



Castle Acre Newsletter for week ending 14th March 2025

The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As always we've been proud of our children this week, whether it is for their super progress in their assessments or their resilience in learning. We're still working hard to find a teacher for our lovely Oak class who have really impressed the visitors we have had. Our KS2 children have enjoyed Gamechangers and a big well done to our KS1 children for taking part in the sporting agility festival at the Nicholas Hammond Academy today.

Don't forget Red Nose day on Friday - donate an amount you are able and wear something red and bring in £1 if you wish your child to have a cupcake. We will also be supporting Downs Syndrome Awareness day by wearing socks that will be noticed - colourful, mismatched, whacky!
Thank you as always for your support. Remember, our door is always open.

Upcoming Events

See Diary Dates for details.....

Mon 17th March - Football Festival at TNHA for Y4/5/6 pupils

Final Gamechangers in school session for Years 3, 4 & 5

Wed 19th March - Tempest to take Class Photographs of Pupils

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

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

This is also Downs Syndrome Awareness Day and pupils are invited to wear colourful/odd socks to celebrate this (no donations required)

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



Reminders and Information.....

A MESSAGE FROM LITCHAM SCHOOL

Future of Litcham School - FTAO Y6 parents/carers

We have been made aware of some misinformation circulating within the community. This has possibly arisen due to a recent article in the EDP that discussed falling student numbers across the county.

We would like to take this opportunity to reassure all parents and carers of our forthcoming Year 7 September intake that our student numbers remain healthy. In fact, we have reached our published admissions limit for our new intake in September.

There is absolutely no intention to close or even reduce the size of Litcham school in the future. The rumour is simply this with no factual accuracy to it all.

A welcome letter will be circulated to our new intake parents in the next week or so. However, we felt it was important to address and quash any current rumours, offering reassurance to all.

Attendance Awards w/e 14/3/2025

Class	%
Rowan	96.79
Whitebeam	95.65
Oak	95.17

The winner of the Attendance Award this week is Rowan Class, well done!



Red Nose Day - 21st March 2025

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**

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	Lexi	working really hard during phonics.
Writer of the week 	Mila	working hard on presentation.
Mathematician of the week	Tyler	super doubling in maths. 
Shining Light	Bonnie Ava	showing kindness and responsibility in the classroom. always helping to tidy the classroom.
Reads at home	Archie Nathan Ava	50 reads 75 reads 75 reads

Whitebeam Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Florence	for her super attitude towards reading.
Writer of the week	Brianna	for working really hard on her handwriting.
Mathematician of the week 	Oliver P	for working well in arithmetic.
Shining Light	Willem Mason	for demonstrating responsibility in his learning. for always being willing to 'have a go'.
Tackling Tables 	Etta	Purple phase addition missing numbers
Reads at home	Mason Oliver P	25 reads 100 reads 
Pen Licence	Etta	


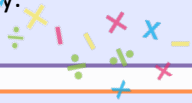



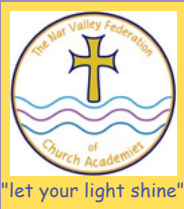
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Oak Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Holly	always wanting to read aloud to the class.
Writer of the week 	Roxanne	her marvellous Charles Darwin biography. 
Mathematician of the week	Rosanna	persevering even when it's been tricky.
Shining Light 	Alexander	trying his hardest all week.
Tackling Tables	Charlie	always being kind and helpful.
Reads at Home	Isla	always being helpful to everyone.



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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.....



Making sense of SEND event for parents.....

Making Sense of SEND is a free information fair for SEND families and professionals. The aim is to share information with you and enable you to meet the people behind the services and those who want to develop their understanding of the local offer in Norfolk - Wednesday 19 March, 10-12 at Knight's Hill Hotel in King's Lynn.

Click [here](#) to book tickets.

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....



Firstly, a huge congratulations to Riley in Kingfisher class who has worked so hard on his multiplication tables and this paid off when recently he came top in his section of a national multiplication tables competition! Well done Riley, we are so proud of you! Others in Kingfisher class were so close to winning, missing out by less than a second, so very well done Y4,5 and 6 at Sporle! I now need some Foxes and Otters and some Oak children to be winning too!

You can use Tackling Tables at home -your child has a log in, or if not, contact school. You can also go on the website and find resources to use there. Everyone in Y4 takes a national Multiplication Tables Check, having to find the answer in a few seconds, so get practising everyone! By Y4 the children should know ALL their multiplication tables this fast. Does your child?

I also wanted to share that following our inspection at Castle Acre, we as a Federation have been chosen by the Church of England to be a national example of good practice in the area of working as a Federation so well done everyone and more on that next week!

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

Can you bake?

The Friends are helping the School to raise money on Red Nose Day this year, 21st March, by baking some Red Nose Day themed cupcakes! If you can help please let Libby know - 07825229345 / libbyofirth@gmail.com

Prayer for the Week....



Dear God

Thank you for all we have. Please help provide for those who do not have enough food so they can enjoy yummy meals.

Amen

By Leo

Thank you as always for your support and partnership,

Head of School
Castle Acre C of E Primary Academy

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