

NEWSLETTER

A message from the Senior Leadership Team

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
Tuesday	KS1 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
16/6 24/6 8/7 UKS2 Forest School

Class	Attendance
Hazel	88%
Maple	98.33 %
Willow	97.31 %
Beech	96.79%
Pine	98.21 %
Rowan	94.33 %
Cedar	95.93 %
Elm	96.3 %
Oak	95.56%

This Week's winner is:
Elm



What qualities should a positive role model have?

Ex-England football manager, Sir Gareth Southgate, has shared his thoughts on young people, and his fears that many are spending too much time online, gaming and using social media. He stated how important it is for young people to have positive role models beyond social media influencers. Drawing on his own experiences during a talk for the BBC, he said the UK needs to do more to encourage young people - particularly young men - to make the right choices in life and not be afraid of failure.

Our whole school attendance
This week, our school attendance was:
96.01 %

Celebrations

CONGRATULATIONS
The Amazing Author Award is presented to _____
for _____

CONGRATULATIONS
Our Maths Magician Award is presented to _____
for _____

S.S - Freya

Maple - Kiyaya

Hazel - Finnley

Willow - Riley-Mae

Pine - Kacey-May

Rowan - Darcy

Beech - Maisie

Elm - Oscar K

Oak - Harley

Cedar - Oscar

S.S — Keanu

Maple - Lily-Rose

Hazel - Aria

Willow - Hayat

Pine - Luka

Rowan - Rory

Beech - Oscar

Elm - Oscar B

Oak - Isabelle

Cedar - Antonia

S.S— Nadine

Maple - Ralph

Hazel - Edie

Willow - Nelli

Pine - Jacob

Rowan - Alfie B

Beech - Cleo

Elm - Lavanya

Oak - Ruby-Mae

Cedar - Reggie

CONGRATULATIONS
Our Castlechurch Champion Award is presented to _____
for _____

CONGRATULATIONS
The Remarkable Reader Award is presented to _____
for _____

House Points

	Week	Total
Fox	102	4825
Squirrel	144	4689
Hedgehog	85	4150
Badger	150	4689

Lunchtime stars

Rec - Isaac

KS1 - Elizabeth

LKS2 - Kiarna

UKS2 - Jack

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

Free 15 minute lunchtime talks, taking place at 1pm

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

April

Easter holidays at the History Centre

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 hands on with history!
Free event for all ages.

See you soon!

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 ages
Meet our historical puppets and make your own puppet theatre.
No need to book!



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 Day! 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!

June

Dates for your diary

Collection Store Tour
Tuesday 17th June
10am - 12pm
Explore our museum stores: from costume to carriages, from gramophones to agricultural equipment!
Pre-booking is essential for this event. Tickets £5pp including refreshments. Booking opens in May

Stay up to date via our website or social media!

 @archandheritage
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 Staffordshire Archives and Heritage
 staffordshirehistory.org.uk

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.

We can help with:

- Low mood
- Anxiety
- Sleep difficulties
- Worry
- Panic



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.





SAVE 10% OFF



**1
WEEK
ONLY**



ALL CASTLECHURCH PRIMARY LOGOED UNIFORM

Monday 7th April -
Friday 11th April

Offer available in Store OR Buy Online With Fast & Free Click & Collect
USE CODE: Castle10 at the checkout

Cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer

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School Shoes



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NOW STOCKS HIGH QUALITY
SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOES

View the range @ www.smartuniform.co.uk



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 sandals.

School & Community Information



QUIET 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 COMMUNITY HUB

PARENTAL MENTAL HEALTH 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.



Tennyson Road, Highfields, Stafford, ST17 9SY

FROM PRAM TO PRIMARY 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



STAY & PLAY
TODDLER GROUP
£1 PER ADULT

TUESDAY
9.30AM
-11.30AM

At
Castlechurch Community
Hub



Crochet club
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 Wednesday. 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