

A message from the Senior Leadership Team

Happy new year everyone! We have a fantastic start to the year. We have welcomed many newcomers into our school across lots of year groups and welcomed back some old faces too! Miss Owens organised a nurture morning for us on Monday morning to ease us back into routines. It was a PSHE based morning, where pupils across the school from Years 1 - 6 mixed into 'vertical nurture groups' to enable more of our wonderful pupils to get to know each other and begin to build wider friendship circles. We took the time to chat, playing games such as 'Same Here!' where a ball of wool is used to show connections between pupils and their interests. We read a book called 'Have You Filled A Bucket Today?' which talked about us all carrying around invisible buckets each day, and those buckets affecting our mood and happiness. We discussed the importance of filling people's buckets (through words and acts of kindness) rather than being bucket dippers (being unkind or inconsiderate). There has been lots of positive feedback from pupils and teachers, who enjoyed the morning, and we are looking forward to planning our next morning of activities for our groups in the Summer term! A big THANK YOU to Miss Owens. Thank you also for your support during this cold spell, we hope that you stay safe, warm and dry over the weekend and look forward to opening our doors again on Monday. Have a good weekend, take care, from Team Castlechurch :)

Next Week...

Monday 6th Jan	Willow PE Kit Oak PE Kit KSI Drop in
Tuesday	LKS2 Forest School Cedar/Elm PE kits
Wednesday	LKS2 & UKS2 drop in
Thursday	Swimming kits LKS2 PE kit Maple/Hazel PE Kit EYFS Drop in
Friday	EYFS PE Kit

LKS2 Forest School Parent engagement session 4th February 25
Break for Half term—14th February 25
School opens—24th February 25

The website is working again and has been updated—please visit [Calendar - Castlechurch Primary School | Stafford](#)

Class	Attendance
Hazel	97.5 %
Maple	97.6 %
Willow	97.31 %
Beech	94.29 %
Pine	97.14 %
Rowan	96.28 %
Cedar	98.15 %
Elm	94.81 %
Oak	96.15 %

This Week's winner

is:

Cedar



Picture News

Let's look at this week's story

Birdwatch is an annual UK-wide citizen science project held every January, inviting people to gather data to support the work of scientists. Both the Big Garden and the Big Schools' Birdwatch offer people the chance to count birds visiting gardens, playgrounds or school outdoor spaces. This simple activity helps identify bird populations and the most common species. The data collected then helps scientists monitor bird numbers and deduce whether any species are in decline. Why don't you get involved at home? The children loved the idea.



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

96.39 %

Celebrations

CONGRATULATIONS
The Amazing Author Award is presented to

for _____
Date: _____
From: _____ Be Safe Be Respectful Be Ready

Maple—Amanda-Jane

Willow – Neo

Hazel— Jacob

Pine - Evie

Rowan – Yoana

Beech – Sam

Oak – Ruby

Elm — Tyler

Cedar – Antonia

CONGRATULATIONS
Our Maths Magician Award is presented to

for _____
Date: _____
From: _____ Be Safe Be Respectful Be Ready

Maple— Mollie

Willow - Scarlett

Hazel – Jacob

Pine— Esme

Rowan – Alfie B

Beech – Henry

Oak – Isabelle

Elm— Izabella

Cedar – Annabelle

Maple – Aurora

Willow – Sofia

Hazel - Lily-Mae

Pine— Chloe

Rowan—

Beech – Aubree + Kai

Oak – Jack

Elm – Amelia

Cedar— Rocco

CONGRATULATIONS
Our Castlechurch Champion Award is presented to

for _____
Date: _____
From: _____ Be Safe Be Respectful Be Ready



House Points

	Week	Total
Fox	149	2406
Squirrel	293	2934
Hedgehog	41	2147
Badger	100	2401

Lunchtime stars

KS1 - Lily-Mae

LKS2 - Leo F

UKS2 - Joshua R

Maple - Sebastian

Willow - Freddie

Hazel - Finnley

Pine — Harry

Rowan— Darcy

Beech – Kiarna

Oak – Joshua

Elm— Aaliyah

Cedar – Cantara

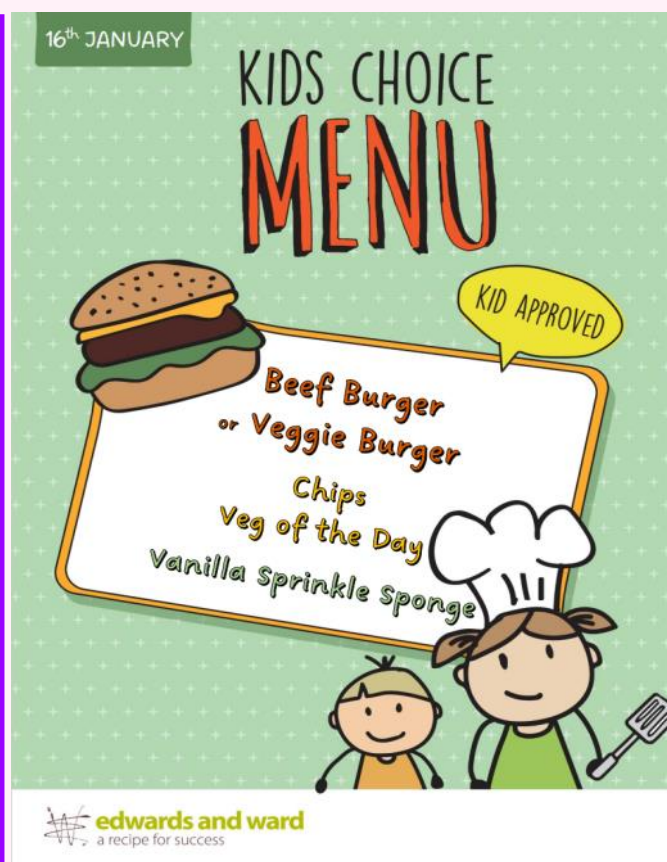


School & Community Information

**Thursday 16th January is
School Census Day.**

**Our Kitchen Team are preparing a
very exciting menu!**

**Our funding for the next year is
directly affected by the number of
children who have a school lunch
on Census Day so please do
encourage your child to join in!**



Safeguarding Tab

As you know, we have a safeguarding tab on our school website. It has a wealth of information and support for anyone needing safeguarding advice and support on a range of safeguarding matters including: mental health, domestic abuse, child criminal exploitation, radicalisation, bereavement, general parenting advice and online /e-safety.

Please have a look and feel free to signpost this to other parents/families that require support in the wider community.

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

Thank you for your continued support.



The food table is out on the playground every week. Please help yourself as it is all free.

The Life Church provide us with this food and it really helps many parents. You can visit their community grocery on Milton Grove too. Everyone welcome.

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FREE DRUG AWARENESS TRAINING

For any additional support please contact - Re-solv on 01785 817885

- Face to Face Session
Friday January 17th
9.30am - 12.00pm
Stafford Family Hub ,
Faraday Road, Stafford,
ST16 3NQ
- Online session via
Teams
Thursday 13th
February
6.30pm - 9.00pm



Talking about drugs, solvents and substances with your children can help protect them from harm. Often parents underestimate their influence but evidence shows that 11-15 year-olds in particular look to their parents for information.

**Would you like to know more?
Book your free place by calling
01785 854700**



Drugs, Substances, Gases, aerosols, petrol, glues, solvents, poppers, laughing gas...



We're here to help.



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