

# Castle Primary School

## Weekly Bulletin - 09/01/2026



### Welcome Back

Wishing all of our Castle community a happy new year! Thank you for the support that you have shown us this week as we have navigated the weather.

As we start a new term, there is so much to look forward to. The children have returned to school happy and excited to learn new things. Please see our diary dates for upcoming events. Can we also remind everyone to make sure that children come dressed for the cold weather, so that they can enjoy the snow when it comes! A spare pair of wellies will come in useful!



### School Values

Today, in our team groups, we have worked together to decide on our school values! The children worked through a shortlist, which had been created by the pupil leadership team. These are the qualities that we, as a school community, want all our members to show:

**Kindness:** We consider and understand the feelings of others by showing respect and celebrating difference. By choosing kindness every day, we help make our school a happy, welcoming place, where everyone feels valued and cared for.

**Resilience:** We have a positive mindset, work hard to overcome challenge and never give up. Building our resilience helps to nurture our confidence and develop a love for learning within the classroom and beyond.

**Collaboration:** We work together to achieve, share, support and create an inclusive environment where nobody is left behind, both within our school and the wider community.

**Curiosity:** Our curious minds enable us to imagine, create and try something new. We ask questions and explore within the classroom and beyond.

### Reception 2026 - Apply Now!

If you have not yet applied for your 2026 child's reception place, please do so. **The deadline date for applications closes on Thursday 15th January 2026.** Applications can be made via Staffordshire County Council's website.



### Forest School Year 3 & 4

The year 3/4 children had a GREAT time during their first forest school session this week. The session was linked to their current history learning, The Stone Age. They went on a rocks and fossil hunt in the school grounds.

Please ensure your child comes to school in appropriate clothing to ensure that they can take part. They need to be in outdoor clothing which is warm and waterproof. Clothing should include trousers, a long sleeved top, and, at the moment, a warm, waterproof coat and waterproof boots or wellies.



### Year 6 SAT's Information for Parents

On Monday 12th January, at 3:30pm, Mrs Bours is holding a parent meeting for the parents of Year 6 pupils. During the meeting, she will share all the information required in relation to the end of key stage 2 tests. Children are welcome to attend the meeting too, should they wish.

### Earrings & P.E. Days

Following an in-depth discussion with our PE provider, Mrs Partridge (PE Lead) is asking that children come into school on PE days without earrings in. If children are unable to take earrings out, retainers can be used. However, leaving earrings at home for the day is preferred.

### School Uniform

Please make sure your child's uniform, and coat is clearly labelled with their name.

If anyone has any spare boy's trousers (ages 5 - 8) that are no longer needed, please could you send them into the school to use as spares. Thank you.

## Thank you for being so supportive of the Mount Road Practice PPG and Dougie Mac Dementia Social Activity Group Christmas Party

I just wanted to take a few minutes, on behalf of Mount Road Practice PPG, to thank you for your support of the Christmas party that we held at Whitehill Methodist Community Church on Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> December.

Having the choir from Castle Primary at the party really made a difference and enhanced the atmosphere. They sang beautifully, and their behaviour was a credit to the school. The partygoers who attended said they really enjoyed it. It was lovely to see them singing along and enjoying your performance with a smile on their faces.

We received some really nice feedback from the attendees who appreciated the children coming along to perform for them.

I know that it's always busy at school, but even more so at this time of year, so thank you so much for taking the time to come and sing for us. We really appreciate it.

Here are a few of the pictures from the party, but you can see the full gallery on our website at <http://mountroadpracticeppg.nhs.uk/dementia-group-party-2025>



Best Regards,



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Chair - Mount Road Practice PPG

