



## Castle Acre Newsletter for week ending 18th October 2024

The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

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

We have had the most wonderful morning full of picture perfect smiles. The children did an amazing job of keeping themselves clean and tidy and there are some really lovely photos. Thank you to everyone who came to our Harvest Festival on Monday. It was great to see so many of you there and thank you for all your donations of food; they will be going to a local food bank. The children did a wonderful job of leading the service with their singing, poetry, artistic skills and story-telling. We will be putting some of the artwork and poems on display in church so please do go and have a look. A huge thank you has to go to Mother Angela, our new vicar, and members of her congregation for the refreshments. Just a reminder that we have our Open Day on Tuesday for children starting school in September 2024. If you have a child due to start, we look forward to seeing you. You are welcome to turn up or if you would prefer, you can book an appointment at the office. Please tell friends and family too. We can't quite believe it but we are nearly at the end of the first half term already. Please remember that we are closed to the children next Friday so the last day will be next Thursday. Use the half term holiday to make sure that winter coats, hats, gloves and scarves all fit as it will be cold when we return.

### Upcoming Events for w/c 21/10/24

See Diary Dates for details.....

**Mon 21st** - Tamion's Super Challenge Time After school Club for Y1 - Y3 pupils.

**Tues 22nd** - Open Day at Castle Acre Primary

ICS Multi-Sports After School Club for Rec - Y2 pupils.

**Wed 23rd** - ICS Multi-Sports After School Club for Y3 - Y6 pupils.

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

**Fri 18th** - School Closed (inset day)

### 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

**Parents'/Carers' Evenings:** Tuesday 5th 3.30-5.30pm and Wednesday 6th 3.30-7.00pm

### Attendance Awards w/e 18/10/2024

Class	%
Rowan	97.6
Whitebeam	98.26
Oak	97.86

Well done to all three classes for very good attendance this week! The winner by a whisker is Whitebeam Class.







# AWARDS






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**Rowan Class**

Award	Goes to...	For..... 
<b>Reader of the week</b> 	Indy	reading common exception words independently in phonics
<b>Writer of the week</b>	Jaxon	holding his pencil correctly and tracing the 'th' sound
<b>Mathematician of the week</b>	Lexi	completing maths challenges confidently 
<b>Shining Light</b>	Ava Tyler H	trying hard in everything she does always being ready to learn, showing responsibility and tidying up when it wasn't his mess and always showing kindness
<b>Reads at home</b>	none this week	

**Whitebeam Class**

Award	Goes to...	For.....
<b>Reader of the week</b>	Florence	for extending her learning at home and sharing it with the class
<b>Writer of the week</b>	Bobbi	for working hard to improve the presentation of his writing
<b>Mathematician of the week</b> 	Toby	for independent learning in maths
<b>Letting your light shine</b>	Y2 Y3	for demonstrating kindness and responsibility when working with younger children for demonstrating our values during their cross country run
<b>Tackling Tables</b> 	Oscar	Tackling Tables - mixed purple phase and blue multiplication
<b>Reads at home</b>	Toby Leon	Blue star for 10 reads Blue star for 10 reads 
<b>Pen Licence</b>	Oscar Tia	Well done



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**Oak Class**

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Fletcher	reading confidently in church.
Writer of the week 	Holly	her detailed comparisons between churches and mosques.
Mathematician of the week	Isla	her computational thinking in the maths challenges.
Shining Light	Lola P Brody James	always trying her hardest in showing our school values. being respectful in class and always asking if he can help. showing confidence and courage when reading his poem in church.
Tackling Tables 		





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## Help with online safety::



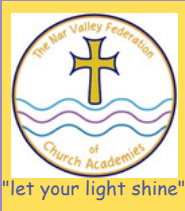
The CEOP website, run by the National Crime Prevention agency, gives helpful advice about when and how to report your concern.

***<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.....

I'd like to hear  
from you!

What would you like  
information on?

Please email in any  
areas of worry or  
interest that you  
have surrounding  
keeping children  
safe online.

Thank you.

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



**Curriculum and Assessment review;** Professor Becky Francis. There is currently a review of the what the nation's children and young people learn and how their learning is measured. Please have your say; this is your chance to have an input into the national curriculum. The survey closes on 22nd November.  
<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2024/09/25/what-is-the-national-curriculum-and-why-is-it-being-reviewed/>

**Cross Country results;** a HUGE congratulations to all our pupils who got through to the next round - NVF did incredibly well, with 23 children in total qualifying and the following children from Castle Acre: Etta, Lola P, Tia, Harry, Oscar M, Oscar P, Lola G, Holly, Rosanna, Pearl, Jess and Isla. Well done! Especially well done to Etta and Lola G for winning their age event.

We also want to say a big well done to our Head and Deputy Pupils who came and spoke very well about their role at our Governors' meeting this week.

### 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

**Libray Bus Fundraising** - We're halfway through our incentive with easyfundraising! They'll donate £1 for every supporter who registers, if we reach 10 or more. (6 of us so far!) Thank you to those who've already signed up. Just two minutes of your time equals £1 for our cause. Register to support today! ✨ #supportus #easyfundraising. 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/>

### Prayer for the Week....

Dear God,

Thank you for the seeds, the sun and the rain to help the crops grow strong. Thank you for the farmers that look after the crops and help them grow. Thank you God for making us so lucky; for food to eat, for our houses and for our money and good health. Please help people who are not as lucky as us.

Amen

By: Pearl



Thank you as always for your support and partnership,

Head of School  
Castle Acre C of E Primary Academy

Executive Headteacher  
Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies  
Castle Acre, Narborough and Sporle C of E Primary Academy