



## Newsletter – 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024

### Supporting the Acle Winter Beer Festival

We were delighted to host the Acle Winter Beer Festival over the half term weekend. The Festival supports local charities and it was a wonderful event for the local community. The profits for the festival have been shared among the below charities:

£2100 to [Centre 81](#)

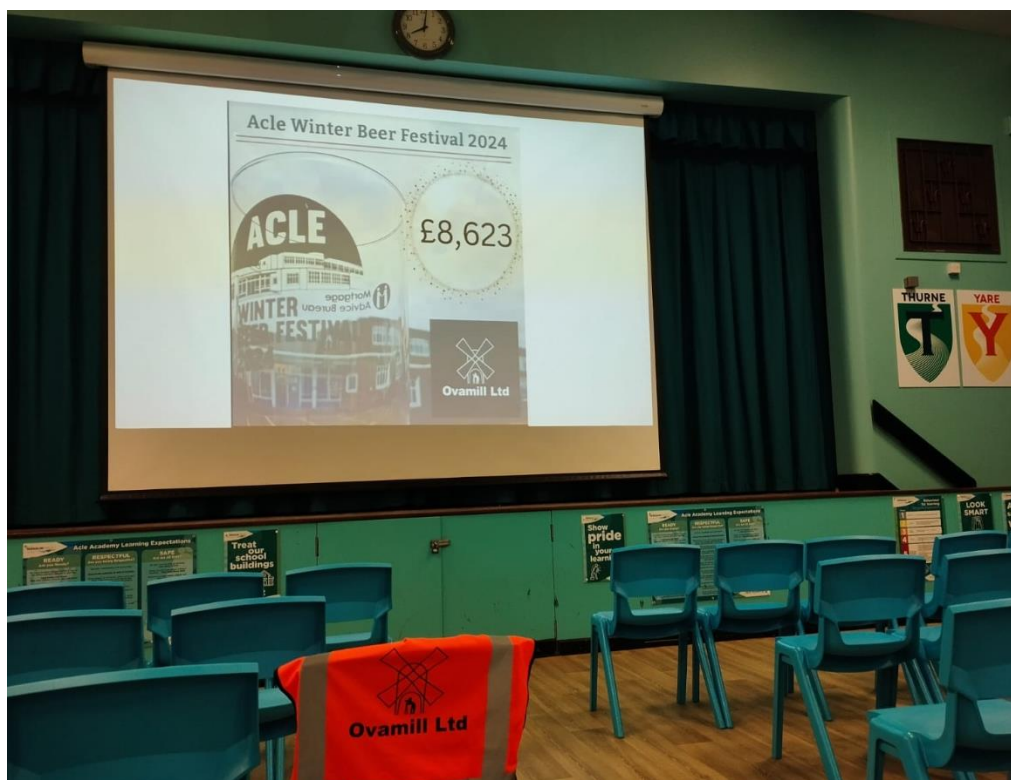
£2100 [Sandra Chapman Centre](#) at the James Paget Hospital

£2100 to Charlie and his Dinosaur Army

£600 will be going to Acle community archive group to replace their broken equipment.

We are very grateful that the festival organisers donated £900 to the [Acle Academy Parent Teacher Association AAPTA](#) and donated £100 to the Year 11 Prom.

Congratulations to all involved for their dedication to the event. We look forward to supporting the festival in the future.



We are part of...

**WENSUM TRUST**



**GREAT  
ORMOND  
STREET  
HOSPITAL  
CHARITY**

## Heart Week Update

This was a great week for our charity service area to shine and get into action.

There were a number of events happening through the week, we had origami hearts being made which were then included as part of the decorations for the RSC Romeo and Juliet. We had a heart sweet sale, which the charity prefects had lovingly wrapped and labelled. Everyone came in non-uniform and wore a little bit of red, pink or hearts. We had a doughnut sale. We are so grateful to Tesco's in Sprowston as they donated over 100 doughnuts for this great cause, big thanks to Tesco's, and to all the pupils and families who have supported us to raise **over £700** for Great Ormond Street Hospital. Fantastic!



## Skirts and Trousers

We have been reminding students of the importance of wearing skirts at an appropriate length and would like to thank parents for your support with this. If your daughter chooses or is asked to wear trousers, please ensure that the trousers are navy and a tailored style. Trousers which are skin tight or resemble leggings will not be appropriate for school. If you are unsure, please check with your child's Head of Year before purchasing.



Congratulations to the following students for representing Acle Academy at Music for Youth Kings Lynn Festival. All received encouraging feedback from experienced music specialists, recognising their musical potential, saying "we want to hear more of that".

Soren V  
Sidney B  
Holly L  
Violet C  
Max W  
Ricky B  
Ferne and Willow







On Friday, we took part in the 'Biggest Ever Football Session' for International Women's Day with us running football tournaments to girls in all PE lessons. England Football released that 'a record breaking 465,000 girls from 5000 schools across England' were due to 'take part in the FA and Barclays' third session as part of the Let Girls Play campaign' so we were delighted to contribute towards this! We had so much fun and hopefully this will encourage more girls to join our football club on Thursday after school!

Some years 8 and 9 students competed in separate rugby sevens tournaments on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March respectively. Both teams had a great day, gaining invaluable experience by playing some of the top teams in the county. The day saw some success with the year 8s beating Langley school, and also the year 9s beating Hellesdon. Some excellent performances included Joshua J and Nathan C in year 9 as well as Noah L-M and Theo L in year 8. Theo scored an impressive hat trick of tries in one of his games. Well done to all boys involved.

## ONLINE BOOKING NOW OPEN FOR PARENT CARERS



### Annual Conference

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2024**  
John Innes Centre, Norwich NR4 7UH



Find out about all things SEND

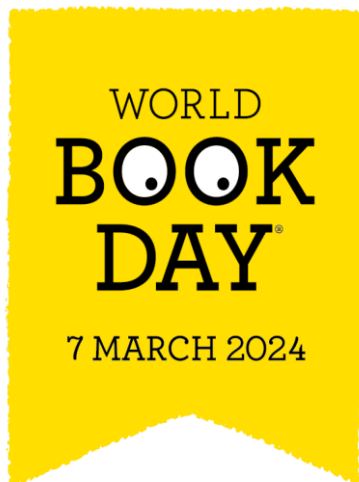
- Keynote presentation
- Information stands
- Workshops
- The chance to chat with professionals



Please visit [www.familyvoice.org.uk](http://www.familyvoice.org.uk)  
or scan here to register your attendance:

**Closing date for registration: 8th March 2024**





We marked World Book Day in several ways:

- Staff shared their favourite books at the start of lessons!
- Students will all receive a £1 book token which can be used to buy one of the several specially published books for World Book Day or get £1 off the purchase price of any other book, at participating shops!
- Books were available in the hall at lunchtime.
- The library will be open at lunchtime exclusively for quiet reading!



### Design-a-Bookmark Competition

We had some great entries in last year's competition, with two bookmark designs chosen to be professionally printed for use in school. Please see your English teacher for the bookmark template if you'd like to enter a design for this year's competition!

All bookmark designs need to be passed to **Mr Carrier** by **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March**.



## Tender

### RE: SET - Relationships Education: School's Equality Toolkit

As a school we are embarking on a yearlong journey with Tender, where we will be working with parents, staff and students on healthy relationships in various ways.

Acle Academy is proud to be working towards becoming a **Healthy Relationships Champion Setting** this year.

We've partnered up with Tender Education and Arts to complete [RE:SET](#); an online toolkit and whole school campaign, to award our school for promoting a culture of healthy, equal and respectful relationships.

Since September 2020, it is statutory for all schools to teach relationships education and it's a fantastic opportunity to acknowledge the incredible work we already do as well as ensuring the whole school community takes on the responsibility of preventing gender-based violence and keeping our children safe, healthy and prepared for the modern world.

During this year Tender will be delivering training, workshops and creative campaigns alongside our children and staff, as well as offering sessions to families and parents. We are excited to start this journey with the RE: SET team, and to see how it will benefit both our school culture and our children's futures.

See more at [www.tenderreset.org.uk](http://www.tenderreset.org.uk)



I am a LTA Level 2 accredited coach at **Acle Tennis Club** and I have just set up some girls only tennis courses to take place in Acle starting in April.

We want girls across Britain to pick up a racket and start playing tennis on their terms, with Prime Video LTA Youth Girls.

In partnership with Prime Video, this girls only, beginner tennis course is packed with games and activities that will help build skills on court, as well as new friendships and confidence in everyday life.

We're here to make tennis more fun, social and engaging for girls, inspiring them to get on court with friends and family – enjoying the many benefits our sport has to offer.

Prime Video LTA Youth Girls has been created specifically for girls aged 4-16, who have either never played tennis before or are looking to get back into the sport.

To sign up please visit [www.lta.org.uk/prime-video-youth-girls](http://www.lta.org.uk/prime-video-youth-girls)

There will be 2 courses running on Tuesdays starting 9<sup>th</sup> April at 4pm till 5pm for the 5-8 age group and then 5pm-6pm for 9-16 year olds. The cost for six one hour lessons is £35 and once you've signed up to a course, girls will receive a t-shirt, tennis racket and tennis balls so they are ready for their first coaching session.

If you would like any further information or need to contact me please call on 07854320507  
- Liz Lake, Acle Tennis Club.



Invites have been sent out to all Year 6s  
who are joining us in September 2024.

# Acle Academy Easter Egg Hunt

Acle Academy and the PTA would like to invite your family to our  
Transition Easter Event on



**Thursday 21st March, from 4.30pm - 6.00pm.**



This event is an opportunity for our new students to get familiar with  
our surroundings through an Easter Egg Hunt, taking them around  
our school.



There will also be other Easter Themed events happening, such as  
arts, crafts and games.



For children participating in the Egg Hunt, we ask for a donation of £1.



There will be coffee, tea and cakes available, together  
with the opportunity for parents and children to talk  
to staff, the PTA, our current students and  
our Leadership Team.




We would be delighted if  
you are able to join us.  
Siblings are also  
very welcome.





**It's really hard when you think  
your child isn't safe.  
We are here to listen and help.**



My daughter isn't safe,  
she is having to do  
things which could get  
her into trouble with  
the police.

I feel isolated and  
nobody is telling me  
what is going on.

**SAFECALL**  
**It's your call.**

**Call or text 116 000, 7 days a week, 9am-11pm  
for free, confidential support**

Safecall is a county lines exploitation support service operated by the charity Missing People.  
Registered charity in England and Wales (1020419) and in Scotland (SC047419)



**PTA CAR WASH**



**Acle Academy's**

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**WASH**

**Open:  
March  
17th**

**10am-  
2pm**



**OUR SERVICES  
GENERAL WASH:**

**from £5**

**BACON SANDWICH &  
a hot drink:**

**£2**

All in support of our  
lovely year 11's prom  
-thank you!



## Learner of the Month

### Nominees

Congratulations to Max D for his amazing monologue performance in Drama – Mr Frost and Mrs Boon were stunned with the outstanding performance! He showed great personal responsibility by writing his own speech and learning it off by heart.

Nancy C showed wonderful creativity in the Geography task of designing a town shield.

Congratulations to Tobias H, Max W and Hollie B for their amazing 3D models of World War One trenches, they showed superb creativity and excellent independence skills. Ellie M showed superb pride in her learning with her History project on WW1 recruitment.

Oliver W and Bryony H showed excellent analytical skills in their English essays and Ellie M, Alex L and Esme AH were nominated for their wonderful creativity in their poetry created for Heart week.

Ellis F created his own mathematical formula to describe a statistical method called capture/recapture. The Maths Department tested Ellis' formula and discovered his answers were near accurate. Superb possibility thinking from Ellis- well done!

### Winner- Dylan T

Dylan has been selected as Learner of the Month due to his motivation and tenacity for English during Reading Group at form time. The group are currently reading 'To kill a Mockingbird' which is a challenging text due to its subject, language and context. Dylan always volunteers to read out loud and researched key words and phrases found in the story. Dylan has shown excellent personal responsibility and motivation to learn more by producing weekly summaries of new vocabulary. Dylan's use of independent learning is fantastic, exploring beyond the task he is deepening his knowledge and a worthy winner of Learner of the month.

**The latest Rewards & Achievements News can be found**  
**[Here](#)**





## **Norse Catering Spring/Summer 2024 Menu**

Please find below a link to the new menu choices available after half term.

[Norse Spring/Summer 2024 Menu](#)



[\*\*https://www.activenorfolk.org/public/bignorfolkholidayfun/\*\*](https://www.activenorfolk.org/public/bignorfolkholidayfun/)

**The next programme will take place over the Easter holidays between 2nd – 12th April 2024.** The [Big Norfolk Holiday Fun](#) programme will be open for bookings from 4pm Tuesday 27 February via our [Every Move activity finder](#).

The Big Norfolk Holiday Fun (BNHF) activity programme is run in partnership with Norfolk County Council, and provides holiday activities for children and young people aged 4 -16 in Norfolk.

These activities include multi-sports, dance, theatre, arts and crafts, and much more!

Children eligible for benefits-related free school meals can claim free spaces on the activities, whilst paid spots are available on many activities for those who don't. [\*\*Find out more about this in our FAQ section.\*\*](#)

[\*\*FAQ's Here!\*\*](#)



## Our Non Uniform & Service Area Drop Down day on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March is supporting Marie Curie Cancer Care, donations can be made via the link below

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/acle-academy-nonuniform-mariecurie2024>

Marie Curie  
Cancer Care



## Safe Parking



Please may we remind parents **not** to park on the single yellow lines outside the school during drop off and pick up times, come into the school grounds during these busy times or park in the school lay by.

We have lots of buses and taxis that need to come into the school grounds and additional cars pose safety issues. Please can we urge all parents who collect their children to use the vast parking spaces available behind the Methodist Church. This is only a short distance from the school and will allow children to walk safely to and from school. Additionally, parents may choose to park on Mill Lane behind the school and children can exit via the back field.

## We are recruiting!

We currently have the following vacancies in our team:

- Invigilators
- Assistant Principal – Personal Development
- Teacher of Mathematics



If you would like to find out more details about any of these posts, please see our website or contact the school for an informal chat.

[Find Current Vacancies here](#)



Our online preloved uniform shop includes school uniform and sportswear and is accessed via our SumUp Shop by following this link:

<http://acle-academy-parent-teacher-association.sumupstore.com>

Items can be paid for online with suggested donations per item. The item can then be collected at a prearranged time with the PTA. If you have any uniform donations please drop these off to the school office.

**If you would like to join the PTA please contact them by email**  
[pta@acle.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:pta@acle.norfolk.sch.uk)



### **Please remember to check ClassCharts**

ClassCharts is our main form of communication to keep up to date with daily progress, updates and messages. ClassCharts is used to communicate pride points, behaviour points and interventions. We also use this platform for parent announcements. As part of the home school agreement we ask parents to check this regularly, at least on a weekly basis. If your child has lost their log in, please ask their form tutor or the school office who will be able to provide child and parent login details. Parents and students can view a child's timetable via ClassCharts.

**Scan the QR code to visit our website and follow us on Facebook and Instagram**





**Useful Resources/Activities & links can be found [Here](#)**



**More Acle Academy News can be found [Here](#)**



### Contact details

The majority of our communication is electronic so it is really important that we maintain accurate records of parental contacts. If you change your email address or phone number, please inform the school office so we can ensure you receive important information.

### Dates for your diary

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March – Year 8 Parents' Evening 4.30 -7.30pm

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March – Parent Workshop 6 – 7pm.

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March – school closes for the Easter break @ 3.30pm

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April – school opens after the Easter Break – (Week 1 timetable)

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April – Year 7 Parents' Evening 4.30-7.30pm

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday – school closed

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May – school closes for half term @ 3.30pm

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – school opens after half term – (Week 1 timetable)



**Our Rural Hub Term Dates can be found [Here](#)**

**Our School Calendar can be found [Here](#)**