



## Castle Acre Newsletter for week ending 13<sup>th</sup> June 2025

The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

Executive Headteacher: Mrs Anne Neary  
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Dear Parents/Carers,

It....is....hot!! So hot that I debated sleeping outside the tent for the residential last night whilst Mrs Neary slept in 2 sleeping bags with a hot water bottle and was still cold! Our children were absolutely fabulous and the children from Narborough and Sporle were a pleasure to have. A huge congratulations must go to Leo who, with the support of Mrs Painter, hosted a great Bingo event to raise money for resources for Maple Group. It was a real success and the money raised will be put to good use. Have a great weekend, take care in the sun and please remember to send your child in with a sun hat, sunscreen and a drink.

### Upcoming Events

See Diary Dates for details.....

**Tuesday 17th June** - Fun Run for Reception - Year 2 at The Nicholas Hamond Academy, Swaffham

ICS Football Club for Rec-Y6, 3.15 - 4.15pm

**Wednesday 18th June** - Premier Education Summer Sports Club for Rec - Y6, 3.15 - 4.15pm.

**Thursday 19th June** - Year 6 Top Up Swimming Session at Dereham Leisure (3 of 3). Children will be learning about self-rescue in swimming, so in addition to their swimming costume, they will also need to bring a pair of shorts and t-shirt that they don't mind getting wet.

**Friday 20th June** - Teddy Bears Picnic for new Reception children and their families.

**Monday 23rd June** - 12 - 1pm Sports Day Picnic, followed by Sports Day Races from 1.15pm.

### 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.

#### Cafe Concert at School - Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2025

West Norfolk Youth Orchestra invite you to join them for a Cafe Concert, 3pm at Castle Acre Primary School, a chance to introduce children to orchestra music in an informal atmosphere, with refreshments. Free entry - a collection will be held with proceeds split between the Library Bus Project and the Orchestra. Member of the public welcome, as well as families of pupils attending Castle Acre Primary.

#### Bingo Night - Update

Thank you to Leo, Mrs Painter and Mr Painter for all their hard work to make this event a success and to everyone who supported the Bingo and Raffle night on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June, whether you came along on the night or donated a prize. We are pleased to inform you that this event made total of £300, which is fantastic.

**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 13/6/2025

Class	%
Rowan	94.29
Whitebeam	96.25
Oak	86.43

The winner of the Attendance Award this week is Whitebeam Class. Please do better next week Rowan Class and especially Oak Class.

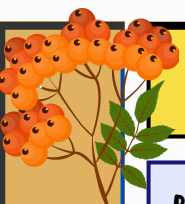




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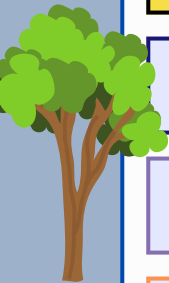


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### Rowan Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Year 1	amazing phonics assessment results!!
Writer of the week	Reggie	great sentence writing in phonics and English using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.
Mathematician of the week	Indy	recalling all known strategies to support with answering questions during his recent maths assessment.
Shining Light	Tyler H Nalah	being a responsible member of Rowan Class by always helping to keep the classroom tidy. for being a helpful member of Rowan Class.
Reads at home	Noel, Indy, Lexi, Jaxon Reggie	25 reads 50 reads



### Whitebeam Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Florence	for working really well during comprehension activities
Writer of the week	Mason	for super handwriting this week
Mathematician of the week	Oliver P	for great work in arithmetic
Shining Light	Willem Isla B	for demonstrating all our values especially kindness for demonstrating all our values especially responsibility
Tackling Tables	Tia Oscar Oliver P Finlay Toby	red phase missing numbers mini-test, MTC Taster 1, MTC Taster 2, MTC Taster 3 red phase MTC Taster 1, MTC Taster 2, MTC Taster 3, missing numbers mini-test yellow phase subtraction purple phase subtraction purple phase addition missing numbers
Reads at home	Isla P Florence Crimson	50 read 150 reads 50 and 75 reads

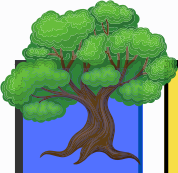






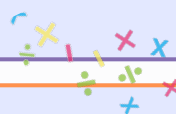

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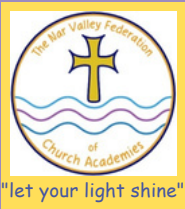


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Oak Class

Award	Goes to...	For..... 
Reader of the week	Jess	showing a true love of reading with her chapter book.
Writer of the week 	Rosanna	using emotive language in her journal entry. 
Mathematician of the week	Fletcher	showing determination with column multiplication.
Shining Light 	Pearl Charlie	going above and beyond our school values. finding fair ways to make decisions as a group.
Reads at home	Max	250 reads
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/)  
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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....



Y4 residential

An enormous congratulations to our NVF Y4 children, who in one and a half days, produced a re-telling of the first part of William Shakespeare's 'A Midsummer Night's dream' and performed it so brilliantly. Thank you to all the families who supported their children and came and watched. I personally want to thank so much all the staff who have their time and expertise to help our children have such a great experience despite a last minute unavoidable change of venue. Our children were a pleasure to be with and a real credit to our Federation and their families, as were our excellent staff; thank you particularly Miss Willgress, Mrs Joplin, Mr West, Mrs Gathercole, Mrs Spaul and Miss Howman, who did so much organising. Without our team being prepared to give up their personal time, residential would not be possible. Well done Y4 you were wonderful.

Thanks also to all the team at Westacre, particular Sadie and Camilla for providing back up and scenery, as well as Carolyn Ash our local artist who did the children's fairy art mosaic and Tamion, who entertained them with Super Tamion Challenge time.

### 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

Thank you for pets, family and friends and all your generosity.

Amen

By: Ivy F



Thank you as always for your support and partnership,

Head of School  
Castle Acre C of E Primary Academy

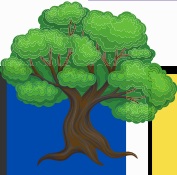
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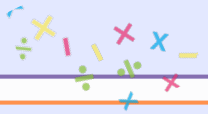

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