



## Castle Acre Newsletter for week ending 13th October 2023

The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

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This week seems to have flown by. I'm not sure if it is the days getting shorter or that we are just incredibly busy or a combination of the both. I am amazed by the conversations I have had with pupils this week whether it be about their learning, about their social activities or about morals and values. They are really thoughtful and perceptive in their approach. We have also enjoyed more sports events when Whitebeam Class went to a football event. Rowan thoroughly enjoyed scoring goals, Elarni enjoyed playing Bulldog, Brody said 'everything!' and Carter said that playing Stuck in the Mud with a ball was great fun. The children represented our school fantastically so well done!

### Upcoming Events this week

See Diary Dates for details.....

**Mon 16th Oct:** Whitebeam & Oak Classes attending a Cross Country competition at TNHA

**Tues 17th Oct:** Whitebeam Class Parent Cafe, 1.45pm

**Wed 18th Oct:** Whitebeam Class Parent Cafe, 9.00am

**Thurs 19th Oct:** Final autumn term swimming session for Y4/5/6

**Fri 20th Oct:** Babies & Toddlers, 9 - 11am in the hall



### 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

Please can children bring in coats and wellies every day. The weather has now turned and is damp and chilly. We like to take the children out as much as possible and it is important they are warm and dry.

We have now started our tuck shop which is being run by Esther (one of our Head Pupils) and her team. It opens on a Wednesday and Friday for morning break and each item is 40p.

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.

On Friday 27th October at 7.30pm in Shouldham Village Hall, there is a play about songs that leave and come back again by Mountain Music, if any parent is interested.

### Attendance Awards w/e 13/10/2023

Class	%		
Rowan	97.08		
Whitebeam	77.5		
Oak	86.67		

Well done to Rowan Class for very good attendance this week!

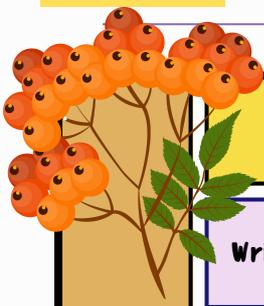




# AWARDS

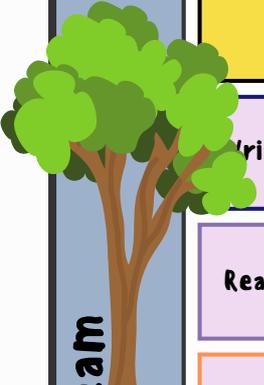


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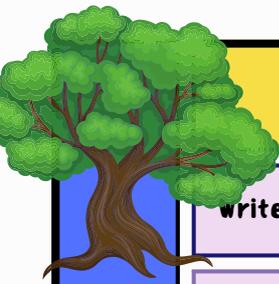
### Rowan Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Writer of the week 	Sybil	listening to feedback and making her writing and presentation much neater.
Reader of the week	Brianna 	reading everyday at home - we have noticed your confidence in reading grow.
Mathematician of the week	Skyla 	careful work when investigating the part, part, whole model.
Shining Light	Nalah Finlay Florence	for being a kind and thoughtful friend being an excellent role model becoming more resilient in difficult situations.



### Whitebeam Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Writer of the week	Logan	for his independent writing based on the Firework-Maker's Daughter 
Reader of the Week	Carter	for super reading of challenging vocabulary
Mathematician of the week	Alexander 	work on adding fractions
Shining Light 	Molly Rowan	for always being responsible and for being a kind friend for always showing respect and kindness



### Oak Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Writer of the week 	Freya	writing some great facts about space using parenthesis
Reader of the Week	Steele	being an enthusiastic reader 
Mathematician of the week	Declan	being really focussed in Maths lessons and answering questions
Shining Light Letting Your Light Shine 	James Nataniel	consistently showing our school values consistently demonstrating our school values



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### Safeguarding.....

Online safety:

It can be really challenging to take in all the information about putting parental controls in on various devices. The NSPCC offer some helpful advice here, about Broadband and wifi, games consoles, mobiles, fablets and computers, Apps and online services and search engines:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/>

National attendance in primary schools this week was 95.4%. I am very pleased that all our schools are in line or above the national average. Did your child attend every day this week?

Thank you to all our families who are ensuring that your children are in every day possible, on time and ready to learn.

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

Remember we are looking out for Courageous Advocates - children actively supporting causes important to them, such as Annabelle, from Sporle, who last year cut her hair for charity - super Annabelle, well done!

Could you or one of your friends be a Governor for our Federation? We are looking for local people who want to support their local schools. Being a Governor requires someone to be interested, attend 6 meetings a year, Meetings are 2 hours or less and a mutually agreeable evening is agreed upon, and the calendar agreed for the year. A Governors' role is to challenge and support, ask questions and contribute ideas. Governors can also join leadership monitoring, work with Subject Leaders to hear their impact and listen to the children talk about their learning. It is helpful to have representation from Parents/Carers and also from the local community. So if you or someone you know is interested, please do get in touch.

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

The Friends are pleased to announce that their Christmas Fayre will take place on Sunday 3rd December 2023, 12 - 3pm at the school, so please save the date! The Friends would be very pleased to hear from any parents if they can help run a stall, tombola, raffle or the refreshments stand. There is a collection box at school near the bike shed for donations of chocolates/bottles or any items that could be used as tombola or raffle prizes. All donations and offers of help will be gratefully received!

### Prayer for the Week....

Dear Lord,

We thank you for the wonderful, unique people you have made us to be. Help us to care for one another.  
Amen



Thank you as always for your support and partnership,

Head of School  
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