



## Castle Acre Newsletter for week ending 15th November 2024

The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

Executive Headteacher: Mrs Anne Neary  
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### Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for supporting Children in Need Day. The children looked fabulous in their spots from the very subtle pair of socks or headband to full on onesies! We raised a super £86.70 for a really good cause.

I would like to congratulate Isla and Finley who were able to attend the Remembrance Service on Sunday and read out names of the fallen. Father Richard said that they did a fantastic job, spoke with confidence and represented the school really well. He made a point of saying that we should be proud of them and they should be proud of themselves. So a really big well done; we are indeed very proud of you.

Thank you to those who attended the service on Monday. I am always struck by how well all our children, especially the youngest, understand the poignancy of the moment and stand in silence. Our display of poppies along with the wreaths laid on Sunday made a very touching display. I have now moved them into the church so that they last a little longer. It is moments like these and our other church services where I am reminded why I have made a deliberate choice to work in church schools as I feel we belong to a community where our values run through our core. Due to the trip today we have not done awards, so they will be done on Monday instead and Class Dojos sent out to inform Parents/Carers.

### Upcoming Events for w/c 18/11/24

See Diary Dates for details.....

Mon 18th - Tamion's Super Challenge Time  
After school Club

Tues 19th - Flu Vaccination all year groups.  
Please ensure you have clicked on the link in the  
letter or email from Vaccination UK sent via  
Arbor to either give OR decline consent so they  
don't need to contact you on the day, thank you.

Gymnastics After School club with ICS

Wed 20th - SIAMS Inspection at Castle Acre

Football After School Club with ICS & Multi-  
Sports After School Club with Premier

Fri 22nd - Rowan Class Trip to Sandringham  
Woods

### Reminders and Information.....

#### Year 6 Residential

Following from feedback from parents, this year we have decided to separate the Year 5 and 6 residentials. The Year 6 residential this year will be 29th-31st January at Horstead Centre. If you were unable to join the meeting for Parents and Carers at Sporle school on Friday 15th November please don't hesitate to contact us if you or your child have any questions about the residential. **Please remember that the deadline to pay the deposit via Arbor is next Friday, 22nd November, thank you. If this deadline is tricky for you, please contact the school office or speak with your Head of School.**

Parent/Carers' Forums - details will be out soon.

Parent/Carer's Cafes - details will be out soon.

#### Clothing/Kit for School

It is really important that at this time of year, your child comes to school with the right clothing for the weather. They should have in their bags everyday, a jacket or coat and any other appropriate items of clothing for the time of year eg sun hat/ woolly hat. Also, they need a pair of wellies to leave in school to be able to go on the field at this time of year.

**Before School Care** is available Mon - Fri from 8am to 8.40am at £2 per session. **After School Care** is available Mon - Fri 3.10pm to 4.30pm at £6 per session.

**Tuck Shop** - Wednesday and Friday morning break - 40p per day

### Attendance Awards w/e 15/11/2024

Class	%
Rowan	98.56
Whitebeam	93.48
Oak	94.48

The winner of the  
Attendance Award this  
week is Rowan Class, well  
done! Whitebeam and Oak  
will hopefully improve next  
week.





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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/4_7/)**  
**[https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/8\\_10/](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/8_10/)**  
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### Safeguarding.....

Questions to consider:

- Do you know who your child is talking to online? How do you know?
- Has your child come across frightening materials online?
- Do you feel confident about what you would do if your child was approached inappropriately online?

Please be aware that there is a currently a Whatsapp group circulating - children are being asked to join the group, and if they do, all their contacts on their phone are being shared with every other person in that group. The group is international and there is no regulation.

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



It was a real joy at the beginning of the week to go along and support the huge number of our children that qualified for the second round of the Cross Country. Every child worked hard and gave their best, and the experience of running the 1K for the Y3/4 children and the 1 mile for the Y5/6 children was a challenge and an opportunity to demonstrate our motto 'Let your light shine'. Our children rose to that challenge and made me feel very proud. I'd like to thank our families who supported us by bringing the children to the event. We are also incredibly proud of James from Narborough who has qualified for the finals next week in Norwich; well done James! I'd also like to thank Mrs Patrick, our Business Manager, for sourcing and purchasing our fabulous Nar Valley Federation running vests. Continuing to think about our school values, we have spent the week considering Anti-bullying and our strategy. We talked with the children about the difference between a 'Mean moment' and bullying, and that neither are tolerated, and about how we consider how to respect everyone by being courageous and challenging when we see a lack of respect and remember to think about what we say 'is it true?' 'is it helpful?' and 'is it kind?'

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

**SAVE THE DATE:** The Friends will be hosting the annual Christmas Fayre fundraiser this year on Sunday Dec 1st 12-3pm. Would you or your child or someone you know like to have a stall? Or perhaps you'd like to help us run the event? We'd appreciate your support. If you're able to donate any raffle or tombola prizes please let Libby know - 07825229345 OR pop them in the donation box in the bike shed at school, thank you!

Your online shopping can raise free donations for Friends Of Castle Acre School, Kings Lynn! Whether you're buying Black Friday deals, Christmas presents or your weekly food shop, your shopping at over 8,000 retailers can support us. Sign up to #easyfundraising via the link for free, and we'll get a £5 bonus when you raise your first £5. Sign up now:  
<https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/friends-of-castle-acre-school-librarybusproject/sjvzqs/c2s/N5Znntup/Q3248/facebook/>

### Prayer for the Week....

Dear Lord,

Thank you for giving us time to think. Thanks for giving us life. Thanks for everything.

Amen

By: Finlay F



Thank you as always for your support and partnership,

Head of School  
Castle Acre C of E Primary Academy

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