

# Castle Primary School

## Weekly Bulletin - 24/04/2026



### Safer Inside - Our School Lockdown Procedure

Just like our fire procedures, a lockdown policy is a precautionary safety measure. It is in place so that staff and children know exactly what to do in the unlikely event that we need to secure the school site quickly. Having clear procedures helps everyone stay calm, safe and reassured. A lockdown may be used if there is a potential risk outside or near the school that means it is safer for pupils to remain indoors temporarily. This could include, for example:

- A safety incident in the local area
- An unauthorised person near the school site
- A community incident that is not connected with the school

Importantly, a lockdown does not automatically mean there is a direct threat to the school or pupils. It is a precaution, designed to protect everyone while situations are checked or managed by appropriate services.

In school, we have chosen to call our lockdown procedure our '**Safer Inside Policy**'. This will be shared with the children next week, and we will be having a practice next week with the children.

Our child friendly procedure is attached on Page 3 of the bulletin should you wish to discuss this with your child before our practice next week.



School photos will be conducted on  
**Tuesday 28th of April - 2026**

At this session we will be photographing:  
Everyone & Year 6

Class Groups  
Leavers Groups  
Leavers Individuals

**If your child has PE on a Tuesday, please can they come into school in their school uniform and bring their kit in a named bag. Year 6 children should be in their leavers' jumpers.**

**Please ensure full uniform is worn and children are neat and tidy. Parents will receive free proofs of every image and the option to make a purchase.**

### Residential

Our incredible year 3/4 children did us proud this week on their residential. They showed our school values of; Kindness, Resilience, Collaboration and Curiosity.



### Afterschool Clubs

Text messages have been sent out to families to confirm your child's place on afterschool clubs. If you have not received the text message, please contact Mrs Walker in the office.

### DIARY DATES

**Tuesday 28th April** - Academy Photography - Class Groups, Leavers' groups and Leavers individual

**Monday 4th May** - May Day - Bank Holiday school closed

**Tuesday 5th May - Monday 11th May** - Scholastic Book Fair

**Thursday 7th May** - Mow Cop Killer Mile

**W/C 11th May** - Year 6 SATs Week

# Rotary Congleton



January 20<sup>th</sup> 2026



## The Rotary Young Artist Competition 2026



I am delighted to invite your pupils to enter this years' Rotary Young Artist Competition. In 2025 we received and judged over 600 paintings from the sixteen schools that took part.

Last year the judges awarded Woodcocks' Well Primary school the "**Bellows Trophy**" as the overall winning school. The judging panel praised Woodcocks' Well for their "outside the box" creativity by submitting so many different paintings based on the "rubbish" subject!

This unique trophy was made and kindly donated by our sponsor, Senior Aerospace Bird Bellows. It will be engraved with the winners name and school, prior to presentation in July.

This year, the subject is "**Space**." A few suggestions, a room, a field, the universe, a box, the boot of a car, a warehouse, an empty swimming pool, a garden or maybe a suitcase to mention, but a few.

The competition will run from now until June 19<sup>th</sup>. Your entries will be collected on Monday June 22<sup>nd</sup> or Tuesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>. We will be visiting your school to present the certificates and prizes along with a representative from Senior Aerospace during week commencing Monday July 6<sup>th</sup>. Nearer the time I will be in touch with a list of dates and times for you to choose your preferred presentation day. If possible, we would like to do this during your assembly.

All pupils taking part will receive a certificate of achievement. The three main prize winners from each school will be presented with age-related art material prizes.

Paintings are to be on A3 paper, can be black and white or colour and must be the pupil's own work. Any pupil can enter this competition, please ensure their *full name, age, school year as well as the schools name is clearly annotated on the back of the painting*. Last year several paintings were disqualified as they did not include the above information. There is no limit on the number of entries, however, it would be appreciated if you could keep entry numbers to about 60, if possible.

I have discussed digitally produced paintings with the judges and sponsor. All agreed to stay with the original competition format of freehand paintings produced using water-based paints, crayons or pencils.

The Rotary Club of Congleton reserves the right to publicise winning paintings in local newspapers and on our Web / Facebook sites unless requested not to.

I do hope your pupils will take part and please email me to confirm your schools' participation - thank you.

Warmest regards and best wishes,

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## the ROTARY-CONGLETON YOUNG ARTISTS COMPETITION 2026

Enter Now. Closing Date: June 19th

SPONSORED BY SENIOR AEROSPACE BIRD BELLOWS  
Prizes for Individual Winners. All entrants receive a certificate.

Winning School receives the Bird Bellows Trophy.





## Safer Inside

Sometimes, to keep everyone safe, adults may ask us to stay safe inside. This means we stay inside our classroom and follow special safety rules.

### How will I know we need to follow our Safer Inside rules?

- If you are inside already, you may hear a message on the Walkie Talkie in your classroom asking the adults in your room to begin the Safer Inside procedure. The adult will tell you exactly what you need to do.
- If you are outside, you may hear the school bell. This is a signal to line up silently with the adult you are with. The adult will tell you exactly what you need to do next.

### What Will Happen Next?

The adults with you will help everyone to:

- Stay inside the classroom, silently
- Close the door
- Close windows and blinds
- Turn off the lights
- You might sit on the floor or move to a quiet corner of the room.

### What Do I Need to Do?

- ✓ Stay calm
- ✓ Stay quiet
- ✓ Listen carefully to the adults who are with you
- ✓ Stay with your class
- ✗ Do not leave the room
- ✗ Do not open the door

The adults are there to keep you safe. There will be a member of staff in charge of the Safer Inside procedure and they are there to keep everyone in the school safe.

### When Is It Over?

Your teacher will tell you when the Safer Inside procedure has ended, and we can continue with our day. It is ok to:

- Feel worried
- Ask questions
- Talk to an adult you trust

### Remember

- Safer Inside events need to be practised (just like a fire drill!). 'Real' drills are very rare.
- They are to keep everyone safe
- You are doing the right thing by listening