

Castle Acre Newsletter for week ending 28th February 2025

The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It is nice to see some sunshine finally and hear the birds singing.

A couple of reminders for next week...Parents Evening is on Tuesday and Wednesday for Rowan and Whitebeam. If you're not sure of your time then please Dojo your child's teacher or ask in the school office.

On Friday, we are joining in with World Book Day. Your child can come dressed as any book character; it would be great if they could bring the book their character is from with them but please remember to name it. We will be taking part in book related activities all day, doing some shared reading between year groups and ending the day with a 'character parade'. So it looks like a great day!

Just a heads up that we will be taking part in Red Nose Day on 21st March - details will follow.

Thank you to Mrs Bramley, who has been helping out with our Maple children, and to Miss Sandford and Mrs Henderson, from Narborough and Sporre for teaching in Rowan Class.



Upcoming Events

See Diary Dates for details.....

Mon 3rd, 10th and 17th March Gamechangers in school sessions for Years 3, 4 and 5

Tues 4th March - Crucial Crew Trip for Yr 6 to Lytton Hall, Shipdham

Parent Consultations Rowan & Oak only 3.30 - 5.30pm

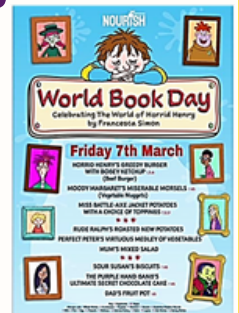
Wed 5th March - 3.15pm, Premier Sports' Gymnastics Club (Rec - Y6) for 6 weeks

Parent Consultations Rowan & Oak only 3.30 - 7pm

Thurs 6th March - Lunch Swap - 'fishy Friday' options

Fri 7th March - World Book Day dress up as book character and a special lunch

Reminders and Information.....



Y6 Horstead trip

First of all, please don't forget to keep your payments coming in for this if you do have an outstanding balance. Many thanks for everyone who has done so this month already. The deadline is 1st June 2025

Parents/Carers' Evenings:

Don't forget to make an appointment for these evenings (dates opposite). Come along and discuss your child's progress and have an opportunity to see their recent work. Sign-up sheets will be with teachers/teaching assistants on the school gate from next week, or alternatively ring the school office to book an appointment. We want every single one of our children to have a Parent/Carer there. If you can't make it in person, a phone call can take place at a later time.

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](#).

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 28/2/2025

Class	%
Rowan	98.83
Whitebeam	99.57
Oak	97.24

The winner of the Attendance Award this week is Whitebeam who nearly achieved 100%, well done! Good attendance from Oak as well, but hopefully Rowan will do better next week.





AWARDS



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Rowan Class

Award	Goes to...	For..... 
Reader of the week	Mila	independently spotting digraphs (special friends) in text
Writer of the week 	Charlotte	working hard on her handwriting and specifically for remembering to form the letter 'a' correctly
Mathematician of the week	Indy	good work and understanding of how many tens and ones are in numbers 10 to 50 
Shining Light	Tobias Arly	thoughtful questions in R.E. super learning attitude in all lessons
Reads at home	Charlotte Arly	25 reads 25 reads

Whitebeam Class

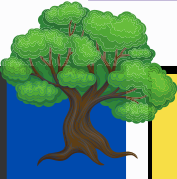
Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Ivy	for super reading with expression
Writer of the week	Crimson	for forming his letters really well
Mathematician of the week 	Leon	for working hard on his arithmetic skills
Shining Light	Isla P Finlay	for showing responsibility in her learning for always demonstrating all of our values
Tackling Tables 	Etta Oscar	Purple Phase Subtraction Purple Phase Subtraction Missing Numbers
Reads at home	Stan Willem Florence Gracie-Mae Finlay	75 reads 10 reads 75 reads 10 reads 75 reads 



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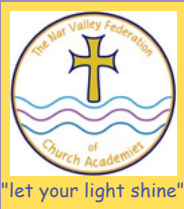


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Oak Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Lola P	always reading out loud to the class
Writer of the week 	Steele	fantastic vocabulary choices in his Amazon Survival story. 
Mathematician of the week	Roxanne	persevering with the fraction work.
Shining Light 	Rowan Lazenby Amelia	his good attitude in learning. improved focus in writing. Well done! always trying hard in all lessons.
Tackling Tables	none	none this week
Reads at Home	Holly	150 reads - Shield



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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/
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Safeguarding.....

AI risks:

There is a very hard-hitting but helpful video on online safety surrounding AI and how young people can be vulnerable.

Please be aware that this contains upsetting content and I am signposting this for you to watch as an adult, and not suggesting that children watch it, although you as a parent may decide to watch it with your child at some point in order to start a discussion.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OuH-D-aiIHo>

Childline campaign:

Behind the Screen' This is aimed at protecting boys and young men from sextortion. If you scroll down through the info there are some quotes from young lads of 16 to whom this has happened.

<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/media/sfzndfgn/chidline-behind-the-screen-pdf-guide.pdf>

Message from the Executive Headteacher....



Parents/Carers' Evenings next week: Rowan and Whitebeam Parents/Carers - Please do come along to these; they are an excellent opportunity to share your child's learning and celebrate their progress. We have been focusing this week on improving our handwriting (staff as well!) and our children have tried very hard. Oak class Parents/Carers, we are still working very hard to find the right teacher and have shown around some prospective teachers this week with more next week, so we will postpone Parents/Carers' evenings for you all. I just want to echo what Miss Willgress, our Y4/5/6 teacher from Sporle said to the children whilst she was teaching them recently, which is that they are an excellent class, with lovely learning behaviours, manners and characters. It isn't your fault children that teachers have had to change, and I will find you the right someone as soon as possible. In the meantime, Mrs Harris will continue to be with you, supported by Miss Willgress.

I have seen Oak class' new writing books and I was impressed with their progress and effort as well as how many of them are close to or earning their Pen Licence for improvement, legibility and fluency. We began the week with an online Federation Collective Worship about working hard to improve our writing, and why it matters, so do talk to your children about this. We've also had some superb phonics results from our younger children's checks this week, so please do keep practising those Read, Write, Inc sounds. You can find the videos easily online or just as your child's teacher. Thank you for your support and well done everyone!

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

Thank you to everyone who supported the Valentines Quiz and Raffle by donating a prize or joining us for the evening. Huge thanks to Charlie Williams for her help organising the event and setting up the hall which looked amazing and to Zoe Piper for putting together a very entertaining quiz and being a wonderful quiz master! A lovely evening was had by all and we made a profit of £573.50 which is absolutely fantastic!

Prayer for the Week....

Dear Lord

Please help us let our light shine in different ways and help us succeed in life. We thank you for education and for the teachers that teach and support us.

Amen

By Holly



Thank you as always for your support and partnership,

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