



## Castle Acre Newsletter for week ending 6<sup>th</sup> June 2025

The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

Executive Headteacher: Mrs Anne Neary  
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Dear Parents/Carers,

I cannot believe that we are in the last half term. Even the weather is feeling as sad as I am as I realise that we are coming to final few weeks of our wonderful Year 6s. I am going to make sure despite the fact that it is the busiest half term, to take the time to enjoy as many moments with them to create some wonderful memories. I never forget a child I have taught (I wonder how long before my brain becomes full!).  
I would just like to remind you all about the Bingo on Tuesday night. Well done to Leo for taking the opportunity to raise some well-needed funds for our Maple Group. All ages are welcome, children accompanied by an adult and must remain seated at the table. **HOUSE!!!!**  
Have a wonderful weekend. Thank you for your continued support. I have been reminded many times today of the family we are.

### Upcoming Events

See Diary Dates for details.....

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June** - Castorama Team to wear yellow to school

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June** - ICS Football Club for Rec-Y6, 3.15 - 4.15pm

6pm - Bingo Night in support of Maple Group

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June** - Premier Education Summer Sports Club for Rec - Y6, 3.15 - 4.15pm

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June** - Year 4 Westacre Residential - (day 1 of 2), Parents/Carers to take pupils to venue.

Year 6 Top Up Swimming Session at Dereham Leisure (2 of 3)

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June** - Year 4 Westacre Residential - (day 1 of 2), Parents/Carers to watch performance and collect pupils from venue..

### 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.

#### Winning Team - Summer 1 Half Term

The team points from last half term have been counted...

Beagle: 86  
Britannia: 79  
Endurance: 82  
Castorama: 114

Congratulations to Castorama! They are invited to wear yellow to school on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June.

#### Bingo Night

Please join us for our Bingo and Raffle night on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June, 6pm at school - raising funds for Maple room.

**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 6/6/2025

Class	%
Rowan	94.76
Whitebeam	95.42
Oak	86.07

The winner of the Attendance Award this week is Whitebeam Class, well done to them! We hope Oak Class can improve next week, please try your best.





# AWARDS


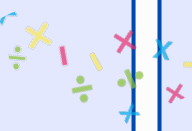
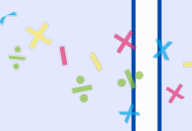



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Rowan Class

Award	Goes to...	For..... 
Reader of the week	Arly	For demonstrating good reading and comprehension during a recent assessment.
Writer of the week 	Archie	For impressing Miss Everett with a great sentence in drawing club.
Mathematician of the week	Jaxon	For showing a great understanding of numbers to 10. 
Shining Light	Ava Charlotte	For showing kindness and appreciation to a friend. For comforting a friend.
Reads at home	Arly Archie Inika	100 reads 150 reads 50 reads

Whitebeam Class

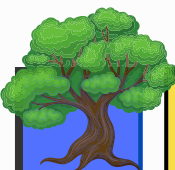
Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Gracie-Mae	for reading well in class
Writer of the week 	Ella	for making a poster about saving our planet at home after World Environment Day
Mathematician of the week 	Skyla	for always challenging herself in maths
Shining Light	Ivy Brianna	for demonstrating kindness by helping others for demonstrating kindness by understanding
Tackling Tables 	Oscar Etta Skyla	Red phase mixed mini-test, multiplication and green multiples mini-test Blue mixed mini multiplication Purple phase addition
Reads at home	Tia Ella	50 reads 75 reads 



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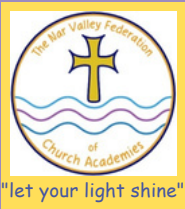


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Oak Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Alexander	making insightful predictions about 'The Arrival.'
Writer of the week	Teddy	some fantastic writing in History.
Mathematician of the week	Rosanna	persevering with column multiplication.
Shining Light	Elarni Fletcher Cain	great partner work in DT. making thoughtful contributions to class discussions. being patient and kind to younger children in the dinner hall.
Letting Your Light Shine		
Tackling Tables		



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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.....

**The Safer Phones Bill from Terry Jerry MP, Member of Parliament for South West Norfolk**

I am supportive of the aims of the Safe Phones Bill. Research shows that the average UK 12-year-old spends 21 hours a week - equivalent to a part-time job - on their smartphone, and that one in four children and young people use their smartphones in a way that is consistent with a behavioural addiction. There is a growing body of evidence demonstrating that smartphones, and social media in particular, are negatively impacting children's mental health, sleep and learning.

There are also concerns about the time children are losing from real life play and interactions. The impact is more acute for vulnerable children. Over two-thirds of voters (68%) agree that smartphone access is causing harm to children. More than 75% of voters feel the government could take a more active role in safeguarding against harmful content and other online risks.

Aside from conventional guardians, social media firms and smartphone manufacturers are deemed chiefly accountable for tackling smartphone-related issues.

Children's excessive use of smartphones has a proven link to a number of developmental issues including increases in ADHD, a reduction in academic attainment and damage to emotional and social development. There are also several physical health issues that can arise from excessive smartphone use such as poor eyesight, obesity and worse sleep. We need to do more to protect children and tackle the issues I have outlined above.

### Healthy mind, healthy body

A huge congratulations to our new Senior Leads in Mental Health at each school; Miss Everett, Mrs Jary and Mrs Joplin. They now have access to many resources in the local area, so can signpost you to sources of support.

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



**Term time holidays;**

A huge thank you for the very clear reduction in term time holidays. It genuinely makes a really positive difference to the children; they learn more effectively, they access more opportunities and they are more settled in and routine. At this time of year, please can I just remind families that we continue learning right up until the end of term, so every day continues to matter, whether because of their writing portfolio, their chance to act on a stage or their chance to star in the Sports Day finals!

**Monies owing to school;**

Again, a huge thank you to everyone who pays on time for the various activities and to the very few people who did owe us money, a massive thanks for clearing that debt. We are so finely balanced, with no 'slush fund' to cater for anyone not paying. If someone doesn't pay, it has to be absorbed by NOT buying something else. For example, if we don't have all the money for the summer top-up swimming for Y6, then we cannot do as many sessions, or maybe cannot do it at all. So please do keep ensuring that any debts are cleared as every tiny amount adds up and we all want our children to be able to access as many excellent opportunities as possible.

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

**END OF YEAR DISCO - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

**Are you or do you know of anyone who can do face painting? We want to offer it to the children for their end of year disco. If so please contact the Friends on 07825229345, thank you.**

### Prayer for the Week....



Dear God

Please help remind people not to put rubbish in the sea or anywhere other than the bin because it causes problems for animals and people all over the world. So please keep our wonderful world safe.

Amen

By: Sybil

Thank you as always for your support and partnership,

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Castle Acre C of E Primary Academy

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