



Castle Acre Newsletter for week ending 7th March 2025

The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Well the children look particularly wonderful today - we are all really impressed with the imagination and time put into their costumes. The children have taken part in a range of book related tasks: the favourite being shared reading between classes. I have rarely had such enthusiasm from the hall.

I had the pleasure of accompanying our Year 6s to Crucial Crew this week. Crucial Crew is an event where children learn how to keep themselves safe in different situations that may result in an emergency. They took part in 7 different activities including looking after our mental health, putting someone in the recovery position, keeping ourselves safe near open water, administering CPR, keeping our homes fire safe, keeping ourselves safe online and knowing our voice is important. We will be sending the children home with more information about some of these but the message that I took from it was to stay safe and remain calm. Doing those 2 things, may save ourselves or someone else from serious harm.

We are really pleased to see some sunshine and feel some warmth - children have been out in just their shirt sleeves today. Please remember to send your child in with a jacket, even if it appears warm. Our field is very blustery and we never know when that next rain shower is coming!

Thank you for your continued support - our door is always open

Upcoming Events

See Diary Dates for details.....

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

Wed 12th March - 3.15pm, Premier Sports' Gymnastics Club (Rec - Y6) for 6 weeks

Fri 14th March - KS1 Infant Agility for Year 2 pupils at TNHA

Mon 17th March - Football Festival at TNHA for Oak Class pupils

Fri 21st March - Red Nose Day, wear something red to school and bring a donation for charity

Mon 24th March - Rowan Class Parents'/Carers' Cafe, 2.15pm

Attendance Awards w/e 7/3/2025

Class	%
Rowan	100
Whitebeam	98.26
Oak	98.28

All classes had brilliant attendance this week, however the winner of the Attendance Award with perfect attendance of 100% is Rowan Class. Well done!



Reminders and Information.....

Red Nose Day - 21st March 2023

We will be celebrating Red Nose Day by wearing something red - this can be one item or everything red!

We will also be selling red-nosed themed cupcakes in school.

We ask for a donation you are able to make for dressing up and £1 for a cupcake. Please bring your money into school on the day.

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.

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





AWARDS






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Rowan Class

Award	Goes to...	For..... 
Reader of the week	Nathan	reading a storybook accurately and with great expression
Writer of the week 	Nalah	extending sentences in her pancake writing activity
Mathematician of the week	Nathan	stepping up confidently to more challenging maths 
Shining Light	Harry Inika	kindness and responsibility in the class having a wonderful attitude to learning
Reads at home	Tyler	10

Whitebeam Class

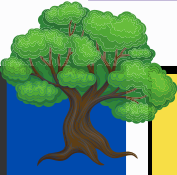
Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Gracie-Mae	for super independent reading and reading with great enthusiasm
Writer of the week 	Isla B	for achieving her pen licence
Mathematician of the week	Etta	for great work in maths including Tackling Tables
Shining Light	Elijah Stan	being so kind especially with younger children being really kind and helpful with a visiting pupil
Tackling Tables 	Etta Oscar	Purple phase mixed addition and subtraction Purple phase superstar
Reads at home	Crimson Ella	25 reads 50 reads 




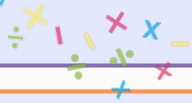

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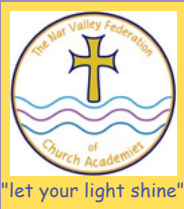


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Oak Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Finley	for confidence when reading to the whole class.
Writer of the week 	Marley	Big improvement to his writing- content and handwriting. 
Mathematician of the week	Lola G	her fantastic knowledge of fractions.
Shining Light 	Lola P Charlie Pearl	always wanting to help in class. always trying his hardest in class. always being kind and helpful.
Tackling Tables		
Reads at Home		



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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.....



Jeffy videos.

Please be aware that there is an animated cartoon show on Youtube that is inappropriate for children. The leaflet (sent with the newsletter) gives you a guide to this and some of the very nasty and adult content of the show.

Message from the Executive Headteacher....



I have been having to spend a lot of time in one place working hard on something recently, so it was lovely to get to Parents/Carers' Evenings recently and see a lot of children being proud of their learning. It is also a pleasure to see the children's Spring termly assessments and see how much progress they are making.

Did you know that you can significantly contribute to their progress at home, by hearing your children read or talking about the book they are reading, practising the sounds or spellings they are learning and ensuring that every child knows their number bonds (ie $19+1=20$, $6+4=10$, $13+7=20$ etc) or multiplication tables with instant recall.

An excellent app to support their Maths learning at all levels is the White Rose 1 Minute Maths app, which helps children have the instant recall needed and is a lot of fun!

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

We've had 7 donations in the last 30 days, thanks to our supporters using #easyfundraising when they 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: <https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/friends-of-castle-acre-school-librarybusproject/sjvzqs/c2s/ojzai1PZ/CE949/facebook/7>

Prayer for the Week....

Dear God

Thank you for the amazing world we live in. Help us to realise how beautiful this world is. Please help us to stop the wars from around the world.

Amen

By Lola G



Thank you as always for your support and partnership,

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