



Castle Acre Newsletter for week ending 2nd May 2025

The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Summer has finally arrived...early! It has been scorching the last couple of days. We are really lucky with our outdoor environment and like to make as much use of it as possible but we do keep in mind the exposure to the sun and heat. Please make sure that your child comes to school with a sun hat, a filled water bottle and sun cream.

The Friends are counting down the days to their biggest annual fundraising event next week. Sunday 11th May is the Duck Race. Please help them to sell as many ducks as possible. And don't forget there's still time to place your bets on Dilly Ducks Race time for a cash prize! Ask at the Shop (CA Budgens). The money raised on Sunday is integral to supporting the classes annual budget and trips for next year. In the hopes to get the children more involved and for those that sadly can't make the race, pupils are invited to take part in a fancy dress competition on Friday 9th May. For a donation of £1 the children can come to school in fancy dress, the theme is Duck Race- they can use their imaginations! There is a prize for the best outfit and also a class prize.

Upcoming Events

See Diary Dates for details.....

Monday 5 May - School Closed for May Day Bank Holiday

Tuesday 6 May - 3.15 - 4.15pm ICS After School Football Club, Rec - Year 6

Wednesday 7 May - 3.15 - 4.15pm Premier Education Athletics Club, Rec - Year 6

Friday 9 May - pupils invited to come to school in Duck Race themed fancy dress for donation of £1 which will go to the Friends to fund treats/trips for pupils.

Sunday 11 May - The Duck Race starts 3pm from Jubilee Bridge through to South Acre Ford. If you would like to donate any baked items for the cakes/savouries stall they would be gratefully received.

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 2/5/2025

Class	%
Rowan	98.56
Whitebeam	97.08
Oak	94.64

The winner of the Attendance Award this week is Rowan Class, well done. Please do better next week Oak Class.








AWARDS



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Rowan Class

Award	Goes to...	For..... 
Reader of the week	Mila	Confidently using her set 2 and set 3 sounds to read words.
Writer of the week 	Tobias	Independently writing a sentence during his own busy learning and using finger spaces and a full stop.
Mathematician of the week	Noel	Using subitising knowledge to support with subtraction. 
Shining Light	Arly	For always demonstrating our school values.
Reads at home	Jaxon, Lexi & Noel Tyler Nathan	10 reads 25 reads 75 readds

Whitebeam Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Isla P	for great reading and moving reading groups
Writer of the week 	Willem	for including fronted adverbials in his writing and for joining his letters
Mathematician of the week	Ivar	for super time telling
Letting your light shine	Whitebeam Class	for representing the school well during our trip to Hunstanton
Tackling Tables 	Sybil Tia Oscar Oliver P Etta	purple addition yellow subtraction green missing numbers, green multiplication, green division, green mixed mini-test yellow addition blue mixed mini-test, blue missing numbers mini-test
Reads at home	Oliver P Brianna	150 reads 50 reads 



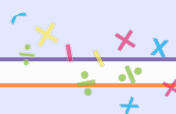



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Oak Class

Award	Goes to...	For..... 
Reader of the week	Lazenby	his confidence in reading out loud to the class
Writer of the week 	Elarni	her independent writing 
Mathematician of the week	Fletcher	showing resilience in all of his maths
Shining Light	Alexander Teddy Finley	his amazing vocabulary in his English lessons. his resilience in his arithmetic his problem solving skills.
Reads at home 	Rosanna	200 reads - bronze bookworm
Tackling Tables	Harry Lola P Molly	blue - mixed mini red - missing numbers mini test red - tackling connections, percentages and decimals



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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.....

Online safety survey; many thanks for all your responses. Please see the attached separate letter for the actions and responses.

In 2021, the Internet Watch Foundation (IWF) reviewed over 250,000 webpages and found 72% to contain self-generated Child Sexual Abuse Material. This is an increase of 163% from the year before. Additionally, they reported a 360% growth in the amount of self-generated CSAM of 7- to 10-year-olds compared to the same period the year before.

Platforms like OnlyFans and Omegle likely contribute to the spread of self-generated sexual imagery as neither have robust age verification checks in place. Please do ensure you know what your children are sharing. There is an excellent video

PRIVACY CONTROLS; some of you asked for more information about these: here are some sources of support:

[Privacy setting guide](#)

[Parental controls advice](#)

[Healthy mind, healthy body](#)

Mental Health awareness; this new part of our newsletter is for sharing our work and strategy on mental health for children and adults in school.

We'd love to have a few volunteer parents to work with us directly on this strategy; if you're interested, please contact Mrs Neary.

Message from the Executive Headteacher....



I am delighted to be able to share with you all our third good Ofsted report from our Federation. Castle Acre Primary Academy has taken effective action to maintain the judgement found at the last inspection. I am very proud of all our Castle Acre staff and Federation team, as all our leaders contribute to each school's success, and all our team contribute by the work they do together. Thank you to our fantastic staff and well done all!

Please could I remind anyone with monies outstanding to pay what they owe; the amount we are owed is making us have to consider not doing some traditional end of term activities as there is zero money in the budget to be able to take them from. Thank you to those who responded to my end of term letter and have done so.

Y6 families, please don't forget to give your children excellent sleep and brain food in the run up to SATS and during the week! We want them to be able to do their best. Keep working hard children!

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

Our Annual Duck Race is on Sunday 11th May 2025, 3pm starting from Jubilee Bridge, Castle Acre and ending at South Acre Ford. Thanks to those families who have returned their Duck Race sheets and monies to school. We would be grateful for donations of baked items for the refreshment stall which can be dropped off at school on Friday 9th or brought to the staff at South Acre from 1.30pm on Sunday or contact Libby (Chair of The Friends) to discuss: Tel 07825 229345 thank you. We hope to see you on Race Day!

Prayer for the Week....

Dear God

Please can you stop the wars that are happening the world.

Amen

By: Tyler G



Thank you as always for your support and partnership,

Head of School
Castle Acre C of E Primary Academy

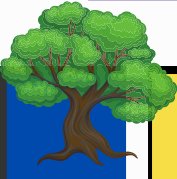
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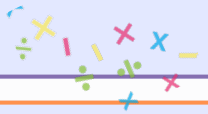

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