

Castle Acre Newsletter for week ending 5th June 2026

The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

Executive Headteacher: Mrs Anne Neary
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Dear Parents/Carers,

Please see the attached Staffing letter for next year.

Upcoming Events

See Diary Dates for details.....

Thursday 11th and 18th June - Year 6 Top Up Swimming at Dereham Leisure (sessions 2 & 3).

Thursday 11th June - 3.30pm Y5 Parents/Carers' information and demonstration session at Castle Acre with Inside Out, regarding the Year 5 Residential.

Monday 15th - Tuesday 16th June - Year 4 Residential at Westacre Theatre.

Thursday 18th June - Rowan and Maple Class Trip to Hunstanton

Friday 19th June - Special Summer Solstice Lunch Menu

3.30 - 4.15pm Teddy Bears Picnic at School for new Reception pupils with their Parents/Carers in the school hall.

Reminders and Information.....

11th June
3:30pm

Year 5 Residential Meeting and demonstration by Inside Out for Parents and Carers at CASTLE ACRE Primary.

Sports Day
Wednesday
24th June
Picnic 12pm
Races 1.15pm

SAVE THE DATE
NATIONAL THANK A
TEACHER DAY 2026



If you would like to send your own free personalised message of thanks to a teacher, please click [here](#) for information

Attendance Awards w/e 5/6/26

Class	%
Rowan	91.42
Whitebeam	94.79
Oak	94.15

There is no winner of the Attendance Award this week as all three classes were below the target of 96%. We hope this will improve next week.



We would like to thank JCS for an amazing day which came at no cost to parents



PE DAYS

On your child's PE day, please send them to school WEARING their FULL PE kit), including trainers. Please send their school shoes and jumper/cardigan in a separate bag to change into afterwards.

Before School Care is available Mon - Fri, from 8am to 8.40am, £2 per session.

After School Care is available Mon - Fri, 3.10pm to 4.30pm, £6 per session.

Tuck Shop is available first thing on Wed and Fri mornings - 40p per day

Military Families.....

Military Club with Mrs Jary is every Thursday lunchtime at Narborough. Eat your lunch, bring a friend and chat! Each week we meet online with our other service children at Castle Acre and Sporle.

We're proud of our Service personnel and proud to support our service families. We have strong links with the RAF base and look forward to our involvement in events.



AWARDS



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Rowan Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Tyler	trying really hard in his new phonics group and for reading multisyllabic words accurately.
Writer of the week	Wilbur	writing a fantastic postcard to the new Reception children.
Mathematician of the week	Noel	trying really hard during maths lessons and applying his knowledge accurately in a recent assessment.
Shining Light	Inika Indie	demonstrating the values of responsibility and kindness. always
Reads at Home	Archie S Tyler	150 reads 50 reads

Our week in Class

We have had another super busy week. The Year 1 children have been completing their reading and maths assessments. Well done!

Reception children have been learning more about doubles and even numbers during mastering number. They are becoming super writers. The children have also been creating some wonderful models and animal worlds.





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Whitebeam Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Lewis	for working well during our reading sessions and answering comprehension questions
Writer of the week	Mila	for writing super sentences with the correct spellings during phonics
Mathematician of the week	Olivia-Rose	for her progress in maths especially when answering reasoning questions
Shining Light Letting your light shine	Josie Indy	for demonstrating increased responsibility when in school for his increased focus when writing this week
Tackling Tables	Stanley Barker Gracie-Mae Nalah Toby Ivy Lewis	Purple mixed addition and subtraction Green missing numbers and red missing numbers Blue superstar and purple subtraction Yellow subtraction Red division Red division
Reads at home		none this week

Our week in Class



Well done Whitebeam for a great week back. You did some wonderful writing about what you had been busy doing over the half term break and have been continuing with your news report about the Spanish Armada. In maths we have been revising multiplication, division, addition and subtraction. In geography this half term we are thinking about navigation with maps and compasses and in science today we made our own compasses! During our geography lesson we identified different symbols used on an Ordnance Survey map. In RE we are thinking about why people have different views about the ideas of God and we had a fantastic class discussion about this.



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Oak Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Tia	taking great care to write detailed entries in her Reading Record.
Writer of the week 	Mason	great focus when writing, to include finger spaces.
Mathematician of the week	Hollie C	working hard to give great, clear answers in class discussion.
Shining Light 	Sybil Logan Tyler	being a polite, responsible member of Oak Class. brilliantly representing our school on a trip and being recognised by other adults for his kindness. his positive, friendly attitude at all times and his willingness to take responsibility and help out.
Tackling Tables		
Reads at home	Molly Rosanna Oliver P	100 reads - gold star 250 reads - silver bookworm 250 reads - silver bookworm

Our week in Class

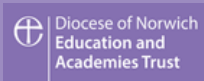
A lovely first week back!

In English, we have been proofreading some longer texts. This is a very difficult skill which requires a great attention to detail. Today, we started to plan a narrative. Our stories will be about two colourful characters who find a mysterious box! We will be including dialogue in this to progress the action.

In Maths, we have been focusing on decimals. We have played two games using both dice and cards, practicing our addition and subtraction and decimals.

On Thursday, Year 4 and 5 went to Sacred Heart Primary for multi-sports. We enjoyed some brilliant activities, such as a Nerf war and dodgeball! It was an absolute treat to take the children - I had comments from other adults from other schools to tell me how brilliant the Castle Acre children were.





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Safeguarding.....

Some information about AI - 26% of schools nationally who use Smoothwall to filter what children are searching for have seen children and young people using AI to make or send deepfakes/nudes. AI has many positive uses, but needs knowledge of what it is and isn't. Has your child explored AI?

Healthy mind, healthy body

Our KS2 children across the Federation have been experiencing the West Norfolk School Sports Partnership Active School programme sessions on how to have a healthy mind and healthy body delivered through classroom activity sessions and then games and movement outside. We have also taken part in the Young Leaders course and the Gamechangers course. Well done all!

Message from the Executive Headteacher....

Alongside the staffing letter, we are sad to let you know that Miss Davison, who has worked with us since the start of her career in our Maple group, is moving on to pastures new towards the end of this term, having made the choice to be nearer where her children go to school. We thank Miss Davison for all she has done, and are proud of her for beginning her Teaching Assistant career with us, and for being able to go on to a role in a special school. We warmly wish her all the very best. You will also see we have some staff working in a number of classrooms, depending on the learning needs of our children.

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

Our school needs your help! We need a shed to store the precious outdoor play equipment. Can you help? If families could give £5-10 each we could smash our target and help the lunchtime team to get a shed in place in no time! We realise not everyone is in a position to donate. Perhaps you can help in other ways? Let me know? libbyofirth@gmail.com

Libby Firth, Chair of Friends, Tel: 07825 229345

Prayer for the Week.....

Dear Lord

Let us always be thoughtful for those who help us and remember we all need help at times

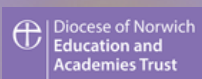
Amen

By: Finn

Thank you as always for your support and partnership,

Head of School
Castle Acre C of E Primary Academy

Executive Headteacher
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Castle Acre, Narborough and Sporle C of E Primary Academy



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Healthy Body, Healthy Mind



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Healthy Body 🍌 Healthy Mind 😊

🚫 Healthy Body 🍌 ✓

To have a healthy body you could exercise and workout regularly.



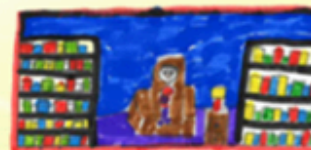
Eating fruit and veges are another form of having a healthy body.

Sweets are very unhealthy because they are full of sugar.



📖 Healthy Mind 🚫

Reading helps with your spelling as well as your mind.



Education is also a good thing for your mind.

Video games aren't very good for your mind.





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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/
<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>