



Castle Acre Newsletter for week ending 20th June 2025

The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

Executive Headteacher: Mrs Anne Neary
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Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been another very very hot week...phew. I thought it would be helpful for you to know how we help the children in the heat.

We encourage the children to drink from their water bottles regularly and many of them keep them on their tables when it is extremely hot (24c+). After morning play, we make sure the children have a good drink and replenish their water bottles. At lunch, we encourage the children to have a good drink whilst eating their lunch and then we bring them in 10 minutes early to cool down, read a book and have another drink.

We make sure that children wear the hats and apply suncream before going outside. If they don't have either a hat or suncream then they play in the shaded areas. Please help us by sending these items in. Don't forget sports day on Monday - picnic at 12pm; races 1:15pm. Please can your child wear a t-shirt in their team colour if you have one, otherwise we have coloured stickers they can wear, thank you.

Upcoming Events

See Diary Dates for details.....

Monday 23rd June - 12 - 1pm Sports Day Picnic, followed by Sports Day Races from 1.15pm. Pupils to wear a t-shirt in their team colour if they have one please.

Tuesday 24th June - ICS Football Club for Rec-Y6, 3.15 - 4.15pm

Wednesday 25th June - KS1 Federation Day at Castle Acre.

Premier Education Summer Sports Club for Rec - Y6, 3.15 - 4.15pm.

Welcome Meeting for Parents/Carers of new Reception pupils.

Thursday 26th June - Rowan Class & Maple Group trip to Banham Zoo.

KS2 Federation Day at Castle Acre.

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 22nd 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.

Castle Acre Primary School Sponsored Fun Run on Wednesday 9th July at school

Pupils have been given a flyer with further information about the Fun Run and a sponsor form this week. Entry for the Fun Run is ! and for that pupils will receive a medal for taking part.

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 20/6/2025

Class	%
Rowan	97.22
Whitebeam	94.58
Oak	94.29

The winner of the Attendance Award this week is Rowan Class, well done for very attendance this week. For Whitebeam and Oak we hope to see improvement next week.

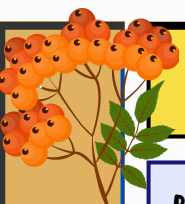




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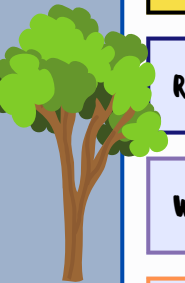


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Rowan Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Noel	Great reading during phonics lessons.
Writer of the week	Charlotte	Fabulous independent sentences! Using capital letters, full stops and for including adjectives.
Mathematician of the week	Olivia-Rose	Super work on partitioning tens and ones.
Shining Light	Mila Nathan	For helping a friend in need. For always making good choices.
Reads at home	Charlotte Lexi Tyler	75 25 50



Whitebeam Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Leon	for reading with greater fluency
Writer of the week	Elijah	for super retelling of a story from the Qur'an in RE
Mathematician of the week	Finlay	for extending his learning in maths after the lesson
Shining Light	Toby Sybil	for being so brave with his arm and trying to write with his left hand! for always demonstrating all of our school values
Tackling Tables	Tia Oscar Skyla Toby Etta	green missing numbers, mixed, unit fraction of amounts, time facts green unit fractions, superstar purple subtraction blue division 2, purple subtraction Red MTC taster 1, 2, 3
Reads at home	Ivy	150 reads

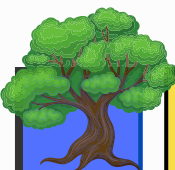




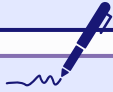
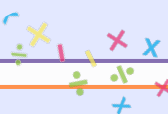

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Oak Class

Award	Goes to...	For..... 
Reader of the week	Henry	sharing details about his favourite story "The Firework-maker's Daughter"
Writer of the week 	Lola Glynn	writing an incredible, imaginative narrative piece 
Mathematician of the week	Molly	excelling with short division
Shining Light 	Alexander Lazenby Finley	for always being polite and helpful for always being a friendly face in class for learning all of his lines and solos for the play
Reads at home	Rosanna	Silver bookworm- 250 reads
Tackling Tables	Henry Finley Isla Pearl Roxanne Brody Holly	



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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.....

Smartphone Free schools

I am asking for your input regarding making our schools completely smart-phone free next year. As you know, we currently do not allow phones to be used in school, but do allow older pupils to bring them to school and hand them in. However, this implies an acceptance that our children can, will or should have smartphones, and all the research out there is increasingly suggesting that this is not so. We want to do everything to support our children's mental health, and so we would like to suggest that children are not brought smartphones, but those older pupils who parents may feel need a communication device are brought phones with no internet facility. I would be very interested in your views on this, particularly Y6 and Y5 Parents/Carers, so please do let me know when you see me. Many thanks.

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 extra belated thank you to the Westacre estate, particularly Ross and Burgundy Birkbeck, for the loan of the bell tents. We are always really grateful and appreciate their support.

This week has been a week of having our Year Six writing moderated by external sources, and I am delighted to say that moderators agreed exactly with our judgments and were also hugely complimentary about our children's maturity of writing, particularly commenting on their use of emotion and empathy. The Trust said that our ethos as a school and the way that our children take on board our values was evident in the tone of their writing, which was a lovely compliment. Well done all our Y6 writers; you are very ready for secondary school writing!

We were also asked to share our good practice as small schools with mixed-age classes and hosted a Multi-Academy Trust from Essex, which again was a lovely compliment.

Finally, can I thank all those Parents/Carers who have been ensuring that all their payments are up to date before the end of the school year. We SO appreciate it as it means we can have authorisation for our children to do their usual activities. If you do still owe, please settle this as soon as possible.

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

END OF YEAR DISCO - Friday 18th 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

We will cherish and that they are here for us and help us to move on.

Amen

By: Tia

Thank you as always for your support and partnership,

Head of School
Castle Acre C of E Primary Academy

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