



## Castle Acre Newsletter for week ending 13th December 2024

The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

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

Well, it has been an event-filled, joyous week, with rapid racing at the Rudolph run, jingle bells, jigging and excellent speaking at the Nativity plays and joyous singing at our Carols 'round the Tree. Well done to all the children who raised money at the Rudolph run for Tapping House hospice; when all monies are in we should have raised £938.20! What an amazing result! Well done also to our children and who told us the story of Christmas so beautifully. A very special well done to Mrs Bramley for writing this year's play!

As we approach the end of term we have some staff changes to make you aware of. Mrs Sloan is sadly moving on to work with older children at a secondary school near to her, so Mr Hughes, who has been working at Narborough is coming over to work in Maple group. Mrs Gathercole decided to return to work part-time and so she is going across to Narborough to job share. We want to say huge thank you and goodbye to Mrs Strak who has worked very hard for our Oak class and given them so much this term. We have appointed a teacher for Oak of a number of years experience and more details will follow next week.

### Upcoming Events for w/c 16/12/24

See Diary Dates for details.....

**NB: No ICS After School Clubs this week (finished last week)**

**Mon 16th - 3.15pm last session of Tamion's Super Challenge Time Club**

**Wed 17th - 3.15pm last session of Premier Sports' Multi-Sports Club**

**Fri 20th - 1.45pm End of Term Christmas Service at Castle Acre Church**

### Reminders and Information.....

We return to school on **TUESDAY 7th January 2025.**

Please ensure your child has their wellies in school for wet weather and don't use other kinds of footwear as they tend to get wet feet and we don't want any cases of trenchfoot... Thank you for your help.

**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 13/12/2024

Class	%
Rowan	97.6
Whitebeam	95.22
Oak	95.52

The winner of the Attendance Award this week is Rowan Class, well done!





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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.....

A message from Caroline Ball,  
Children & Young People  
Engagement Advisor, Safer  
Schools & Youth Engagement

"CEOP Education are running a #SaferByChristmas campaign, offering advice on internet safety. Their 12 day countdown started on Monday and each day for the following 12 days, they are posting snippets of practical advice for parents and carers about keeping children safe online.

Please encourage your parents/carers to follow CEOP Education on Twitter (@CEOPEducation) and Facebook (search and follow "CEOP Education")"

A question:  
Do your children know the difference between harmful and helpful online behaviours? If not, should they be accessing social media apps or the internet?

## Message from the Executive Headteacher....



This time of year can be very busy, yet it should be a time for reflection and peace, and in amidst the hustle, bustle, cheer and excitement, it was wonderful to watch our Nativity play. I really enjoyed the joyful dancing, the enthusiasm of the donkey, the excellent story telling and lovely acting enabling us all to reflect on the message of Christmas.

We had a wonderful RE day today with some lovely activities and teaching in mixed age groups about the different denominations of Christianity and how they celebrate Christmas in this country and around the world. Thank you to our Governors and celebrants of our Churches, who came along to monitor with us today.

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

A huge THANK YOU to everyone that contributed to the Christmas Fayre on Sunday whether you donated a prize, baked some goodies or came on the day. You all helped to raise a massive £802.20 for the children. We are so proud of our school's families, friends and the supporting community! P.S Have you got your tea towel yet??

Your online shopping can raise free donations for Friends Of Castle Acre School, Kings Lynn! Whether you're buying Black Friday deals, Christmas presents or your weekly food shop, your shopping at over 8,000 retailers can support us. Sign up to #easyfundraising via the link for free, and we'll get a £5 bonus when you raise your first £5. Sign up now: <https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/friends-of-castle-acre-school-librarybusproject/sjvzqs/c2s/N5Znntup/Q3248/facebook/>

## Prayer for the Week....

Dear God,

Thank you for warm, cosy Christmases around the world

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 Spole C of E Primary Academy