



## Castle Acre Newsletter for week ending 23rd May 2025

The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

Executive Headteacher: Mrs Anne Neary  
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Dear Parents/Carers,

With the final half term holiday of the academic year here, the countdown to the end of the year begins. It is always a bitter sweet time as we reflect on the successes and achievements of our children, start to feel excited about welcoming our new intake but know that it won't be long before we have to sadly say goodbye to other children. However, the next half term is always one for celebration and there are many exciting events happening so keep a close eye on the date sheet, the board outside and we will do our best to keep reminding you. Any questions, please do ask.

We know that when we work together, we get the best results so I have a plea. Whilst it is lovely to see children playing before school and after the end of the day, it is really important that you keep a close eye on your children. We are getting increasingly concerned about the number of very young children, who are making their way down to the gate that leads onto the staff car park. We cannot keep this gate closed as the school bus and families with disabled members park there and need access. We would be devastated if any child got hurt and we know it only takes a split second. So please do watch your children; they are your responsibility during these times. Please also ensure that your children are not riding scooters around the school grounds, thank you. Have a lovely half term holiday and we look forward to seeing you in June!

### Upcoming Events

See Diary Dates for details.....

**Tuesday 3rd June** - Premier Speed Kick Challenge fundraiser for whole school - please get sponsorship over half term, thank you!

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

**Wednesday 4th June** - Premier Education Summer Sports Club for Rec - Y6, 3.15 - 4.15pm

**Thursday 5th June** - Year 5 to Kwik Cricket Competition at Swaffham Cricket Club.

Year 6 Top Up Swimming Session at Dereham Leisure

**Friday 6th June** - **Non Uniform Day** - as a donation, please bring a prize for the Bingo/Raffle planned for 10/6/25, thank you.

3.40pm Meeting re Year 5 Residential for Parents/Carers at Narborough Primary

### 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.

#### Non-uniform Day - Friday 6th June

For this non-uniform day, please could pupils bring an item(s) to school as a donation that could be used as a prize for our Bingo Night & Raffle on 10th June. It could be an unwanted gift or something that could be used to help make a hamper, thank you for your support!

Bingo Night Tuesday 10th June, 6pm at school - raising funds for Maple room. Please see the poster emailed out with this week's newsletter for further details.

**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 23/5/2025

Class	%
Rowan	97.77
Whitebeam	96.89
Oak	94.88

The winner of the Attendance Award this week is Rowan Class with strong attendance. Please do better Oak Class.








# AWARDS



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**Rowan Class**

Award	Goes to...	For..... 
Reader of the week	Bonnie	Super reading during phonics lessons.
Writer of the week 	Indy	Working hard at his handwriting presentation.
Mathematician of the week	Ava	Great work during maths lessons all week. 
Shining Light	Noel Mila	Challenging himself in all areas of learning. Keeping the classroom tidy and being a great team player.
Reads at home	Nathan Charlotte	100 reads 50 reads

**Whitebeam Class**

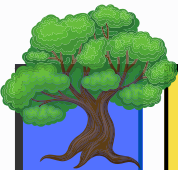
Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Stan	for challenging himself when reading
Writer of the week	Willem	for his newspaper report about Grace Darling
Mathematician of the week 	Isla B	for extending her learning by asking for challenges in maths
Shining Light	Tia Toby	for demonstrating responsibility and hope in her learning for demonstrating responsibility and respect in different situations this week
Tackling Tables 	Etta	
Reads at home		



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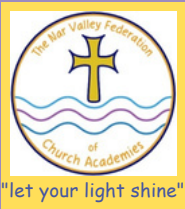


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Oak Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Tyler	working hard on his reading comprehensions.
Writer of the week	Roxanne	working hard on her leaflet for her waterpark.
Mathematician of the week	Isla	working hard on her price list for her waterpark
Shining Light	Molly Fletcher Jess	her presentation of her waterpark. his perseverance in his assessments. her perseverance on her waterpark.
Letting Your Light Shine		
Tackling Tables	Lola. P	Red - MTC taster 3



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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.....

**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 SWGL 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 (SWGL) 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....



Despite it only being a short half term we have managed to pack in lots of learning and events. We are very pleased with the progress of all of the children.

Can I please remind you to settle any balances you may have as we go into the half term otherwise, these monies will take away the opportunities we can offer each school, such as trips and events.

Congratulations to everyone who has ensured their child is in school which makes excellent attendance for the school. This also makes a huge difference to the children's learning.

Have a fantastic half term break and I will see you all really soon.

## 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 our learning and friends and teachers. Thank you for the beautiful flowers and the people around us.

Amen

By: Isla B

Thank you as always for your support and partnership,

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