



Castle Primary School

Weekly Bulletin - 04/09/2026

Welcome back to School

I would like to extend a very warm welcome back to all of our children, families and staff as we begin a new school year together; and a special welcome to those who are new to our school community. It has been wonderful to see the children back in school, filling our classrooms and playgrounds with smiles, laughter and enthusiasm. We have particularly enjoyed hearing all about their summer adventures and the special memories they have made with family and friends over the holidays. Our community is at the heart of everything we do. We are looking forward to another year of learning, growth, friendship and success, where every child is encouraged to be **Kind, Curious, Collaborative** and **Resilient**. Together, we will make this a happy, memorable and successful year for all of our children. Attached to this email, you will also find our diary dates. Mrs Dakin

Arbor

This term has seen the introduction of the Arbor APP. The APP will make bookings and payments much easier, over time. We would like to thank you for your patience as we roll it out. If you have not yet managed to get on to the APP, please email or pop into the school office where we will be happy to help.

From Monday 14th September, all bookings for Castle Links must be made through the Arbor APP.

Thank you for your continued support.

PE, Swimming and Forest School

PE Days: When your child is having PE, they are able to come into school wearing their PE kits (please ensure jumpers are named).

N/R: Tuesday & Friday

1/2: Tuesday

3/4: Friday

5/6: Tuesday

Swimming: Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be going swimming at Kidsgrove leisure centre each Tuesday afternoon for the Autumn term. They will need to come into school in school uniform (unless they have PE) with their swimming kit in a named bag.

Forest School: When your child has Forest School, they will come into school in forest school clothing - this may change depending on the weather. However, we ask that children have long sleeved tops, full length trousers and an outdoor coat and shoes.

Year 1/2 will be starting forest school from next week on a **Thursday afternoon**. This will run throughout the Autumn term until Thursday 19th November.

Assemblies

This year, our celebration assembly is going to move to a Thursday morning at 9am. You will still receive a text from your child's teacher if they are going to receive a values award. The text will be sent on Wednesday afternoon.

Celebration assemblies will begin on Thursday 10th September - all parents are welcome to join.

Castle Links

Breakfast Club: runs from 8am each morning. If you would like your child to attend, please book via the Arbor APP.

After-School: runs daily from 3:15 - 5:30pm. Bookings can be made via the Arbor APP.

Staff-led after school clubs will be sent out on Monday and will begin WB 14th September.

Uniform Expectations

As we begin the new school year, please ensure that all items of school uniform, including jumpers, cardigans, coats, water bottles and lunch boxes, are clearly named. This helps us return lost property quickly and efficiently.

We would also like to remind families that pupils should not wear make-up, false nails or nail polish to school. These items are not part of our school uniform expectations and can cause distractions from learning. Thank you for your support in helping us maintain a smart and positive learning environment for all pupils.

COFFEE MORNING DROP-IN SESSIONS

**CAUDWELL
CHILDREN**

Empowering Disabled &
Neurodivergent Children



**MONDAYS
9.30AM - 11.30AM**

Join us for our weekly Monday
morning Drop-in session

Who can visit us?

- ✱ Parents and carers of disabled and /or autistic children
- ✱ Health, education, and care professionals
- ✱ Anyone looking to learn more about Caudwell Children's services



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