

Castle Acre Newsletter for week ending 19th June 2026

The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

Executive Headteacher: Mrs Anne Neary
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Dear Parents/Carers,

It's been a really busy week. We kicked it off with Year 4 residential where our children had a lovely time. It was really great to see them develop different friendships with children across the federation and they all coped amazingly for their first time away with the school. I'm not so sure I enjoyed the dismantling of the 4 bell tents! A huge thank you has to go to the staff who supported this, to Mrs Neary for organising it and to West Acre Theatre for hosting it. I enjoyed going to see the Y6s swim yesterday. They were doing lots of life saving activities as it is Drowning Prevention Week.

It is getting very hot. Please make sure your child brings in a sun hat and a water bottle. We do make sure they take regular drink breaks and they can access their water bottle at all times. Finally, I would just like to say a HUGE thank you to all the staff as it was Thank A Teacher Day on Wednesday. They really do go above and beyond and I couldn't do it without them. Thank you to those of you who sent in a kind message too. Have a lovely weekend.

Emma Spaul, Head of School

Upcoming Events

See Diary Dates for details.....

Tuesday 23rd June - 6pm Welcome Meeting for new Reception intake families.

Wednesday 24th June - 12 midday - Sports Day Picnic Lunch on playing field, Parents/Carers invited. Followed by Sports Day Races from 1pm.

Thursday 25th June - Mini Medics course at school for Y3 pupils in the morning and Year 2 pupils in the afternoon.

Friday 26th June - Non-uniform day - shed fundraiser.

Monday 29th June - Active Kids Festival for Year 2 pupils at Lynnsport in the morning.

Monday 29th to Tuesday 30th June - Year 5 Residential at Inside Out.

Attendance Awards w/e 19/6/26

Class	%
Rowan	91.65
Whitebeam	94.41
Oak	94.22

Unfortunately we are unable to assign the Attendance Award this week as all three classes were below target. We hope for better attendance next week in each class, thank you.



Reminders and Information.....

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



Please complete our Wraparound Care Survey [here](#) as your views are important to us, thank you.



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 	Wilbur	for reading the starter questions with great accuracy.
Writer of the week	Ivy	For great descriptive sentences about pirate ships. 
Mathematician of the week	Jaxon	for working independently during lessons and for trying his best.
Shining Light	Freya Archie E	always demonstrating kindness. taking responsibility to keep our classroom tidy.
Reads at Home		

Our week in Class

This week, Rowan class went on their trip to Hunstanton.

We had a great time playing on the park, eating ice cream and building sandcastles on the beach.

Year 1 children have been continuing to write about pirate ships in preparation for their independent write.

Reception children have been drawing and writing about the Ladybird that went to the seaside.





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Whitebeam Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Olivia-Rose	for her willingness to read and the progress she has made
Writer of the week	Nalah	for her super work in grammar, punctuation and spelling
Mathematician of the week	Ella	for her amazing work in arithmetic and reasoning assessments
Shining Light	Mila Ivar	for always being kind, thoughtful and doing her best for his super attitude towards learning and his increased focus
Tackling Tables	Ivy Isla Nalah Olivia-Rose Toby Skyla Arly Ella Florence Lewis	blue missing numbers and multiples red MTC 1, 2, 3 and red multiplication green mixed & missing numbers, purple subtraction missing numbers and superstar, red MTC 1, 2, 3 blue x 2 time facts superstar blue 2 division, purple addition red superstar yellow missing numbers, addition purple subtraction
Reads at home	Indy Lewis	75 reads 250 reads

Our week in Class

Well done Whitebeam for another busy week of learning. As part of our work on time in maths, with links to science, we set up an investigation outside to record the journey of the shadow of a friend and watched how it moved. We have been learning new songs in maths to help us remember the months of the year and how many days there are in each month. In English, we have started to write instructions about the activity we carried out, drawing round shadows outside.









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Oak Class

Award	Goes to...	For..... 
Reader of the week	Libby	her incredible performances as Alice in our play.
Writer of the week 	Brianna	always trying her best to improve her writing, using interesting vocabulary.
Mathematician of the week	Etta	brilliant, clear answers in Maths lessons, proving how hard she works and how well she listens. 
Shining Light 	Logan Fletcher	great, characterful acting as part of our play. wonderful confidence when reading his lines for the play.
Tackling Tables	Oscar Tyler	Red - fraction of amounts. Red - multiples mini test.
Reads at home		

Our week in Class

Hi all,

As ever, a lovely week! We started with the Year 4 residential, which was such a pleasure! Every single child was wonderful. It's a scary thing to be away from home, but all of Year 4 were brave. Their performance at the end was outstanding! It was a joy to see the children so confident and proud of their abilities.

For the rest of the week, the drama continued! We have started working on our summer play: Alice The Musical! Inspired by Alice in Wonderland, the show is going to be an adventure filled with music and madness.

Just so you know, we don't need children to buy any costumes for the play. We will ask children to use clothes that they already own and will share more information about this later. The play will be held on the 10th July!

Thanks,
Mr Conway





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Safeguarding.....

Social media ban;
You may have seen in the news that the Government are now clear that children under 16 should not be on social media. As you may know from reading these columns, we have had many experiences this year where children in our schools being on social media has caused distress. We ask you to seize this opportunity, talk to your children and explain that they cannot use it, delete apps, consider your children not having a smartphone at all and together we can ensure that our children are safer and healthier, which often means happier. Thank you for your support.

Announcing our Summer holiday competition!

Just in case you want to get started early... we're asking our children to grow a plant to bring in in September, to fit with our Healthy Body, Healthy Mind work.

Healthy mind, healthy body

Healthy Body, Healthy Mind.
After some excellent tips from children last week, here are some ideas from the staff on how to stay healthy and happy:
a cup of tea outside in the morning with the fresh air can really help start my weekend well! Mrs Neary

- sitting in the shade in the garden listening to birdsong Mrs Painter and Miss Howman
- Getting rid of frustration by shouting into a large space outside

Message from the Executive Headteacher...

Year Four Residential to Westacre Theatre:

Our Year Four children went off to Westacre Theatre at the beginning of this week, and returned as actors, having done a wonderful job of learning and performing scenes from Romeo and Juliet, with some beautiful acting, speaking and dance moves!! We also went on a trail into the woods to find wood for a shelter, climbed some trees and swung in the forest school area and toasted and ate marshmallows and S'mores. There was a wonderfully creative art workshop with local artist Carolyn Ash, and the children's swords and masks were unique. We want to congratulate all our children on being so wonderful, thank our families for enabling the children to go and coming to watch the show, all at Westacre theatre including Sadie and the amazingly talented Camilla, who worked with our children so hard for a day and a half, the Birkbeck family for lending us their tents (and helping to put them up!) and of course our fantastic staff who gave up their time at home, their nice comfortable beds and most of their sleep... but it was worth it! Thank you Mr Conway, Miss Roberts and Mrs Painter, and Mrs Gathercole for doing the days, and Mrs Spaul for heroically putting up and packing down the tents she didn't even get to sleep in!

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

I hope we can stop wars and be kind to others and we all can care so others feel welcome and happy

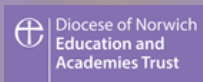
Amen

By: Teddy

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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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 🚫

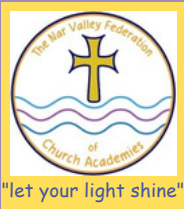
Reading helps with your spelling as well as your mind.



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/>