

Castle Primary School

Weekly Bulletin - 16/10/26



Small school, big heart

September 2027 Reception Starters

We would love to invite you to book a personalised **show around** at Castle Primary School and Nursery.

To book your visit, please contact the school office.

A welcoming place to learn, grow and thrive.

Our School Values

- Kindness**
We are kind, respectful and caring.
- Collaboration**
We learn and achieve together.
- Curiosity**
We ask questions and explore new ideas.
- Resilience**
We keep going, learn from mistakes and never give up.

Come and see what makes Castle special!

Reception 2027

If you, or anybody you know, is looking for a September 2027 place for a Reception aged child, the admission window is open for Cheshire-based postcodes and open on 1st November for Staffordshire postcodes. Don't forget to put your applications in, and if you know anyone who would like a school tour, please ask them to contact the school office.

Contact Details

Please ensure that all of your contact details are up to date. You can also update your contact information at any time via the Arbor app. If you require any help with Arbor, please contact Mrs Walker in the school office.

Parking

Please can we remind families when dropping off and collecting children, not to stop or park on the yellow zig-zag lines outside of school. The yellow zig-zag lines, outside school are there to keep you and your children safe, and they are a **no parking or dropping off zone**.



Celebration Assembly

We **LOVE** our celebration assemblies, and we **LOVE** welcoming our families into school to celebrate with us.

We have had some feedback that a little more notice would be helpful, so that parents can try to attend. With that in mind, after the half term, we are going to trial a Monday assembly, with notice to parents being sent on a Friday.

Parents Evening

There are still slots available to book via Arbor for your child's parents' consultation appointment. Parents' evening is taking place on **Monday 19th October** and **Wednesday 21st October**. If you have any issues booking your slot, please contact the school office and Mrs Walker will be happy to assist. **Bookings close at mid-day on the day of the consultation.**

Inset Day

School will be closed to pupils on Friday 23rd October for staff inset day. School re-opens to children on **Monday 2nd November**.

PTA

A huge thank you to our wonderful PTA for organising a fantastic Disco for the children. The children had a brilliant time and looked great dressed up in their outfits!

Castle Primary's PTA says...

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

WE RAISED £250!

A HUGE THANK YOU TO OUR PARENT DJ FOR SUPPORTING THE EVENT!

WE HOPE THE CHILDREN HAD A GREAT TIME!

Family Hub Staffordshire **BEST START IN LIFE**

HALLOWEEN EVENT

at Maryhill Family Hub

Friday 30th October 10am - 12pm

For children from walking to 11 years

The event will offer:

- Pumpkin goo
- Halloween themed crafts
- Cake & biscuit decorating

FREE to attend

Booking is essential to confirm your place

To book your place please call the Family Hub on **01782 296100** or email familyhubadminnewcastle@staffordshire.gov.uk

Maryhill Family Hub, Gloucester Road, Kidsgrove, Stoke-On-Trent, ST7 4DJ

Family Hub Staffordshire **BEST START IN LIFE**

HALLOWEEN EVENT

at Newcastle Family Hub

Wednesday 28th October 10am - 12pm

For children from walking to 11 years

The event will offer:

- Pumpkin goo
- Halloween themed crafts
- Cake & biscuit decorating

FREE to attend

Booking is essential to confirm your place

To book your place please call the Family Hub on **01782 296100** or email familyhubadminnewcastle@staffordshire.gov.uk

The Newcastle Family Hub, Cemetery Road, Knutton, Newcastle under Lyme, ST5 6DH

HALLOWEEN TRAIL

24 - 31 October 2026
Congleton Town Centre

Explore the town centre and hunt for hidden clues

Collect a trail from Congleton Information Centre to earn a treat

28 OCTOBER 2026 11AM-3PM CONGLETON TOWN HALL

WITCHY WEDNESDAY

Booking is Essential*
£2.00 per child
11am-12pm / 12.30pm-1.30pm / 2pm-3pm

Join us for a spooktacular time!

Pumpkin Carving Fancy Dress Competition Creepy Crafts Face Painting
Scary Cake Decorating Spooky Music and More...

www.ticketsource.co.uk/congleton-town-council Scan here to book

ALL children MUST be accompanied by an adult

* Please book one space per child taking part (Adults DO NOT require a ticket)

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

WHERE

Caudwell International Children's Centre
Innovation Way
Keele Science and Innovation Park
Newcastle-under-Lyme
ST5 5NT



Registered Charity Numbers: RCN 1079770, SC043874

FREE FAMILY SUPPORT SESSION

With Caudwell Children at Staffordshire Moorlands Family Hub!

Wednesday 22nd April 2026
9:30am - 1:30pm

Supporting Emotional Regulation & Behaviour

A session exploring how behaviour is communication and understanding why distressed behaviour may occur. The session looks at how to understand what behaviour may be communicating and practical strategies to support your child to understand their emotional regulation.

This session is FREE to attend and no diagnosis is required.

This is the first time Caudwell Children have been able to offer these sessions in person - they are usually delivered online.

To attend you will need to complete an application form at www.caudwellchildren.com/families/family-support-sessions/

- ★ Click on the box - 'Book a Family Support Session'
- ★ Complete the online application form - select session 'Supporting Emotional Regulation & Behaviour (virtual)'
- ★ For Q21 please enter text - 'STAFFORDSHIRE MOORLANDS FAMILY HUB - 22/04/26'
- ★ Submit the application.

The Growing Together Team will send you a confirmation e-mail.

Come along on 22nd April at 9.30am to the Family Hub at Staffordshire Moorlands!

Tea & Coffee will be provided.

We look forward to seeing you there!

If you have any queries speak to Donna in the Hub or e-mail growingtogether@caudwellchildren.com.

CAUDWELL CHILDREN

RCN 1079770

HOW CAN I APPLY?

We're here to help! You can apply by filling in the form on our website or if you have any questions, please get in touch with our Workshop Team by calling 0345 300 1348 or email us.

0345 300 1348
workshops@caudwellchildren.com

GET INVOLVED

Get involved with our exciting calendar of events and challenges, explore volunteering opportunities, and discover fun ways to fundraise and make a difference. To find out more, visit caudwellchildren.com



HOW YOU CAN DONATE

Around 80% of our income comes from donations like yours. Please consider donating and help us continue our important work!



OUR SERVICES

Autism Service: Providing diagnostic assessments, practical and emotional support for autistic children and their families.

Equipment: Supporting families with mobility and sensory equipment to help children and young adults with their development, mobility and independence.

Workshops: Providing families with a range of resource sessions that focus on raising a child with a disability or an autistic child.

Kids' Activities Club: Hosting activities for children and young people with SEND. These sessions are fun, help with social skills and build their confidence.

Occupational Therapy: Helping children and young people build everyday skills, supporting confidence and independence, whether it's getting dressed, making friends, or doing their best at school.

Family Support: Providing families caring for a disabled or neurodivergent child or young person with vital support and information in person, over the phone, email, or via live chat.

Sensory Packs: Supporting families to access a range of portable sensory support packs.

Shaping Futures: Supporting young neurodivergent people who are not in education, employment or training with vital employability and life skills to help shape their futures.

CAUDWELL CHILDREN

WORKSHOPS

HELPING YOUR FAMILY GROW TOGETHER



Sponsored by: Slater Garden

INTRODUCTION

Caudwell Children's Workshops offer valuable practical and accessible resources, that focus on some of the key challenges families may experience when raising a disabled or neurodivergent child.

Developed in direct consultation with autistic and disabled people, parents and clinicians, these sessions are designed to share helpful knowledge, offer practical strategies, and help families understand and support each other better.



Eligibility Criteria

- Each application must be submitted on behalf of an individual young person.
- Workshops are designed for families of children and young people aged 4-18 years.
- The child and their parent(s) or guardian(s) must be living legally in the United Kingdom.

WHAT WORKSHOPS ARE AVAILABLE?

VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS

Autism Next Steps: Parents and Carers
A network support session just for parents and carers to learn about autism, celebrate their child's strengths, and explore practical tips for supporting communication, emotions, and sensory needs, while connecting with other families on a similar journey. *Autism diagnosis required

Meeting Sensory Needs
An introduction to sensory processing, with simple strategies to help you support your child in everyday life. *No diagnosis required

Language and Communication
Suitable for parents of children just starting to develop language, this session helps you support your child in using the communication method that works best for them. *No diagnosis required

Parenting Relationships
This session explores how play helps children build friendships and offers simple strategies to support them in learning how to interact with others. *Autism diagnosis required

Supporting Emotional Regulation and Behaviour
All behaviour is a way for children to communicate, and there are helpful strategies to understand what your child might be trying to tell you. *No diagnosis required

Autism and Wellbeing
Learning about common mental health and wellbeing challenges can help you better understand and support autistic children and young people. *Autism diagnosis required

Change and Transition
You'll find helpful advice and strategies to support your child through everyday changes and important life transitions. *No diagnosis required

Eating and Nutrition
A session discussing the environmental, sensory and emotional factors which may affect a child's eating. The session offers a range of strategies to support children who experience difficulties affecting eating and mealtime. *No diagnosis required

Sleep
A session discussing some common difficulties children may experience with sleep as well as practical advice and strategies to support healthy sleep. *No diagnosis required

IN PERSON WORKSHOPS

Autism Next Steps: Ages 4-7 and 8-11
Fun, friendly sessions where kids enjoy supportive play while parents learn about autism, celebrate their child's strengths, and discover simple ways to help with things like communication, emotions, and sensory needs. *Autism diagnosis required

Autism Next Steps: Teenagers
This session is designed for autistic teens aged 12-18 or 16-24, offering a supportive space to explore important topics like self-advocacy, emotional resilience, social media and online safety, and sensory preferences. Through engaging activities and presentations, young people will build confidence, connect with others, and gain tools to better understand and express themselves. *Autism diagnosis required

For more information on eligibility criteria, please visit www.caudwellchildren.com/workshops