



## Castle Acre Newsletter for week ending 22nd September 2023

The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

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We have had another fabulous week here at Castle Acre. We have settled back into our routines and our learning is well under way. Years 4, 5 and 6 started their swimming lessons this week. Despite it being my day off, I wanted to go and see how they got on. They did really well and the swimming coach said how well our children could swim and what a fantastic attitude they have. It was no surprise to me as our children do have an excellent attitude.

The children in our Reception Year and our other new members seem to have settled in really well and it is like they have always been here. It is lovely to see our older children take them under their wing and look after them and show them the ropes. Some of them have a real natural talent for caring and encouraging our younger members.

Our extra-curricular activities are now beginning in earnest so please do keep an eye on the date sheet and reminders coming through via emails and Class Dojo.

### Upcoming Events this week

See Diary Dates for details.....

Mon 25th: Tamion's Club Rec - Y2

Wed 27th: Multi-Sports Club Y3-6

Thurs 28th:  
Swimming for Years 4-6 - please  
remember your swimming kit.

Multi-Sports Club Rec - Y2

Lynnsport event for team of Y1  
and Y2 pupils



### Attendance Awards.....

Class	%
Rowan	100
Whitebeam	100
Oak	98.09

Well done to  
Rowan and Whitebeam  
Classes



### 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

Just a couple of requests:

If someone else will be picking up your child, you must let the office know. We will not them go with anyone we are not expecting.

Please make sure all uniform items are named - we already have a collection of jumpers and cardigans whose owners cannot be identified!

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. Tuck Shop will begin week beginning 2nd October, further details will follow.



# AWARDS

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			Rowan Class		
Award	Goes to...	For.....			
Writer of the week	Oscar	carefully formed handwriting			
Reader of the week	Isla B	amazing reading at home and in class			
Mathematician of the week	Isla P	showing great mathematical knowledge			
Shining Light	Skyla Mila Tia	fantastic listening to instructions great attitude to her learning: showing school values			
Award	Goes to...	For.....	Whitebeam Class		
Writer of the week	Molly	Getting her Pen Licence as she is forming all her letters correctly, sitting them on the line and is beginning to join			
Reader of the Week	Brody	Early morning reading work - scoring 25/25!			
Mathematician of the week	Alexander	fluent mental arithmetic with instant recall			
Shining Light	Carte Holly	Particularly responsibility this week, for letting us know that younger children were not making the right choices and telling adults Holly - for always demonstrating our school values			
Award	Goes to...	For.....	Oak Class		
Writer of the week	Alex	his use of amazing vocabulary in his narrative			
Reader of the Week	Esther-Rae	confidence in reading in front of others			
Mathematician of the week	Ruby	good use of number			
Shining Light Letting Your Light Shine	Roxanne Mason and Declan	always showing kindness to others being kind to a Reception child			



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### Safeguarding.....

(Info from DSL for e.g.)

This link is for a very hard-hitting campaign about how vulnerable our young people are to taking nude selfies and sharing them, so please do have a read, as we need to prepare our children to guard against this no matter how old they are now.

<https://www.iwf.org.uk/about-us/our-campaigns/talk-and-gurls-out-loud-self-generated-child-sexual-abuse-prevention-campaign/>

Please don't forget to keep making sure your child is in school - every day in school gives them a greater chance of success in the future.

### Message from the Executive Headteacher....

Courageous Advocacy; this half-term in our Collective Worship we are learning about Courageous Advocacy, which means using all our school values to stand for something that you believe in; maybe something that needs changing, or a cause that needs your help, or just saying to somebody 'that's not the right thing to do'. We know that there are many of our children who do this at home, out of school or in school and so we would really like some examples of this to celebrate through this newsletter. Our school motto 'Letting your Light Shine', from Matthew Ch5 V 16, means to us being the best person that you can be, and courageous advocacy is a wonderful way to do this. So if your child has shown this at home or out of school - maybe through choosing a charity that they want to raise money for, or through volunteering somewhere then please let us know via the office so that we can celebrate them each week. People who are courageous in their advocacy are like lighthouses, offering hope in the journey of life, which can often go through choppy waters.

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

AGM on Thursday 28th September, 1pm at Laura Patrick's house - see Miss Howman in the office for details or parent Libby Firth (Chair)

### Prayer for the Week....

Dear Lord,

Thank you for our holiday times and bringing us safely back to school. Help me to use my eyes to see new friends. Open my ears so that I may listen to my teacher. Open my mind to learn new things. Help me to learn and grow each and every day, so that I can do the very best I can throughout this new school year. Let my heart love everyone around me as you love us.



Thank you as always for your support and partnership,

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Castle Acre C of E Primary Academy

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