



## Castle Acre Newsletter for week ending 15th September 2023

The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

Executive Headteacher: Mrs Anne Neary  
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**Welcome Back!** It is really lovely to see you all after the 6 week break and a hugely warm welcome to our new families across the school. We have had a fantastic start back to school in our crisp new uniforms. I have been absolutely blown away by the really positive attitude to learning and school life our wonderful children have returned with. Every class is purposeful and busy with their learning and they are excited about their new topics. Rowan Class are still settling in but Years 1 and 2 have produced some amazing writing that they have been keen to show. Whitebeam are enthusiastic about America and what they might find out over the next few weeks and Oak Class have plenty of questions about space. We are eager and keen for the new academic year and sharing all our learning and experiences with you. Please remember we are a family school and our door is always open so if there is ever anything you want to ask or even an idea to share, please do come and chat with any one of us. We look forward to working alongside you.

### Upcoming Events this week

See Diary Dates for details.....

Mon 18th Tamion's Club Rec - Y2

Wed 20th Multi-Sports Club Y3-6

Thurs 21st Swimming for Years 4-6  
- please remember your swimming kit.

Multi-Sports Club Rec - Y2



### 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.

### Attendance Awards.....

Class	%
Rowan	98.57
Whitebeam	92
Oak	87.7

Well done to  
Rowan Class





# AWARDS

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	Award	Goes to...	For.....
Rowan Class	Writer of the week	Brianna	using adjectives to describe
	Reader of the week	Ella	persevering with her reading challenge
	Mathematician of the week	Etta	pushing herself to complete more questions
	Shining Light	All Reception; Skyla (Year 1); Tia (Year2)	for settling into school so well; for always working hard and trying her best; always being ready to learn
Whitebeam Class	Writer of the week	Rowan	remembering to use an orange pen for capital letters and punctuation
	Reader of the Week	Max	fluency and expression and reading at home
	Mathematician of the week	Logan	some super independent maths work
	Shining Light	Elarni and Fletcher	demonstrating our school values especially kindness his amazing contributions to class discussions
Oak Class	Writer of the week	Mason	correctly including a comma after using a subordinate clause at the start of his sentence
	Reader of the Week	Aleashia	including ambitious vocabulary and showing her understanding of how vocabulary affects atmosphere
	Mathematician of the week	Elliot	a confident and accurate application in column addition and exchanging digits
	Shining Light	Isla and Izzy	consistently trying her best; an extremely mature attitude and



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### Safeguarding.....

(Info from DSL for e.g.)

#### Attendance:

Every day matters, so please make this year a good one for your child. For advice and support with school attendance, speak to a member of staff or visit:

[www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/attendance](http://www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/attendance)

Children with good attendance (96%+) are more than twice as likely to pass their English and Maths GCSEs compared to those who are persistently absent. ~90% attendance is classed as persistent absence and adds up to missing 4 weeks of learning throughout the year.

### Message from the Executive Headteacher...

#### Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) competition:

Congratulations to the winners of this competition, who were rewarded by visiting RAF Marham on Tuesday. We were delighted to have an interesting tour of the base and then some fun activities and finally a go on the flight simulator - there were some enthusiastic crashes! Many thanks to the RAF for their support, particularly Cpl Tom Kendrick and Mo Howard.

James, Oliver, Carter, Alexander and Elliot said that they had a great day and I was most impressed with their excellent questions and representing our school so well.

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

AGM on Thursday 28th September, 7pm 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,

Head of School  
Castle Acre C of E Primary Academy

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