



## Castle Acre Newsletter for week ending 6th October 2023

The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

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Here we are, more than half way through the half term already. Just 2 weeks to go until the break. The mornings are now dark when we get up and the evenings are definitely drawing in so we are working hard on making sure that we remain smiley, cheerful and enthusiastic about the day ahead. We have had a great week with plenty of learning and extra-curricular opportunities. We started our week with our Harvest Festival in church. Thank you to all of those who joined us and donated items. The children performed and sang beautifully. Elsewhere, Reception Year are working really hard on their phonics at the moment and are beginning to blend words. Whitebeam have continued with their work on The Firework-Maker's Daughter and are now writing stories. Oak Class have been We sent 12 children from Oak Class to a Tag Rugby Tournament at The Nicholas Hamond Academy. I joined them while they were practising and witnessed some excellent teamwork. They then went on to play a couple of matches and won them, so well done to those children who represented us. We have another couple of competitions coming up and we look forward to our children representing us at those.

### Upcoming Events this week

See Diary Dates for details.....

**Tuesday 10th Oct:** Whitebeam Class attending a Football Festival at The Nicholas Hamond Academy

5.30pm - 7.30pm Opening Evening at TNHA

**Thursday 12th Oct:** Rowan Class Parent Cafe, 1.45pm

**Friday 13th Oct:** Babies & Toddlers Group in the school hall weekly 9am - 11am (parents/carers stay with their children)



### Reminders and Information.....



Don't forget we have Before School Care available Monday to Friday from 8am to 8.40am which costs £2 per session. Also, new from this term, we have After School Care available Monday to Friday to 4.30pm and the cost of this is £6 per session. Bookings for these can be made through the school office

Please can children bring in coats and wellies every day. The weather has now turned and is damp and chilly. We like to take the children out as much as possible and it is important they are warm and dry.

We have now started our tuck shop which is being run by Esther (one of our Head Pupils) and her team. It opens on a Wednesday and Friday for morning break and each item is 40p.

You are welcome to bring in a snack for your child's morning break but please can these be either fruit or vegetables. Please note that Reception - Y2 pupils are entitled to a free piece of fruit/veg.

On Friday 27th October at 7.30pm in Shouldham Village Hall, there is a play about songs that leave and come back again by Mountain Music, if any parent is interested.

### Attendance Awards w/e 6/10/2023

Class	%
Rowan	100
Whitebeam	91.6
Oak	100

Well done to Rowan and Oak Classes for 100% attendance this week!

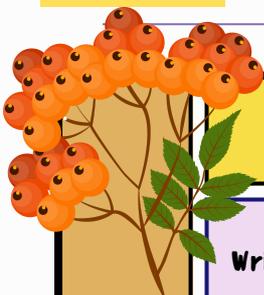




# AWARDS

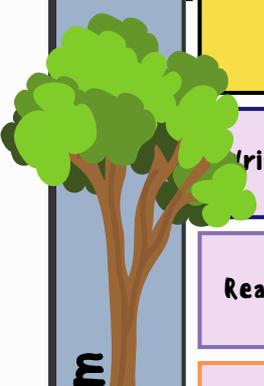


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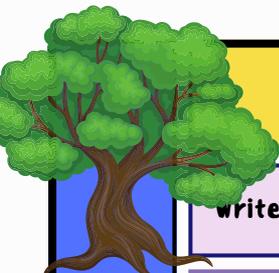
### Rowan Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Writer of the week 	Ivy 	using amazing adjectives in her sentences.
Reader of the week	Ella	super reading in phonics.
Mathematician of the week	Bobbi 	fantastic number line work -counting in 2s 5 s and 10s.
Shining Light	Harry Toby Etta	showing respect and kindness to the animals and creatures in our outdoor area showing awareness of other people's feelings and then showing them kindness. extending her learning by visiting a train museum and finding train books at home to share with the class.



### Whitebeam Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Writer of the week	Alexander 	For a great score on a grammar and punctuation assessment
Reader of the Week	Fletcher	For fantastic reading
Mathematician of the week	Carter 	super work on number bonds and using them to complete challenges
Shining Light 	Tyler Logan	for challenging himself and taking responsibility for his learning for having a positive mindset and for always being willing to 'have a go'



### Oak Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Writer of the week 	Izzy	well sequenced narrative on 'The Man on the Moon'
Reader of the Week	James	volunteering and reading confidently in Science. 
Mathematician of the week	Steele	fully engaging in his learning about factors and multiples
Shining Light Letting Your Light Shine 	Aleashia Pearl	for consistently looking out for others for constantly showing our school values



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### Safeguarding.....

The NSPCC website has a huge range of resources to support families: See below:

[nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe](http://nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe)

#### Attendance:

Please do continue to keep ensuring your children come into school each day. It helps them build relationships, secure their learning and allows them to develop new skills.

Please avoid term-time holidays because we do not want to have to issue fines (no-one benefits from these) and it makes it very difficult for the children in school. We do consider each circumstance but you must talk to us before you book. Thank you.

### Message from the Executive Headteacher...

As this half-term progresses, it is a real privilege to see the children's learning and to see the progress that they are making be demonstrated in their books.

It is also a real joy to talk to children about their learning and see their faces light up when they realise that they have understood something.

Our Trust colleagues came in during this week and they were very complimentary about our schools and all the hard work we are doing to make our curriculum as exciting and engaging for the children as possible.

Please keep doing the children's reading, spellings and number bonds or multiplication tables with them at home as it really does make a huge difference for them.

Thank you!

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

The Friends are pleased to announce that their Christmas Fayre will take place on Sunday 3rd December 2023, 12 - 3pm at the school, so please save the date! The Friends would be very pleased to hear from any parents if they can help run a stall, tombola, raffle or the refreshments stand. There will be a collection box at school near the bike shed from next week for donations of chocolates/bottles or any items that could be used as tombola or raffle prizes. All donations and offers of help will be gratefully received!

### Prayer for the Week....

Dear Lord,

Thank you for giving us the opportunities and the skills to take part in lots of different events in and out of school.

Amen



Thank you as always for your support and partnership,

Head of School  
Castle Acre C of E Primary Academy

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