Castlechurch's NEWSLETTER



A message from the Senior Leadership Team

Children First Learning Partnership

The children have had a great week building up to the Easter holidays. Please see Facebook for our learning journey this week.

Years 3 and 4 have visited the Stafford History Museum in town. This was a brilliant educational visit and we discovered so much information about the industry that Stafford was built upon in the past-such as the salt beneath our feet and how Lotus shoes provided the locals with stable employment and homes.

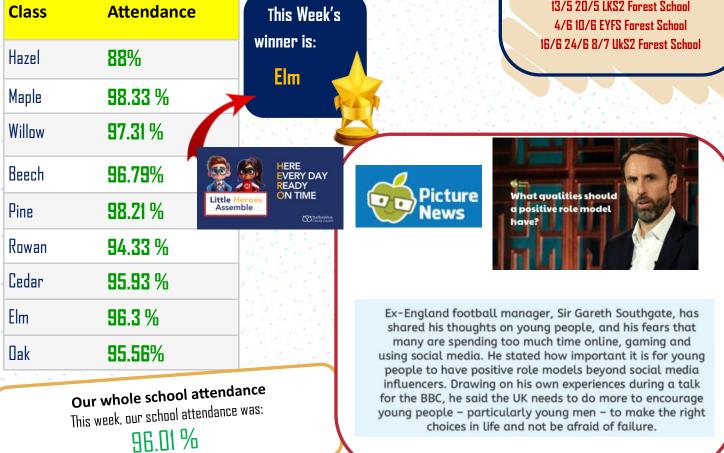
Church was wonderful and Reverend Sourbutts led a celebration of Easter and Spring service. This was enjoyed by everyone, although the children do struggle to move past Easter being about chocolate eggs and hot cross bun treats! (but who can blame them?!)

Mrs Cranwell led a successful Maths triad this week where we shared our great work with the CFLP trust. Our children love Maths!

Have a safe and exciting family time over Easter and we will see you all soon! We hope the sunshine stays with us.

Next Week				
	Monday	Maple PE Kit Y5 PE Kit Sports students in -Your child knows if its them! Year 3 and 4 STOP after Easter	1	
	Tuesday	KSI Forest School Cedar/Elm/Oak PE kits		
	Wednesday			
	Thursday	Swimming kits LKS2 PE kit Hazel /Willow PE Kit		
	Friday	EYFS PE Kit		

28/4 6/5 KS 1 Forest School 13/5 20/5 LKS2 Forest School 4/6 10/6 EYFS Forest School



Celebrations

S.S - Freya Maple– Kiyaya Hazel – Finnley Willow-Riley-Mae **Pine - Kacey-May Rowan – Darcy Beech** – Maisie Elm– Oscar K **Oak- Harley** Cedar – Oscar

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House Points

	Week	Total
Fox	102	4825
Squirrel	144	4689
Hedge- hog	85	4150
Badger	150	4689

S.S — Keanu Maple – Lily-Rose Hazel - Aria

Willow– Hayat

Pine - Luka

Rowan- Rory

Beech – Oscar

Elm – Oscar B

Oak— Izabelle

Cedar—Antonia

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CONTRACTORIES

Lunchtime stars Rec - Isaac KS1 – Elizabeth LKS2– Kiarna

UKS2— Jack

S.S— Nadine Maple- Ralph Hazel – Edie Willow-Nelli **Pine– Jacob Rowan– Alfie B Beech** – Cleo Elm– Lavanya **Oak- Ruby-Mae Cedar- Reggie**

CONSTRUCTIONS

Be Safe

Our Maths Magician Award is presented to

Be Respected

S.S— Oliver Maple – Ellie-Mae Hazel – Elsie Willow – Boris **Pine - Georgia** Rowan –Jack D **Beech – Scarlett** Elm - Izabella Oak— Ragnar Cedar – Ryan

VE DAY CELEBRATION DAY 2025

Join us to celebrate 80 years since the end of the Second World War

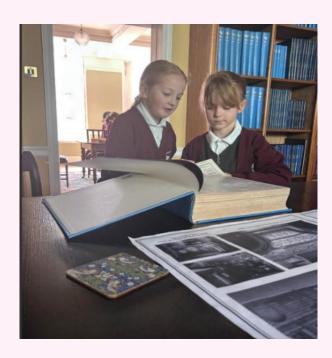
Thursday 8th May 2025

We will be holding a commemorative day to celebrate and to show our respect for our war heroes. We invite children to come into school wearing red, white and blue clothes.

Year 3 and 4 visited The Stafford History

Museum









History NEWS

Spotlight Talks

The Dollhouse of Dreams 4th April Peering inside our lovingly crafted playset.	
Burton Abbey Chronicles 10th April UFOs, naughty monks and other archive tales.	
Teenage Diaries 16th April Examine charming scrapbooks from yesteryear.	
Meet the Expert - Conservation 22nd April A peek behind the scenes with our conservator	
Puppets on Parade 23rd April Puppet collection deep dive, with demos!	
Heel to Toe 30th April Re-treading Stafford's shoemaking legacy.	
Eastgate Street at War 8th May Mark VE Day and explore local WW2 history	
No. 19 Eastgate Street 13th May Reading the original features in the WS Library.	
St Werburgh 22nd May A Staffordshire Saint and her miraculous goose.	
JL Petit - Brush with Faith TBC Discover incredible Staffordshire landscapes	
Sampler Stories 5th June Exploring needlework skills of the past	
Racing through Staffordshire 13th June Whizz through our carriage collection	
Mabel Layng in the Roaring 20s 20th June The enigmatic paintings of a Staffordshire artist	

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April **Diaries and Scrapbooks**

Wednesday 16th April Examine charming scrapbooks from the archives and craft your own.

10:30am - 12pm: Bookbinding workshop for ages 6+: bind a hardcover notebook to take home! Book your place at the desk, £5 per crafter to cover materials

1:30pm - 3pm

Activities suitable for all ages, no need to book! Craft tiny scrapbooks to fill with ideas, cuttings and drawings. Cost of £2.50 to cover materials.

Meet the Expert - Conservation Tuesday 22nd April Meet our conservator, get hands on cleaning archival documents and hunt down cuddly bugs across the History Centre! 10:30am

Free rhyming sensory storytime for ages 1-6. Bring your favourite cuddly toy!

1:30 - 3:30pm Drop in to ask questions and get handgron x/ w/history for ellisters



Puppets on Parade Wednesday 23rd April

Craft your own puppet friends to take home, inspired by the puppets in our collection! No maximum age, £2.50 per crafter, per session

10:30 - 11:15am Workshop for ages 4+ Try your hand at crafting a cheerful chattering puppet. Book your place at the History Centre desk.

11:45 - 12:45pm Workshop for ages 7+ Design and craft a stylish dancing string puppet! Book your place at the

History Centre desk 1:30 - 3:30pm Crafternoon for all ag Meet our historical puppets and mak n puppet theat



Staffordshire **History** Centre

May Dates for your diary Stafford Stories Walk Thursday 1st May 10:30am - 11:30am Wander the streets of Stafford and learn about the grim, grisly and grand events which make up its storied past. £5pp, booking open April Staffordshire History Study Day Saturday 3rd May 9:30am - 3:30pm Explore the history of our county with specialist researchers and authors. Tickets £15 (includes a light buffet lunch). Email helen.johnson@staffordshire.gov.uk.

Celebrating VE Day Tuesday 8th May 10:30am - 12pm Mark the 80th anniversary of VE Dayl Craft bunting, discover Stafford's WW2 history and festoon our town house with decorations.

Summer Half Term Friday 30th May: Join us for an explorer's trail, badgemaking and a vote on your collection favourites.

10:30am Free storytime for ages 1-6: rhyme and wiggle with our historical toys!



Stay up to date via our website or social media!

June

Dates for your diary

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The Staffordshire **History Centre-**Eastgate Street. It is a wonderful place-Why not visit them over Easter? Its Free. Here is their programme through to June. Mrs Whiston

THE MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM IN SCHOOLS ARE OPEN OVER THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Monday 14th April - Friday 25th April (excluding weekends and bank holidays)

If your child is experiencing low level mental health difficulties, we may be able to help. Call us* between 9am - 5pm (Monday to Friday), leave your name and number and one of our practitioners will give you a call back to see what support we can offer.



Burton and Uttoxeter 01283 504487

Cannock and Lichfield 01283 352113

Stafford 01283 352097

Tamworth 01785 301027



*Please note that these contact numbers are not to be used in an emergency.

PTA NEWS

Chocolate Raffle-The PTA and the school council ran an amazing Easter chocolate raffle. The children loved this being drawn in assembly.

All money the PTA are raising is going towards replacing our school hall music system and lights so that when we put on productions and assemblies we have a better experience.



Summer fair

The PTA will be arranging a summer fair. Watch this space for news of dates and donations we would

welcome!





We visited Castle Church on Friday. The children sang and had great time hearing about Easter traditions.

Ask your child all about it! Thank you to everyone at the Church.





A big announcement-Asda Cash Pot for Schools has raised just over £500 for our PTA.







A reminder for Summer uniform:

During the warmer weather the boys are allowed to wear school style grey shorts and the girls can wear summer dresses. Our school colour is the burgundy that matches our cardigan.

We still expect proper school shoes and not summer sandles.

School & Community Information

OUIET STAY & PLAY

FOR NEWBORN BABIES TO TODDLERS TO PRE SCHOOL CHILDREN

Everyone is welcome to come parents, guardians, grandparents and childminders

on a Monday morning (in term time) from



9am to 11am



Castlechurch Community Hub at

Castlechurch Primary School

BRING YOUR LITTLE ONES TO PLAY AND WHILE THEY DO HAVE A CUPPA AND RELAX



CASTLECHURCH COMMUNIT

NTAL MENTAL H SUPPORT GROUP 17TH MARCH 2025 12.30PM - 14.30PM

Drop in session for parents and carers of Children of all ages.

Parenting can be both the most incredible and most difficult experience of our lives. It is so important that we have a good support network to celebrate our wins with and for support when navigating the harder times.

Come along and speak with a qualified mental health professional or just to meet with other parents to share and support each other. Free hot drinks and use of the entire community hub.

STAY & PLAY

TODDLER GROUP £1 PER ADULT

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9,30/AM

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Tennyson Road, Highfields, Stafford, ST17 9SY

FROM PR PRIMA SCHOOL



Scan the QR code for more information

Would you like to feel more confident in your parenting? Would you like to learn more about your child's behaviours and their emotional development? Then our FREE Pram to Primary might be the course for you!

We offer free 6 week courses for parents of 0-11 year olds with both face-to-face and virtual options available.

Why not join our upcoming Pram to Primary Course? Thursday 1st May 2025 Castlechurch Primary School **Tennyson** Road **ST17 9SY** 12:45 - 14:45

To register your interest, please contact: Groupwork@staffordshire.gov.uk



with Emma



At Castlechurch Community Hub castlechurch primary school Stafford.

Wednesday 930am to 1030am £1 per person

Please pop into the community hub-it is there for you. There is free breakfast available Monday, Tuesday and Wednes-

day. There is also the regular food table out on the playground on Friday. Check out the timetable as you go past or pop in to the office. There is everything from toddler groups to crochet club! It's a friendly place to get