

# Castle Primary School

## Weekly Bulletin - 27/03/2026



### Happy Spring Break

As we come to the end of the Spring term, I want to thank all our pupils, families and staff for their hard work, positivity and support. It's been a busy term filled with great learning, new achievements, and plenty to be proud of.

As we look ahead to the Summer term, we have lots to look forward to including our 3/4 residential, Father's Day breakfast, Summer Fayre and many more exciting opportunities and quality learning experiences. The dates for the Summer term have been added to the weekly bulletin email.



We hope everyone enjoys a well deserved break over the holidays. And to those in our community who celebrate Easter, Happy Easter! Have a restful, happy time with family and friends, and we look forward to welcoming the children back refreshed for the Summer term on **Monday 13th April**.

### Attendance

In line with the expectations set out by the Local Authority and the DfE (Department for Education), we are updating our attendance procedures in school, along with the way we communicate with parents and carers about pupil attendance. Details about these updates can be found on the next page. Should you have any questions, or would like to access any support in relation to attendance, please contact Mrs Chesters: [Emmachesters@castleprimary.co.uk](mailto:Emmachesters@castleprimary.co.uk) and she will be happy to help.

### Morning Drop Off

We have noticed an increase in cars stopping by the front gate to let children out and into school. This is causing concern to parents and school staff in relation to safety and supervision.

**Please find somewhere to park safely before letting your children out of the car.**

Staff will be on the playground from 8:40 until 8:50 each morning. Arrival before this time will not be supervised by school staff. If you need to drop your children off earlier, we have breakfast club from 8am where they can also have breakfast to set them up for the day.




### Easter Bonnets

The quality of the Easter Bonnets today was INCREDIBLE!


Thank you to the children (and parents) for all your hard work. The children look wonderful in them!




### New Summer Term Lunch Menu



## SCHOOL LUNCH




**AVAILABLE DAILY**  
 Fresh fruit, salad, yoghurt and water

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chicken Nuggets, Potato Wedges/Beans	Lasagna, Garlic Bread/Peas	Roasted Chicken Boiled Potato/Mixed Veg	Chicken Curry Savory Rice /Veg	Breaded Fish/Chips
Veggie Nuggets Potato Wedges/Beans (v)	Macaroni Cheese Garlic Bread/Peas (v)	Cheese Onion Pie Mixed Veg (V)	Quorn Curry Savory Rice/Veg (V)	Spaghetti Hoops
Jacket Potato	Selection Of Sandwiches	Jacket Potato	Selection Of Wraps	Veg Sausage Roll Chips/Beans (V)
Beans/Tuna/Cheese	Tuna/Ham/Chicken	Cheese/Tuna/Ham	Egg/Ham/Cheese	Tuna Sweetcorn Pasta Pots/Salad

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Breaded Chicken Wraps Savory Rice /Salad	Beef Bolognaise Pasta/ Garlic Bread	Sausage/Mash Yorkshire Pudd/Veg	Pepperoni Pizza Potato Shapes/Beans	Fish Fingers Chips /Spaghetti Hoops
Quorn Breaded Chicken Savory Rice/Salad	Quorn Bolognaise Pasta/Garlic Bread	Vegetarian Sausage Yorkshire Pudd/Veg	Cheese Tomato Pizza Potato Shapes/Beans	Veg Fingers Chips Spaghetti Hoops
Jacket Potato	Selection/Sandwiches Pasta /Salad	Jacket potato: Tuna/Beans/Cheese	Selection/Sandwiches Salad/Pasta	Mixed Pasta Pots Salad

**Dietary & Allergies**  
 Please speak to a member of the catering staff if you have any special dietary or allergy requirements

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## ATTENDANCE

### **Important Update: Changes to Attendance Letters**

We are updating the way we communicate with parents and carers about pupil attendance. Our aim is always to work in partnership with families to ensure every child attends school regularly and benefits fully from their education.

#### **Our Attendance Target**

**96% attendance** is our whole-school expectation for every pupil.

**New Attendance Letter System – these will now be sent via email.**

To help keep you informed and supported, we send letters based on the following thresholds:

#### **Letter 1 – Attendance below 96%**

- Sent when a child's attendance falls below 96%.

This is an early reminder to highlight concerns and encourage improvement.

#### **Letter 2 – Attendance between 94% and 90%**

- This indicates your child is “**at risk of becoming persistently absent.**”

Letter 2 may also be sent if attendance does not improve during a two-week monitoring period following - Letter 1.

#### **Letter 2a -At Risk of persistent absence**

An invitation to meet with **Mrs Chesters (Attendance Lead)** to discuss how school can support you in improving attendance. A **Raising Attendance Plan** will be created with you to support improvement.

Letter 2a may also be sent if attendance does not improve during a two-week monitoring period following Letter 2.

#### **Letter 3 – Attendance below 90%**

- Below 90% is classed as **persistently absent**.

If attendance does not improve after a further three weeks, the **Local Authority may intervene** and issue a **Notice to Improve**.

#### **Medical Evidence**


To support Raising Attendance Plans, we may request medical evidence for illness-related absences. If this cannot be provided, the absences may be recorded as **unauthorised**.

**10 unauthorised absences within 10 weeks** may result in a **Fixed Penalty Notice**.


All of these procedures are outlined in our **Attendance Policy**, which is available to you at any time.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss your child's attendance, **Mrs Chesters** is always happy to help.

## SUMMER TERM MENU



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### WEEK 2

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