



Castle Acre Newsletter for week ending 12th June 2026

The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

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Dear Parents/Carers,

What a week it has been with the weather - slightly biblical! I am not sure I even know what to suggest to wear any more. We've had a really productive week in school with lots of assessments and opportunities for children to show how brilliant they are. We have been super impressed with the way the children have conducted themselves throughout as we know it can be tricky for some.

It was an absolute pleasure to be able to send Molly, her mum and Miss Taylor to meet and have lunch with the Bishop on Tuesday afternoon to recognise Molly's amazing contribution to school. As we have said, we were only allowed to choose one pupil and she was shortlisted by the pupils. We could have chosen many.

It is getting very busy now so please check the dates sheet. Have a lovely weekend - fingers crossed for sunshine!

Emma Spaul, Head of School

Upcoming Events

See Diary Dates for details.....

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

Tuesday 16th June - Year 5 Trip to Norwich Cathedral as part of The Benedictine Project - Art focus

Thursday 18th June (last one) - Year 6 Top Up Swimming at Dereham Leisure (session 3 of 3).

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.....

Please complete our Wraparound Care Survey via the link which was emailed earlier this week, your views are important to us, thank you.

Y4 Residential Performance at 1.30pm on Tuesday 15th at Westacre Theatre

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

Attendance Awards w/e 12/6/26

Class	%
Rowan	93.61
Whitebeam	89.05
Oak	97.5

The clear winners of the Attendance Award this week are Oak Class, well done for achieving higher than target attendance of 97.5%. We hope Whitebeam and Rowan can do better next week.



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	Freddie	working really hard in phonics lessons.
Writer of the week	Ethan	beautiful presentation and great sentences in Drawing club.
Mathematician of the week	Percy	great participation during maths inputs.
Shining Light	Nathan Amelie Ivy	demonstrating respect and kindness and for working hard in all subjects. always being kind, helpful and for sharing your smiles all day long! completing English and Maths at home all by yourself.
Reads at Home	Charlotte Ivy	150 100

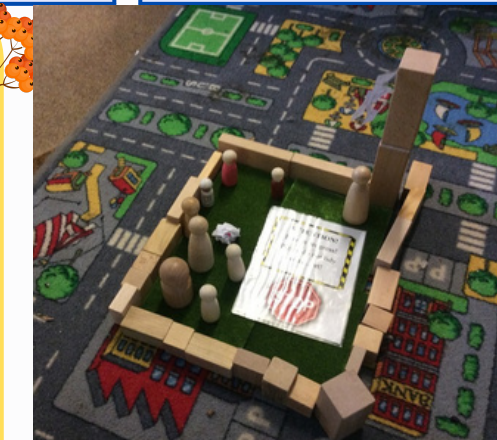
Our week in Class

Another fabulous week in Rowan class.

We had lots of fun making snow dough, the children enjoyed kneading the mixture, and it smelt of raspberries.

During their own busy learning time the children made a football stadium, ready for the World Cup tournament! A Year 1 child decided to add football players and a football.

The Year 1 children are working hard in Literacy, and next week will be writing a postcard. Reception children have been exploring pirate stories.





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Whitebeam Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Ivy	for super comprehension work this week
Writer of the week	Florence	for her creative and imaginative writing
Mathematician of the week	Gracie-Mae	for her enthusiasm and great results in arithmetic
Shining Light	Arly Skyla	for demonstrating kindness and always being willing to help for always demonstrating our school values but especially responsibility
Tackling Tables	Mila Ivy Arly Olivia-Rose Nalah Skyla Florence Toby Lewis Stanley B Ella	Blue multiplication mini test, x 5, x 2 Red MTC taster 3, green mixed Blue division 5 Blue x 5, multiplication mini test Blue multiples, purple + and - , purple missing numbers Red simplifying fractions Green superstar Yellow mixed + and - Green mixed, Red mixed, Purple missing numbers Red simplifying fractions
Reads at home	Arly Ava and Ella	250 reads 150 reads

Our week in Class

Well done Whitebeam for another super week of learning. The children have been very flexible and considerate as the Y3, Y4 and Y5 children have had their Pixl assessments this week. In RE we have explored what Christians believe God is like from looking at a variety of paintings, Bible quotes and Bible stories. Next week we will add to our lists after listening to music. In geography the children learnt about the compass points and followed directions on a map using them and in music we played along to different tunes on the recorder. In PE we have been practising our athletic skills ready for Sports Day! We have been learning/ revising telling the time in maths.








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Oak Class

Award	Goes to...	For..... 
Reader of the week	Lola	excellent, consistent confidence when answering tricky reading questions.
Writer of the week 	Henry	wonderful contributions to our class write - you have a talent for storytelling!
Mathematician of the week	Darcy C	all her hard work in Maths, which has paid off with incredible improvement in her Maths PIXLs!
Shining Light 	Hazel Molly Holly D	her courage and ever growing confidence in school! her determination to never back down from challenges, no matter how difficult they seem. always being willing to take responsibility and teach others in the school.
Tackling Tables	Finlay Faye	Green - mixed mini test Green - multiplication mini test
Reads at home		

Our week in Class

Hi folks,

Year 4 and 5 have worked so hard on their PiXLs this week! It's wonderful to see all of their progress. All of their hard work is paying off!

In English this week, we have been writing a narrative with dialogue. We have been looking at writing purely for the purpose of entertaining a reader, and how we can make effective choices. Our narratives are about two characters who discover a box with a surprise inside...

In Maths, we played with 3D shapes and isometric drawing today! Drawing 3D images on isometric paper is a bit of a brain-teaser. The children had to sketch shapes they made out of multi-link cubes, and they did very well!

Year 4 have their residential on Monday and Tuesday next week. Please double check the kit list, make sure you have everything you need. I'm looking forward to it!

Have a great weekend,
Mr Conway





Safeguarding.....

We have heard recently that some children have seen some inappropriate images on YouTube Shorts. Please be aware of this.

Healthy mind, healthy body

Our children's tips:

Message from the Executive Headteacher...

Bishop's Ambassador Awards

Congratulations to Molly who was chosen from all of our Shining Lights as someone who encapsulates all our school values, everyday, all year.

Molly, their family and Miss Tylor attended the Bishop's Garden for a lovely lunch and ceremony.



Congratulations to Molly and Miss Taylor who was chosen to accompany her. We are very proud of them all.

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 remember that we should appreciate our family and friends that can help us through life.

Amen

By: Molly

Thank you as always for your support and partnership,

Head of School
Castle Acre 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.



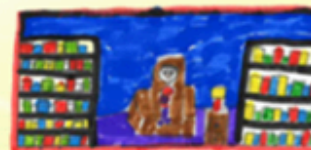
Eating fruit and veges are another form of having a healthy body.

Sweets are very unhealthy because they are full of sugar.



📖 Healthy Mind 🚫

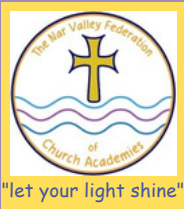
Reading helps with your spelling as well as your mind.



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/>