

## Castle Acre Newsletter for week ending 11th October 2024

The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

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

Not sure how many of you saw the forecast yesterday but we are pleased the hurricane force winds missed us! I was taken by surprise this morning when I was greeted by the first frost but most importantly, we have ended the week on sunshine. We have been lucky with the weather and our sporting events went ahead as planned. Years 1 and 2 had a good time at Kings Lynn, and were very worn out by the end! The Football Festival on Thursday was enjoyed by our Year 3s. All year groups represented our school well.

We have been busy practising for our Harvest Festival and look forward to seeing many of you there. We are grateful to the church for putting on refreshments prior to the service.

We are pleased to finally announce our Head Pupil Team. Mrs Neary and I say it really was the hardest decision yet - all the children did themselves proud. Our Head Pupils are Isla and Pearl and Deputy Head Pupils are Finley H and Roxanne. Well done all of you and we know you will represent our school superbly and be amazing role models for everyone else. All the other candidates will become Change Leaders and we have tasked them with taking their idea of change in our school and making it happen; James and Lola are already doing this. We look forward to seeing the results.

### Upcoming Events for w/c 14/10/24

See Diary Dates for details.....

**Mon 14th** - Cross Country Competition at TNHA for Y3 - Y6

1.15pm onwards refreshments available at church for Parents/Carers prior to Harvest Service which starts at 1.45pm

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

**Tues 15th** - ICS Multi-Sports After School Club for Rec - Y2 pupils.

**Wed 16th** - ICS Multi-Sports After School Club for Y3 - Y6 pupils.

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

**Fri 18th** - Pupil Photographs by Tempest at school, (including with pre-school age siblings if requested)

### 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** - Wednesday and Friday morning break - 40p per day

### Attendance Awards w/e 11/10/2024

Class	%
Rowan	100
Whitebeam	100
Oak	99.29

Amazing attendance for all 3 classes this week, well done! 100% achieved by both Rowan and Whitebeam with Oak almost there.





# AWARDS



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Rowan Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week 	Arly	reading accurately with pace in phonics 
Writer of the week	Inika	writing with purpose in self initiated time
Mathematician of the week	Harry	successfully counting with accuracy 
Shining Light	Ava Reggie	Showing kindness to others and tidying up even when the mess wasn't hers being responsible, kind and caring.
Reads at home		

Whitebeam Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Etta	for good participation during reading sessions
Writer of the week	Oliver L	for independently adding labels to a picture
Mathematician of the week 	Brianna	for using her knowledge of number bonds when adding 3 numbers together
Shining Light	Isla P Leon	for showing our value of kindness especially outside with the younger children for demonstrating patience
Tackling Tables 		none this week
Reads at home	Stan Isla B Finlay Ivy Oliver L Ella P	Blue stars for 10 reads 



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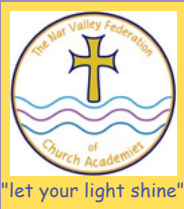


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**Oak Class**

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Harry	confidently reading his harvest poem during our class rehearsal.
Writer of the week 	Max	writing an excellent story about cats.
Mathematician of the week	Rowan	showing a clear understanding of column addition
Shining Light	Logan Holly Pearl	taking responsibility in his own learning. always showing all of our school values. always showing all of our school values.
Tackling Tables 	Charlie Finley	Green division Red multiples





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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.....

Here are some examples of safe online games that children of primary age can play:

<https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/animals>

<https://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/parents/articles/band-runner/>

<http://code-it.co.uk/>

<https://community.computingatschool.org.uk/resources/3042/single>

<https://www.barefootcomputing.org>

<http://barclayscodeplayground.co.uk>

<https://scratch.mit.edu/>

You may find this site a help when choosing games:

<https://screentimelabs.com/blog/13-safe-online-game-sites-for-kids/>

### Message from the Executive Headteacher...



Parents'/Carers' evening - we're looking forward to seeing you all at these after half-term. Please come along, look at your child's super learning and talk to the teachers about how well they're getting on.

this year. we're looking for children to be Changemakers; courageous advocates for something they believe in - making a change or raising awareness. If your child is doing something like that out of school, please let us know so we can celebrate it in school. I am very proud of a few of our children who are really starting to organise their ideas about how to do this so far and look forward to their next steps.

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

Exciting update: You can now support our Library Bus fundraising efforts while shopping online! We wanted to find a way where those that can't always attend our events, join the Friends, or offer a helping hand could still be involved in fundraising and I think we've found the solution! We've partnered with **easyfundraising**, allowing us to raise free donations with 8000+ retailers. All you need to do is your usual online shopping (for anything not just supermarkets) and remember to say 'yes' for the retailer to apply a donation to our cause. It will even prompt you to remember! For the next two weeks, every new supporter earns us a £1 bonus donation! Ready to make a difference? Please, please, please sign up now using this link and search for our cause under 'Friends of Castle Acre School': <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/> Here's a video to explain it if that's more helpful: <https://easyfundraisingemail.s3.amazonaws.com/2024/CRT/HiW-video-Education.mp4>

### Prayer for the Week....



Dear Lord,

Thank you for the flowers and thank you for the trees, thank you for my special friends and all the fun they bring. Thank you for the food I eat and thank you for my drink. But most of all I thank you for the way you love me.

Amen

By: Roseanne

Thank you as always for your support and partnership,

Head of School  
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