

Castle Acre Newsletter for week ending 26th June 2026

The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

Executive Headteacher: Mrs Anne Neary
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Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to say a huge well done and thank you to our children and staff for being resilient in the heat. We have put many measures in place to try to keep everyone cool including fans in the classrooms, constant access to drinks and reminders to drink, shorter times outside, time in the Forest School and lots of sedentary activities. I have also just seen Mrs McGarrell delivering melon and oranges to the classrooms but none has materialised in my office. Maple have enjoyed water trays outside too. A big thank you to Sadie from Westacre Theatre for donating some extra fans today. We had a great sports day and I think the water race is going to stay. We will find time when it is cooler to do the morning events.

Next week we have our transition days on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. It is a lovely opportunity for children to get to know their new teachers and classrooms. We will send out a message on Tuesday about drop off and pick up arrangements. If you wish to speak to your child's new teacher then please contact the school office.

Have a really lovely weekend and whilst we never want to complain about warmth, I do hope that it cools down just a little. Stay safe, drink plenty and stay in the shade.

Thank you for your continued support. Emma Spaul

Upcoming Events

See Diary Dates for details.....

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.

Tuesday 30th June - Mini Medics for Y3 AM and Y2 PM (postponed from last week by WNSSP).

Wednesday 1st to Friday 3rd July - Transition Days.

Wednesday 1st July - 1.30 to 2.30pm new Reception pupils visit class with their parents/carers.

Thursday 2nd July - 1.15 to 2.45pm, new Reception pupils visit class on their own.

Friday 3rd July - 9.30 - 11.30am, new Reception pupils visit class on their own.

Attendance Awards w/e 26/6/26

Class	%
Rowan	86.00
Whitebeam	80.00
Oak	88.13

There is no class winner of the Attendance Award this week as all are below target. We appreciate there have been absences due to the extreme heat. We hope for better attendance in cooler conditions next week.



Reminders and Information.....




Email
sally.macgregor
@kids.org.uk for
more info



flourish
Summer Holidays
Schedule for all
Parents/Carers



Scan here to book



Non-Uniform Day
Thank you for all the donations. We raised over £43.00 towards a shed for our school.

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



Westacre Theatre
NAR VALLEY KIDS DISCOUNT CODE
Please see attached flyer



BUGSY MALONE
...in a week!
Mon 20 - Fri 24 July
10am - 4pm for ages 8 - 11 yrs old
Fri performance 4:30pm
£150 FOR A WEEK OF DRAMA

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	Archie E	For super fred talk whilst reading to an adult
Writer of the week	Freya	For amazing independent writing during your own busy learning time.
Mathematician of the week	Noel	For great independent maths.
Shining Light	Nathan Mia	For taking great care of our class reading corner. For being a super helpful and kind member of Rowan class.
Reads at Home	Freya	150

Our week in Class

Another fabulous week in Rowan class!

The children enjoyed RE morning where we wrote prayers about the world and animals.

In science, the children have been labelling parts of a human body, for example, head, leg, wrist, ankle, arm, shoulder, foot.

On Wednesday during our annual sports day, the children raced against their peers with great determination. Well done everyone.





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Whitebeam Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Arly	for always being prepared to read out loud in class
Writer of the week	Ava	for working hard on the presentation of her handwriting
Mathematician of the week	Toby	for mentally answering challenging multiplication questions
Captains of our own learning	Skyla Nalah	for taking care of our environment by using their own litter pickers to collect rubbish around Swaffham
Tackling Tables	Florence Lewis Nalah Ivy	Time facts and yellow applying number bonds blue multiples green multiples red missing numbers
Reads at home		

Our week in Class

Wow, this has been a very hot week but well done to everyone in Whitebeam. You demonstrated super sportsmanship during Sports Day as you cheered each other on and congratulated your friends after the races. In RE we listened to different worship songs to see if we could learn more from them about the character of God and in Geography, the children compared an aerial view of a town and a sketch of a town. Well done to Skyla and Nalah who both received vouchers and chose to buy litter pickers with them. They shared the following photos with the children in worship as they took their litter pickers into Swaffham to collect litter.

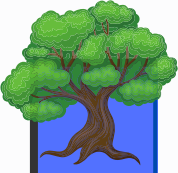






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Oak Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week		
Writer of the week 		
Mathematician of the week		
Shining Light 	Oscar Alexander Rosanna	for being amazing in the practice of the school play. for being amazing in the practice of the school play. for being amazing in the practice of the school play.
Reads at home	Alexander	200 reads - bronze bookworm
Tackling Tables	Finlay Hazel Oliver P Molly Darcy B Teddy	Red - mixed mini test Blue - divide by 10 Red - mixed numbers & improper fractions Red - fractions of amounts Blue - divide by 2 Blue - times by 2

Our week in Class

Hi all,

Bit warm, isn't it?

A lot of our week has been dedicated to play practice! The next two weeks are super busy so we have learned the bulk of our performance early. As they always do, Oak Class have blown my (already high) expectations away - we have some incredible performers!

If possible, please could you sit with your children over the next few weeks and help them learn their lines along with the lyrics to songs. The link to the songs is here: https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PL3Fu6dqj7S2jqu5_58yN8aDxypOU9I5cD&si=9EUCSjTe3d_0Vm1R

Next week, Year 5 are on residential for Monday and Tuesday. Children need to be dropped off at school. Please double check the kit list, make sure your child has what they need. Year 4 and 6 will be with Mrs Harris.

Thanks very much!
Mr Conway





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Safeguarding.....

Ahead of September, please do not forget that we do NOT accept smartphones into school unless there is a medical exception.

Also, there are continuing issues for children on whatsapp groups - given the social media ban that is coming in, please consider taking your children off or not allowing them to join whatsapp and in this way, hopefully there will be fewer issues for everyone.

Many thanks for your support.

Healthy mind, healthy body

Staying cool physically to help us stay cool mentally seems very helpful at the moment! One of our children told me this week that when we're cross our bodies get hot and that makes us crosser! Quite true, so stay cool everyone!

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.

Message from the Executive Headteacher....

Thank you all for being so sensible during what has been an extremely hot week. Thank you too for your participation in our three Sports' Days; it has been wonderful to see adults modelling to children how we participate, give our best, win and lose! A big thank you to our staff for organising this.

It has also been lovely this week to meet our new Reception 26 children; we've got good sized classes at each of our schools, which is excellent news. If you know of anyone who doesn't have a school space locally and needs help and support, we do have a few places across the Federation - but not many at all - so do let them know.

Well done to our children this week for still managing to do their end of year writing, practise their productions and give their all in Sports Day too!

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

Help us to appreciate our families and who we have. Help us to understand that some children do not have families or anyone to protect them.

Amen

By: Tia I

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 Healthy Mind ☺

<p>Healthy Body ✓</p>	<p>Healthy Mind ✗</p>
<p>To have a healthy body you could exercise and workout regularly.</p> 	<p>Reading helps with your spelling as well as your mind.</p> 
<p>Eating fruit and veges are another form of having a healthy body.</p> 	<p>Education is also a good thing for your mind.</p> 
<p>Sweets are very unhealthy because they are full of sugar.</p> 	<p>Video games aren't very good for your mind.</p> 



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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/>