends Of Castle Acre School, Kings Lynn! Whether you're buying Black Friday deals, Christmas presents or your weekly food shop, your shopping at over 8,000 retailers can support us. Sign up to #easyfundraising via the link for free, and we'll get a £5 bonus when you raise your first £5. Sign up now: <https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/friends-of-castle-acre-school-librarybusproject/sjvzqs/c2s/N5Znntup/Q3248/facebook/>

### Prayer for the Week....

Dear Lord

We ask you to take care of us. We are thankful for all the food we have. Just want to say thank you.

Amen

By Tia



Thank you as always for your support and partnership,

Head of School  
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