

Castle Primary School

Weekly Bulletin - 10.01.2025



Welcome Back

Welcome to the Spring term! It may not have got off the start that we had expected, but it has been a great start all the same. The children have loved telling us all about their Christmas break, and we have loved hearing them talk animatedly about time shared with families and friends. They have settled back in to school life quickly, and have engaged well with the learning that has been going on in their classrooms. They have particularly enjoyed playing on our field in the snow!

We are incredibly excited for the year ahead, and look forward to work with our community even more closely.

Communication

Communication is key between home and school, and we will always endeavour to communicate in a clear and timely manner. We have had to change our key communication method due to a contract with School Spider coming to an end. This hasn't been without some teething issues, and we apologise if any messages haven't made their way to you. We believe we have resolved these issues now, but please let us know if you think there may still be a problem, and we will sort it asap. Our key communication methods include:

- Our open-door policy. You are welcome in school at any time. If we haven't got time to discuss something at length, we will book an appointment.
- Whole school communication will be via email or text message.
- We will issue a weekly bulletin to share what we have been up to during the week and ensure you are well informed of current and future events.
- Individual contact can be made with your child's class teacher via their email addresses. If you need to discuss something directly with me, please email: headteacher@castleprimary.co.uk
- We will conduct parents' evenings termly to discuss your child's progress, share their successes and suggest areas they may need to work on further.
- At the start of each term, we will share a whole school calendar with you which will outline any important events that are coming up that term.

Coming Soon

We are in the process of setting up a social media page on Facebook. This will be an excellent platform on which we can share with you what your child/ren have been getting up to during the school day.

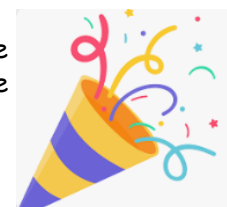
The page will be available for all to view, but children's names will never be used. In order for us to update individual preferences around the use of photographs, please complete [THIS FORM](#).



Celebration Assembly: Rec - Year 6

We love seeing parents in school! So, from next Friday - 17th January - you are invited to join us in our weekly celebration assembly which will begin at 2:45. Our celebration assembly is an ideal time to share the children's achievements together. If your child is due to receive an award, you will be notified the day before. But, you are welcome to celebrate with us whether your child is awarded that week or not!

If you are going to join us, please use the entrance off the car park. You are welcome to come in from 2:40.



New Faces

We are delighted to have welcomed some new members of staff to our Castle team this term.

Mrs Murray - teacher:



Mrs Murray is an experienced teacher who we are thrilled to introduce as a member of the Castle team. She will be working with us on a Thursday and Friday. On a Thursday, she will be teaching in year 5/6 in order to cover Mrs Bours' PPA and leadership time. On a Friday, she will teach in Year 1 and 2 as Miss Moore does not work on a Friday.

Mrs Watts - before and after school club



If your child attends breakfast or after school club, you may have already met Mrs Watts. Mrs Watts is excited to have taken over the running of breakfast and after school club.

Mr Woodcock - Site Manager



You may see Mr Woodcock around the school as he is our site manager. This means he will look after the school building and grounds.

P.E Days

The children have really enjoyed their PE lessons with the ASM team this week, and are looking forward to them continuing. As well as these sessions, the children will have an additional PE session taught by their teacher. They can come into school in PE kit on both days. Days are as follows:

Reception/Nursery - Wednesday

Year 1 and 2 - Monday and Wednesday

Year 3 and 4 - Thursday and Friday

Year 5 and 6 - Monday and Thursday

Extra-curricular Clubs

We are looking to extend the number of extra-curricular clubs that we offer at Castle. Watch this space over the next few weeks as we work with external agencies and gather some pupil voice about the types of clubs they would like us to offer. Initially, in addition to ASM, the children can sign up to:

Year 6 Only: SATS Booster - Tuesday until 4pm

3/4/5/6: 'Dancercise' - Thursday until 4:15pm

R/1/2: Reading Club - Tuesday until 4:15pm

Please use [THIS LINK](#) to sign up.

All clubs will be dismissed from the usual door and collected from the school playground.



Dates for Your Diary - Spring '25

Important dates for the spring term. We will always do what we can to not have to change dates. If for any reason we do have to make a change, this will be communicated at the earliest possible point.

Spring Term	
EVERY FRIDAY	Celebration Assembly 2:45pm
WB 20 th January	Pupil Leadership Team Elections
Tuesday 28 th January	SATS information evening - For Year 6 parents
Wednesday 29 th January	Chinese New Year
Friday 7 th February	Numbers' Day
Tuesday 11 th February	Safer Internet Day
Friday 14 th February	Kindness Day - donations welcomed for the local foodbank.
Monday 17 th - Friday 21 st February Half Term	
Thursday 6 th March	World Book Day
Friday 7 th - Friday 14 th March	British Science Week
Wednesday 12 th March	Science Day (parents invited into school)
Friday 28 th March	Someone Special Assembly 2:45 - N/R/Y1/Y2 parents invited (no celebration assembly)
Tuesday 1 st April	Parents' Evening <i>information to follow</i>
Wednesday 2 nd April	Parents' Evening
Tuesday 8 th April	Easter Bonnet parade Last day of the Spring term
Tuesday 9 th - Wednesday 23 rd April Spring Break	

Sporting events and enrichment activities will be communicated to the individual pupils or classes involved.

Events highlighted parents are invited to attend.