

Castlechurch's

NEWSLETTER



A message from the Senior Leadership

Welcome back to our pupils, parents and staff. It was fantastic to open the gate on Wednesday to our fresh faced, smart and happy children, ready for a new school year. We cannot believe how quickly the children have settled into Smiling Sunshines & Little Raindrops, they all look so grown up and are grasping the routines of school really quickly. We are really lucky to have had new children join our school across all year groups, expanding our school family. As usual, our children have welcomed our newcomers with open arms and with big smiles. We have said goodbye to Mrs. Pearce over the summer, she has started a new role in a school in Wolverhampton. Mrs. Goodyear will be acting SENCO whilst we recruit. We are delighted that Mrs. Ward has stepped in as class teacher of Pine class and they have had a fantastic week. Just a reminder about the changes to school attendance that came into force from 19th August 2024. There are also changes around punctuality, registers close at 9:15am and your child is counted as U—unauthorised late after this time. 10 U marks related to Lateness could also result in a fine within the new guidance. See next page for more information. For PE Day information please see page 3. Thank you. Take care, have a great weekend from Team Castlechurch :)

Next Week...



Monday	
Tuesday	KS1 Forest School
Wednesday	Head & Deputy Boy and Girl application deadline
Thursday	
Friday	Head & Deputy Boy and Girl results

Parents Evening—8th October 24
Individual & Sibling Photos—16th October 24
PTPA Disco—17th October 24
Harvest Festival—24th October 24
INSET DAYS—25th October 24

The calendar on the website has been updated please go to:

[Calendar - Castlechurch Primary School | Stafford](#)

This Week's winner is:

Well done!



School Matters!



Swimming 2024-25

This year, swimming is going

to be done slightly differently. We will begin the year by taking each 3 /4 class separately to assess their swimming ability.

Thursday 19th September – Beech assessment session.

Thursday 26th September – Rowan assessment session

Thursday 3rd October – Pine assessment session

After all 3 assessment sessions have been completed, the children will be taken in groups according to their ability. When the children are not swimming, or they have reached the National KS2 requirement for swimming, they will remain in school to do curriculum PE activities. Your child will receive a letter to explain when they are swimming after the initial dates above.

Class	Attendance
Hazel	95.65%
Maple	96%
Willow	100%
Beech	99.29%
Pine	91.73%
Rowan	95.17%
Cedar	99.23%
Elm	100 %
Oak	100%

Our whole school attendance
This week, our school attendance was:
97.11%

Please see the full guidance around the changes to attendance [Working together to improve school attendance \(applies from 19 August 2024\) \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk)

ATTENDANCE

WHAT THE NEW RULES MEAN FOR ME

1

I'm a single parent of one child and we want to go on holiday for a week.

Your holiday will not be authorised and you must talk to the school before you book anything. Because your child will miss 5 school days you will be given a penalty notice fine. The fine is £160 but if you pay it in 21 days it will be reduced to £80.

£160



2

FOR EVERY CHILD A PENALTY IS GIVEN.



+ £160 + £160 + £160 + £160

4 children & 1 parent = £640

Reduced to £320 if paid in 21 days

IRREGULAR ATTENDANCE

10 IN 10

5

If your child is absent for 10 or more sessions in 10 weeks and their absences are unauthorised. The school will consider prosecution.

1 Day = 2 Sessions

3

FOR A FAMILY OF TWO PARENTS



+ £160 + £160 + £160 + £160

4 children & 2 parents = £1280

Reduced to £640 if paid in 21 days

If in any period of not more than 3 years, your child has a 2nd and 3rd leave of absence or pattern of irregular attendance...

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2ND TIME

2 parents and 1 child = £320
2 children = 640
3 children = 960
4 children = 1280

No discount for early payment



3RD TIME

A penalty notice fine will not be given. Instead, your case will be taken to court. A magistrate can fine each parent £2500 for each child
1 parent & 4 children = £10,000
2 parents & 4 children = £20,000

School & Community Information

Important

High Fliers

The cost of High Fliers will increase from September 2024.

7:30am— 8:45am £4.85

3:15— 4:30 pm £8.15

3:15—5:30pm £9.25

3:15— 6:00pm £10.35

10% discount on more than one child attending.

Payment made through Parentpay.

Please call into the office to collect an application form.

PE Days

Just a reminder of each classes PE days, children can come to school dressed in their kit. There have been some changes due to staffing

Monday - Willow & Oak

Tuesday - Elm & Cedar

Thursday—Pine, Rowan & Beech

Maple & Hazel

Friday - Raindrops & Sunshines



Uniform Swop Shop

In order to keep all our of children looking as smart and prepared as they do this week, we would like to start a uniform and shoe swop shop on Fridays after school.

We have lots of younger age group clothes and shoes but we would really like donations of older children's uniforms and adult sized school black shoes (Size 2 upwards)

Once we have good quality uniform ready to swop we will inform you and then start the Friday shop. There will be a clean bin for any donations alongside the swop.

Please send any donations into the office. Thanking you in advance.

If children do not attend school in full uniform including school shoes or incorrect PE kit, then school will provide them with spares to wear for the day and then they will go home in their own clothes.

A reminder that school PE kit should be all black without logos, a Castlechurch PE t-shirt can be purchased from our uniform suppliers if required.

