



## Castle Acre Newsletter for week ending 20th September 2024

The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

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### Dear Parents/Carers

Is it Friday already - this week has flown by and we've now finished our third week back! I am absolutely amazed by the way our children have come back to school and settled into their learning. I have seen some super Beegu work from Rowan class and children very keen to show me their learning. Whitebeam have been doing some great descriptive writing about The Battle of Hastings and Oak class have been working hard to show their instructional writing skills, which are food-based so I kindly offered to be their taster!

The weather has been lovely but we know that Autumn can be a very unpredictable season. Please do make sure your child is sent in with a waterproof jacket as well as a sun hat and keep the scarves, gloves and hats close to hand!

It is lovely to see the children in their new smart uniforms. Please can we just remind you that we should not be wearing any jewellery to school other than a watch or stud earrings and children should be wearing smart, black shoes.

Finally, we have a plea...many of you will know we are setting up some specialist provision to support our children with additional needs. If you have any books at home that are textured, tactile or make sounds, we would gratefully receive them.

Thank you - don't forget our 'drop-in' on Monday afternoon to come and see your child's new class and keep an eye on the date sheet below for any upcoming dates.

### Upcoming Events for w/c 23/9/24

See Diary Dates for details.....

**Mon 23rd** - Active Kids Festival for Y1/2 at Lynnsport.

2.30pm Meet and Greet with Teachers

Tamion's Super Challenge Time After school Club for Y1 - Y3 pupils.

**Tues 24th** - ICS Multi-Sports After School Club for Rec - Y2 pupils.

**Wed 25th** - ICS Multi-Sports After School Club for Y3 - Y6 pupils.

Premier Education Archery After School Club for Rec - Y6 pupils.

**Fri 27th** - Whitebeam class trip to Castle Rising

### Reminders and Information.....

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.

Please make sure that your child is wearing the correct uniform for school, including their PE kits and shoes. We all have a dress code we have to follow and it is important to show that they belong. We, of course, know that things happen sometimes but this should be the exception. Do come and speak to us if you have any queries about this.

**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** - WILL REOPEN W/B 30th September.  
Wednesday and Friday morning break - 40p per day

### Attendance Awards w/e 20/9/2024

Class	%
Rowan	98.57
Whitebeam	96.96
Oak	98.89

Very good attendance all round this week but the winners by a whisker are Oak class, well done!





# AWARDS



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### Rowan Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week 	Charlotte	reading new sounds with confidence 
Writer of the week	Nalah	working hard to write a lost poster using adjectives
Mathematician of the week	Ava	for showing confidence in math which lead to success 
Shining Light	Harry Tyler	for showing kindness to a friend who was hurt for be helpful and choosing, using and putting things away
Reads at home		

### Whitebeam Class

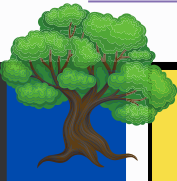
Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Ivy	reading fluently and with expression
Writer of the week	Gracie-Mae	for the amazing improvement with her handwriting
Mathematician of the week 	Tia	great work on place value
Shining Light	Stan Oliver Piper	being a kind friend in before school club for always demonstrating our school values
Tackling Tables 	Oliver Piper Oscar	Purple phase addition Purple phase addition
Reads at home	Florence Cox	75 reads from last academic year 



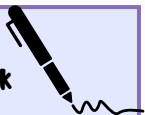
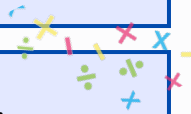
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Oak Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Lazenby	always immersing himself in a book.
Writer of the week 	Roxanne	following all features required to make a great set of instructions.
Mathematician of the week	Harry	persevering and trying his hardest in lesson.
Shining Light	Molly Fletcher Lola G Leo Foster	staying down a group in swimming to help a friend. trying his best in all lessons. being so welcoming to a new member of Oak class and always being helpful. from Mrs Yule at Sporle for super progress in swimming
Tackling Tables 	Rosanna	Purple addition Purple subtraction





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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.....

#### Smartphone Free Childhood.

I wanted to draw your attention to this campaign and to the aims of Smartphone Free Childhood. There is an increasing amount of evidence showing that the dopamine hits created by social media, the access to internet pornography and the unwanted explicit photos that are now common, are all damaging our children, harming their self-esteem, creating a negative self-image, damaging their brain development and raising their anxiety levels. Apps are designed to create addiction and there is an increasing amount of research to show that young children's brains cannot manage this. Clearly everyone has their own view and opinion on this issue, but I wanted to offer this video purely for your consideration. I have watched it and found it sadly not shocking any more but very distressing. It is called 'A Stolen Childhood' and can be accessed at: <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=51hfd0jW1iy>  
Please note this is not suitable for children.

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



This week it has been a real pleasure to talk to our children about their learning; they are enthusiastic, keen, capable of recalling some fabulous information and are taking a real pride in their learning. Well done children you are fantastic!

Just a reminder about our Home Learning expectations; in EYFS (Nursery/Reception) children should read to an adult daily and count each day and find some time during each week to use tools for writing and make marks on paper and write.

In Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and Year 2) children should read to an adult daily, do their Tackling Add and Subtract/Tackling Tables and do their Spellings.

In Key Stage 2 (Years 3-6) the children should read daily, to an adult if they are not yet fluent, answer some questions about the book, and do their Tackling Tables and their Spellings.

You should have log ins for their Tackling Add and Subtract/Tackling Tables, and for Spelling Frame. If not, please see your child's teacher.

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

The Friends AGM is on Friday 27th September, 7pm at The Ostrich Pub, Castle Acre, in the Breakfast Room. There is a poster with the agenda in the school postercase. We hope you will be able to join us and if possible become a committee member, however if you just want to come along to the meeting and perhaps offer to help with fundraising events in the coming year that would also be appreciated.

Thank you. Libby Firth (Chair), 07825 229345

### Prayer for the Week....



Dear God,

Thank you for our amazing school and all the wonderful teachers that help and support us. We are grateful for all you provide. Please remind us to show kindness to the people around us

Amen

By: Holly

Thank you as always for your support and partnership,

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Castle Acre C of E Primary Academy

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