



## Castle Acre Newsletter for week ending 28th March 2025

The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

Executive Headteacher: Mrs Anne Neary  
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Dear Parents/Carers

What a week! We have been waiting for our moment for months and it finally arrived on Tuesday. After that initial pit of the stomach feeling, adrenalin (almost excitement) crept in as we realised we had the opportunity to show off our wonderful school. We are unable to share the outcome right now but what I can say is how immensely proud I am of every single child and member of the staff for doing everything they possibly could. A huge thank you to you, our families, as we could not do what we do without you. Have a wonderful weekend.

### Upcoming Events

See Diary Dates for details.....

**Wed 2nd April** - 3.15pm, Premier Sports' Gymnastics Club (Rec - Y6) for 6 weeks

**Thurs 3rd April** - Hi 5 Netball Competition at TNHA for Year 5 pupils

**Fri 4th April** - Last day of Spring term  
**NB:** School re-opens on Wednesday 23rd April for Summer term.

**Thurs 24th April** - Oak Class trip to Cambridge Museums.

**Mon 28th April** - Whitebeam Class trip to Hunstanton, including Sealife Centre.

### Reminders and Information.....

#### Payments on Arbor

We understand that sometimes it's difficult to keep track of payments for various events. However, if we do not receive all of the payments in advance for clubs and trips, it means we are unable to cover the cost of them which could affect having them in the future. We appreciate your support as always. If we do not make the income we are predicted to - ie if not every parent pays - then it could mean losing things from next year's budget that the children have had this year, so please do your bit and pay. Thank you.

#### 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

### Attendance Awards w/e 28/3/2025

Class	%
Rowan	95.41
Whitebeam	90.83
Oak	88.97

The winner of the Attendance Award this week is Rowan Class, well done! Hopefully, attendance for Whitebeam and Oak Classes will improve next week.





# AWARDS



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**Rowan Class**

Award	Goes to...	For..... 
<b>Reader of the week</b>	Ava	being courageous and having a go at reading the maths questions independently.
<b>Writer of the week</b> 	Indy (Y1) Mia (Maple)	working really hard on his handwriting presentation. independently writing a sentence.
<b>Mathematician of the week</b>	Reggie	using a strategy to help him count accurately and then independently checking it was correct. 
<b>Shining Light</b>	Rowan Class	being superstars, especially during our Ofsted visit, well done!
<b>Reads at home</b>	none this week	

**Whitebeam Class**

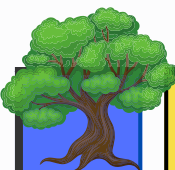
Award	Goes to...	For.....
<b>Reader of the week</b>	Isla P	for reading with greater fluency
<b>Writer of the week</b>	Sybil	for working hard on joining her writing
<b>Mathematician of the week</b> 	Brianna	for working hard on her arithmetic
<b>Shining Light</b>	Ella Tia	for demonstrating all of our school values especially courage for demonstrating all of our school values especially responsibility
<b>Tackling Tables</b> 	Oliver P  Etta Finlay Tia	Blue superstar, Purple addition missing numbers, Blue multiplies mini test Blue superstar Purple addition Blue superstar, Purple addition missing numbers, Purple subtraction missing numbers
<b>Reads at home</b>	none this week	



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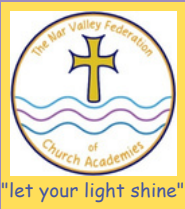


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Oak Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Henry	showing super confidence and participation with his reading during English lessons.
Writer of the week	Lola G	writing a fabulously detailed prediction of "The Viewer."
Mathematician of the week	Charlie	being super efficient and demonstrating great reasoning skills.
Shining Light	Molly Rosanna Cain Jess	consistently showing respect and kindness to her peers. taking responsibility for her own learning. being responsible and tidying up without being asked. showing incredible courage in a situation she found tricky.
Reads at home	Max	200 reads - bronze bookworm.
Tackling Tables	Harry W Holly Molly	Blue - multiplication mini test. Red - multiplying and dividing with fractions. Green - unit fractions of amounts.



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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.....

Thank you to everyone who has filled out our online survey. We've had about 13 responses from each school, which isn't enough to know how best to support, so please do take 5 minutes to fill this in if you haven't. Here is the link to the survey:

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=IOM\\_8mowLU-yDq7UATSA5QBDjImtAwxAhgv7gvUMw-pUNkRKQ0IZRUI3SDE3TEswREhWMDdHOEM5UiQIQCNjPTEu](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=IOM_8mowLU-yDq7UATSA5QBDjImtAwxAhgv7gvUMw-pUNkRKQ0IZRUI3SDE3TEswREhWMDdHOEM5UiQIQCNjPTEu)

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



I just wanted to let families know about the financial situation currently in education. As you know, this is incredibly tricky and all schools are working hard to balance the books. Whilst we are in no danger in terms of sustainability, I wanted you all to understand the role you play in our budget.

When we write a new budget, as we are currently, we have to say what we are going to expend on trips, school travel, visitors and experiences etc. In order to balance our budget, we have to say that these are going to be paid for by parental payments.

If we then do not get the expected income from Parents/Carers, our budget does not balance. If we cannot make our budget balance then we are faced with not paying for or doing something else in order to make it balance, ie the children will miss out on something.

You may not feel like your £8 or £9 matters, but it does. Should we finish this school year with a cost against school trips, then we will not be able to do these next year and this year we will need to cut something already planned in the summer term in order to pay for the overspend. I really, really do not want to lose a trip or swimming or a family event so please, if you owe any monies to school, please, please do pay these as soon as possible otherwise the children's school life will have to change next year.

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

Please sign up to support Friends Of Castle Acre School, Kings Lynn for free on #easyfundraising today to increase our chances of winning a £500 donation in their new giveaway! Each new person who joins counts as an entry. It's completely free and this prize would make a big difference to our fundraising, plus once you've signed up you can raise free donations for us when you shop online with over 8,000 retailers. Sign up here:

<https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/friends-of-castle-acre-school-librarybusproject/sjvzqs/c2s/9WAb5bvi/POTAE/facebook/6>

### Prayer for the Week....

Dear God

Thank you for the food we receive, thank you for the farmers who spend their day farming the crops for us to eat

Amen



Thank you as always for your support and partnership,

Head of School  
Castle Acre C of E Primary Academy

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