

## Castle Acre Newsletter for week ending 14th February 2025

The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

Executive Headteacher: Mrs Anne Neary  
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Dear Parents/Carers,

Well here we are, half way through the academic year - can you believe it! I like to pause at this time and both reflect on the half that has already passed as well as look forward to the half left to come. I think I can honestly say this has been the busiest year yet. However, I have always felt that we will be successful and manage anything that comes our way, such as staffing changes. This is because our children are awesome - they are resilient, eager to do their best, embody all our values on a daily basis and know they are part of the team that makes Castle Acre the amazing place it is. It is because of you, our families, who support us in our vision to make sure that every single person is enabled to 'make their light shine'. And it is because of the wonderful team of people I work with who work their socks off for everyone. They go above and beyond every single day and I am incredibly grateful for the work that they do. So, in a nutshell, reflecting on the first half of the year, I am very proud to be Head of School of Castle Acre and looking forward to the half to come I know we will continue to be wonderful with many exciting times ahead.  
Thank you for your continued support and have a lovely half term.



### Upcoming Events

See Diary Dates for details.....

Wed 26th February - Crucial Crew Trip for Year 6 to Lytton Hall, Shipdham

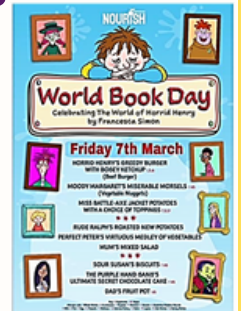
3.15pm, Premier Sports' Gymnastics Club (Rec - Y6) for 6 weeks

Mon 3rd, 10th and 17th March - Gamechangers in school sessions for Years 3, 4 and 5

Tues 4th March - Parent Consultations 3.30 - 5.30pm

Wed 5th March - Parent Consultations 3.30 - 7pm

### Reminders and Information.....



#### 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

#### Parents/Carers' Evenings:

Don't forget to make an appointment for these evenings (dates opposite). Come along and discuss your child's progress and have an opportunity to see their recent work. Sign-up sheets will be with teachers/teaching assistants on the school gate from next week, or alternatively ring the school office to book an appointment. We want every single one of our children to have a Parent/Carer there. If you can't make it in person, a phone call can take place at a later time.

If you've considered a teaching career, UEA is holding information sessions where you can learn more about how to train to teach Primary or Secondary schoolchildren. The events will take place on UEA's campus, and are open to anyone.

GCE Primary Teacher Training Information Session (3-11 yrs) - 1 February from 9:30 - 12:30. The PGCE Secondary Teacher Training Information Session (11-16 yrs) - 27 February from 16:00 - 19:00. Further details can be found [here](#).

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 14/2/2025

Class	%
Rowan	87.16
Whitebeam	96.96
Oak	96.9

The winner of the Attendance Award this week is a tie between Whitebeam and Oak, as so close. Hopefully, Rowan Class attendance will improve after half term.








# AWARDS






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**Rowan Class**

Award	Goes to...	For..... 
Reader of the week	Jaxon	great progress in recognising letters and beginning to blend
Writer of the week 	Archie	practising his letter formation at home
Mathematician of the week	Ava	confidence and accuracy in solving missing number problems 
Shining Light	Tobias Ava	reflecting and responding to an RE lesson showing kindness to the younger children and helping them with their shoes
Reads at home	Nathan	10 and 25 reads

**Whitebeam Class**

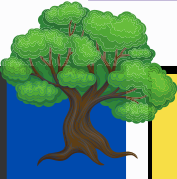
Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Isla B	for super reading and challenging herself
Writer of the week	Elijah	for working really hard on the presentation of his handwriting
Mathematician of the week 	Toby	for his enthusiasm to answer questions in maths lessons
Shining Light	Sybil Isla P	for always being responsible and helping others for demonstrating courage this week
Tackling Tables 	Oliver P Oscar	Blue missing numbers mini-test Blue multiples mini-test Blue superstar Purple addition missing numbers
Reads at home	Ivy Oliver L	75 reads 50 reads 






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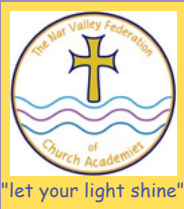


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Oak Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Roxanne	volunteering regularly to read in front of the class.
Writer of the week 	Isla	Accurate use of speech punctuation in her story writing. 
Mathematician of the week	Finley	showing a good understanding of multiplication and division of fractions.
Shining Light 	Harry Fletcher Jess	super effort with all written tasks. Well done! super effort with all written tasks. Well done! demonstrating an excellent attitude towards learning.
Tackling Tables	Cain	Blue - mixed mini test
Reads at Home		



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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.....

#### Parents / Carers Cyber Choices and Online Safety Events

There are 2 parts to the parent events, and you will need to register for each. Each session will be repeated 8 times until December 2025. Both are 1hr sessions and are suitable for parents/carers of children in Year 5 (age 9) and above.

#### Parents Event - Part 1 - Introduction to Cyber Choices and Online Risks

This session will introduce you to the [Cyber Choices programme](#) and will provide:  
An overview to parents and carers on what cybercrime is; what the risks to young people are; how the Cyber Choices programme supports at-risk individuals; how you can refer a young person.

You will also receive an overview of:  
Some of the potential risks that children and young people may experience online.  
Advice to support parents to make informed decisions.

The event is free. Click for tickets:

- Wed 12 March - 10:00 - 11:00 - [click](#)
- Tuesday 22 April - 13:00 - 14:00 - [click](#)
- Thursday 15 May - 16:00 - 17:00 - [click](#)
- Tuesday 10 June - 10:00 - 11:00 - [click](#)
- Wednesday 9 July - 19:00 - 20:00 - [click](#)
- Monday 8 Sep - 14:00 - 15:00 - [click](#)
- Thurs 16 October - 16:00 - 17:00 - [click](#)
- Tuesday 25 Nov - 10:00 - 11:00 - [click](#)

#### Part 2 - Tools and techniques to improve the cyber security of your family.

- Wed 19 March - 10:00 - 11:00 - [click](#)
- Monday 28 April - 13:00 - 14:00 - [click](#)
- Thursday 22 May - 16:00 - 17:00 - [click](#)
- Tuesday 17 June - 10:00 - 11:00 - [click](#)
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- Thur 23 October - 16:00 - 17:00 - [click](#)
- Tuesday 2 Dec - 10:00 - 11:00 - [click](#)

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



Thank you all for your support for your children this half-term.

We are all currently doing our half-termly assessments of the children's learning and are very pleased with their excellent progress.

We have Parents'/Carers' Evenings coming up after half-term as you know, during which your child's progress will be discussed, but you are always welcome at other times to come in and look at their learning and progress.

Remember, our homework is daily reading, daily practise of Tackling Tables and daily practise of Spelling Frame. Doing these activities regularly helps your children so much and we really appreciate this effort.

We look forward to a busy Spring 2 with many trips, exciting learning opportunities, clubs and fun.

We are saying goodbye to Mr Hughes this week who has decided to return to a previous role elsewhere. We thank him for his contribution to our children and wish him well.

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

Thank you. We've had 13 donations in the last 30 days, thanks to our supporters using #easyfundraising when YOU make online purchases! Please keep up the good work, your donations are very appreciated. It's never too late to sign up and help us if you haven't already. Plus, if you sign up today we could win a £250 donation! Let's see how much we can raise together: Your online shopping can raise free donations for Friends Of Castle Acre School, Kings Lynn! Whether you're buying Black Friday deals, Christmas presents or your weekly food shop, your shopping at over 8,000 retailers can support us. Sign up to #easyfundraising via the link for free, and we'll get a £5 bonus when you raise your first £5. Sign up now: <https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/friends-of-castle-acre-school-librarybusproject/sjvzqs/c2s/N5Znntup/Q3248/facebook/>

### Prayer for the Week....



Dear Lord

I hope for love in this world, kindness in our hearts and to always bring peace to this world

Amen

By Rosanna

Thank you as always for your support and partnership,

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