



Castle Acre Newsletter for week ending 16th May 2025

The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Well, I take back what I said about summer arriving - it appears to arrived and then left the building. Mrs Neary even resorted to wearing my woollen, winter scarf for lunch duty. Hopefully our wonderful Year 6s wrapped up well for the beach this morning but in my experience, children are fairly resilient to the cold!

I really just want to congratulate everyone for their efforts this week. SATs really is a team effort, especially in a school our size. Firstly, the Year 6s did themselves proud. What amazing superstars they are. The Governor who completed the monitoring visit commented on their really positive attitude and calmness. But we couldn't do it without the rest of the team, being flexible with timetable variations, usage of the hall and borrowing of adults. So a huge thank you and a massive well done. And of course a big thank you to you, our families, for your ongoing support.

Winners of the Duck Race Fancy Dress competition are: 1st - Fletcher, 2nd - Ella, 3rd - Sybil. The class prize was won by Whitebeam. Holly was the winner of the Dilly Duck competition, well done all!

Upcoming Events

See Diary Dates for details.....

Tuesday 20 May - ICS Football Club for Rec-Y6, 3.15 - 4.15pm

Wednesday 21 May - Premier Education Athletics Club for Rec - Y6, 3.15 - 4.15pm

Friday 23rd May - 2.45pm, Parents/Carers of Oak Class pupils invited in to school to their Waterpark Project Showcase

26th - 30th May - School closed for half-term break

Tuesday 3rd June - Speed Kick Challenge

Thursday 5th June - Kwik Cricket at TNHA for Year 5 pupils

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 16/5/2025

Class	%
Rowan	99.85
Whitebeam	95.83
Oak	93.57

The winner of the Attendance Award this week is Rowan class with fabulous attendance, 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	For spotting tricky sounds in the environment.
Writer of the week 	Nalah	Amazing independent writing!
Mathematician of the week	Jaxon	For challenging himself by requesting extra maths work. 
Shining Light	Bonnie Lexi	For helping children make the right choices and leading by example. For trying super hard this week in all areas of learning.
Reads at home		

Whitebeam Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Mason	for super reading during our reading sessions in class this week
Writer of the week 	Etta	for her amazing writing about Grace Darling that she has been working on at home
Mathematician of the week	Ella	for challenging herself during our arithmetic sessions in class
Shining Light	Finlay Toby	for his thoughtfulness and helping others for demonstrating responsibility in his learning through extending his learning at home
Tackling Tables 		None this week
Reads at home		



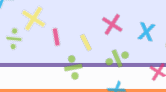



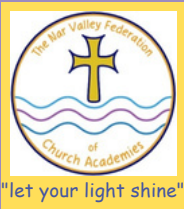
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Oak Class

Award	Goes to...	For..... 
Reader of the week	Brody	being so keen to read The Diary of a Wimpy Kid at every opportunity this week and showing a love for reading.
Writer of the week 	Holly	making an incredible informative leaflet about her River Nar Water Park to persuade visitors to come. 
Mathematician of the week	Molly	working hard on a price list for everything she would need to build her Water Park, including some difficult multiplication.
Shining Light 	Lola P Teddy Amelia	working well with her partner on her project all week and helping other groups when she was finished persevering with his Water Park project even when he found it challenging. being a great role model resiliently working on her project even when she had to do some alone.
Letting Your Light Shine	Year 6 Pupils	working so hard on their SATs without complaining.
Tackling Tables	None this week	



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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.....

New Survey on Smartphones - South West Grid for Learning
The South West Grid for Learning launched a new survey this month. The survey seeks to understand the concerns, expectations and experiences that parents and carers expect to face after giving a child their first smartphone. The overall objective is to map how this milestone is seen by those charged with caring for children. This is a little understood area, despite the impact that smartphones have on children. In particular the role these devices play in introducing children to the digital world. This survey is designed to change that. With concrete insights into how families navigate this transition, the SWGfL seeks to produce a support kit to help with these issues. This survey would be well worth completing, and passing on to carers and parents in your institution. If interested please follow this [link](#).

Roblox and Parental Controls - South West Grid for Learning
Roblox, the popular minecraft 'style' game has announced a new raft of parental controls. The website which ranks among the most popular games for children in the e-space, has previously been accused of possessing weak child protection tools. Their new raft of adaptations is important due to the game's position among school aged children. The new features have been adopted to allow parents to take control of their children's game time in a more comprehensive manner. Parents will now be able to block individuals who communicate with their children, as well as have more detailed oversight over their usage of the programme. Real-time awareness measures have been increased and these changes represent a big step forward in making popular multiplayer games more secure for underaged users. If interested, the South-West Grid for Learning (SWGfL) has produced a comprehensive run down of these changes. Please follow this [link](#).

[Healthy mind, healthy body.](#)

Mental Health awareness;

If you are needing support in this area then a really good source of help is the [NHS website](#). They signpost you to other organisations, such as Young Minds, who are very effective.

Message from the Executive Headteacher....



Well done to all our Y6 children for facing the challenge of SATS. We're really proud of you. Y6 are now ready to work hard on their writing which gets submitted later this term. Ahead of the second Summer half-term, can I please urge you all to remember that term-time holidays cannot usually be authorised and we continue all our curriculum work until the very last few days of term, so it is really important for our children that they don't miss out on this and other opportunities, such as Sports Day. This year we will continue with our very successful Sports Day Finals, which will be held at

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

Please sign up to support Friends Of Castle Acre School, Kings Lynn for free on #easyfundraising today to increase our chances of winning a £500 donation in their new giveaway! Each new person who joins counts as an entry. It's completely free and this prize would make a big difference to our fundraising, plus once you've signed up you can raise free donations for us when you shop online with over 8,000 retailers. Sign up here: <https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/friends-of-castle-acre-school-librarybusproject/sjvzqs/c2s/9WAb5bvi/POTAE/facebook/6>

Prayer for the Week....



Dear God

Thank you for the food we received, thank you for the farmers who spend their day farming the crops

Amen

Thank you as always for your support and partnership,

Head of School
Castle Acre C of E Primary Academy

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