



Castle Acre Newsletter for week ending 27th June 2025

The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

Executive Headteacher: Mrs Anne Neary
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Dear Parents/Carers,

We seem to be benefitting from a long period of sunshine. A huge thank you to everyone who is sending in their child with a sunhat, sun cream and a water bottle. Having these items means that the children can enjoy their outside time safely, comfortably and enjoyably. Please do continue to send them in. What a fantastic Sports Day! It was lovely to see so many families come to enjoy the event. I am blown away every year by the great sportsmanship of the children, focusing as much on the camaraderie as the winning. And those children who enabled some of our children with additional needs to take part by running with them or cheering them on, I am hugely proud of you; you are a real credit to yourselves, your families and we are grateful to have you as part of Castle Acre Academy. To those of you who kept going to the finish line no matter what, you demonstrated perseverance and really embody our value of courage. And to our parents and staff members, thank you for completing your races with no injury. My forfeit for not taking part (a calculated decision based on Mrs Neary's antics from previous years) is to complete 3 laps of the field (thanks Lola G!); I will, of course, complete my forfeit.

Upcoming Events

See Diary Dates for details.....

Monday 30th June - Active Kids Festival at Lynnsport for Year 1 and Year 2 Group Year 1

Healthy Body, Healthy Mind Workshop at School for Oak pupils

Tuesday 1st July - Y6 trip to Norwich Cathedral for 'Leavers Day'

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

Wednesday 2nd July - Whitwell Residential for Y5 pupils departure day

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

Friday 4th July - Last day of Y5 Whitwell Residential

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.

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 £1 and for that pupils will receive a medal for taking part.

Start thinking about your fancy dress costume for the run!

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 27/6/2025

Class	%
Rowan	97.73
Whitebeam	95.42
Oak	82.86

The winner of the Attendance Award this week is Rowan Class - well done! Another poor attendance week for Oak, please try to do better next week!







AWARDS



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Rowan Class

Award	Goes to...	For..... 
Reader of the week	Lexi	Super speedy reading in phonics.
Writer of the week 	Jaxon	Super independent writing about our trip to the zoo.
Mathematician of the week	Arly	For impressing Miss Everett by counting her coins in fives to pay at the tuck shop.
Shining Light	Tobias Noel	For persevering when a task becomes tricky. For being very polite, using his manners to thank adults and wish them a 'good morning.'
Reads at home	Bonnie	25 reads

Whitebeam Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Ivy	for super comprehension work
Writer of the week 	Finlay	for great work on slogans and for helping a friend write theirs
Mathematician of the week 	Skyla	for super reasoning in maths
Shining Light	Florence Brianna	for demonstrating perseverance during Sports Day for demonstrating perseverance during Sports Day
Tackling Tables 	Tia Toby Florence Ivar Isla P Etta Oscar Oliver P Sybil	Tackling Tables - blue, purple and green
Reads at home	Oliver P Gracie-Mae	200 reads 50 reads

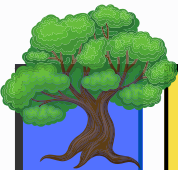






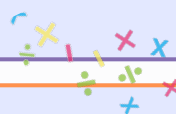

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Oak Class

Award	Goes to...	For..... 
Reader of the week	Charlie	reading and identifying features of a flashback.
Writer of the week 	Amelia	writing a creative flashback scene. 
Mathematician of the week	Roxanne	pushing herself to complete extension work.
Shining Light 	Lola.P Brody Max	being polite and helpful on federation day. showing determination with his learning. showing an eagerness to learn on federation day.
Tackling Tables	Lola P Rowan Cain Finley Isla James Lola G Max Marley	Blue x 6 Blue x 4 Blue x 3 Blue x 5 Blue x 6 and time facts Blue x 2 Blue x 6 Blue Blue x 3
Tackling Tables	Brody Harry Charlie Lazenby Holly Rosanna Tyler Pearl Roxanne Alexander Elarni	Blue x 3 Blue x 3 Blue x 3 Blue x 3 Blue x 6 and Time facts Blue x 5 Blue x 5 Red Red and time facts Blue Blue



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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

Following on from my column last week, I am sending out a Microsoft form to gather your opinions on whether children should have a smartphone or not, and our schools being smartphone free.

There are some very interesting pieces of research regarding the ever-growing opinion that smartphones are toxic for children.

See the piece in the Telegraph, where a pupil received 9,000 Whatsapp messages overnight, leading to the child's school banning smartphones from being brought to school.

There are many schools leading the way in this decision and I am interested in your views, so please do share them and we will discuss this with our Trust, who are considering this issue, and Governors.

Healthy mind, healthy body

Summer holiday competition - we will be running a competition for our children to design a poster to promote having a healthy mind...so get your thinking caps on!

Message from the Executive Headteacher....



I want to say a huge thank you to all our staff for organising such fantastic Federation days. We had our difficulty with the email regarding transport not going out, which made it quite challenging, and for which we apologise for, but everyone pulled together well and the children had a fantastic time. Every single child was wonderfully behaved, engaged so well in all the sawing, decorating, collaging with natural materials, clay face-making and all the other lovely Forest school activities they did, making things with the theme of God's creation and thankfulness that they can decorate our grounds with.
An enormous thank you for dropping off and collecting your children.

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

Thank you that we could spend time with Sporle and Narborough children this week.

Amen

Thank you as always for your support and partnership,

Head of School
Castle Acre C of E Primary Academy

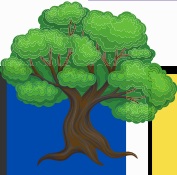
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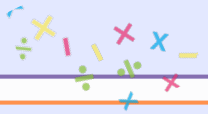

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