

NEWSLETTER



A message from the Senior Leadership Team

What a wonderful week back at school we have all had. The sunshine has made us all smile and allowed us to picnic lunch out on the grass. We hope the lovely weather continues over the bank holiday weekend. This week we welcomed Mrs. Cartwright our new EYFS Leader to Team CC. She has had a fantastic first week getting to know lots of little people. Mrs Roberts took her dance group to Gotta Dance at The Gatehouse Theatre. They all got their groove on and represented Castlechurch to such a high standard. Well done to everyone involved and thank you to the staff for taking them. Years 3 and 4 launched their Egyptian topic with an enrichment day and welcomed a visitor from 'Portals to the Past'. Photographs are later on in the newsletter. Next week we have a bank holiday Monday and we will be celebrating VE day on Thursday (8th May) where the children can wear red, white and blue. We will have a picnic/street party style lunch together. Thank you for your ongoing support! Have a lovely long weekend. Team CC :)

Next Week...

Monday	Maple PE Kit Y5 PE Kit Sports students in -Your child knows if its them!
Tuesday	Forest School KS1 Cedar/Elm/Oak PE kits
Wednesday	
Thursday	Swimming kits as normal. Wear red white and blue- if PE day still wear this as we will adapt lessons to allow for no PE kits.
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
2025-26 Term dates

Class	Attendance
Hazel	90.4 %
Maple	90.83 %
Willow	96.53 %
Beech	98.93 %
Pine	94.29 %
Rowan	98.33 %
Cedar	96.3 %
Elm	94.07 %
Oak	94.81 %

This Week's
winner is:

Elm



Let's look at this week's story



Many workers in Birmingham have been on strike (choosing not to work) since January, because they believe they are not being treated or paid fairly. The workers on strike are the people whose job it is to collect rubbish and empty the bins from outside homes and streets. As an all-out strike has now been going on since 11th March, huge piles of rubbish are building up around the city.

Our whole school attendance
This week, our school attendance was:
95.27 %

Celebrations

CONGRATULATIONS
The Amazing Author Award is presented to _____
for _____

CONGRATULATIONS
Our Maths Magician Award is presented to _____
for _____

S.S - Nadine

Maple – Hattie

Hazel – Mossavir

Willow – Scarlett

Pine - Scarlett

Rowan – Phoebe

Beech – Layla

Elm – Alle

Oak – Lincon

Cedar – Adam

S.S – Reuben

Maple – Lexie

Hazel - Lucas

Willow – Cayde

Pine - Esme

Rowan – Rosalie

Beech – Jake

Elm – Maci

Oak – Jacob

Cedar – Kian

S.S – Kora

Maple – Matilda

Hazel – Alivia

Willow – Gracie-Mae

Pine – Mia

Rowan – Billy-Jo

Beech – Harry

Elm – Maci

Oak – Jacob

Cedar – Kian

CONGRATULATIONS
Our Castlechurch Champion Award is presented to _____
for _____

CONGRATULATIONS
The Remarkable Reader Award is presented to _____
for _____

House Points

	Week	Total
Fox	105	4930
Squirrel	130	4819
Hedgehog	168	4318
Badger	135	4763

Lunchtime stars

Rec-Coby

KS1 – Kirston

LKS2 – Oscar

UKS2 – MJ

Simpson

S.S – Keanu

Maple – Ralph

Hazel – Marshall

Willow – Boris

Pine - Winter

Rowan Eris

Beech – Kai

Elm - Izabella

Oak – Evie

Cedar – Eleanor

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.

On this day the children will have a street party style picnic lunch. The school dinner on this day will be a picnic lunch box not a hot meal in the hall.

Year 3 and 4 Egyptian Enrichment

Wednesday 30th April 2025



ECO NEWS

In KS2, we have been thinking about biodiversity. To encourage more bees and butterflies into our wildlife area, we have scattered wildflower seeds.

Did you know that bees are attracted to **purple flowers** and butterflies like **bright orange, red and yellow**?

Is there an area in your garden where you can scatter wildflower seeds?



PTA NEWS

Summer Fair

The PTA will be arranging a Summer Fair for Wednesday 25th June. **Non uniform day will be Friday 6th June.** Watch this space for news and donations we would like you to send in.

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 8th May at 3.30pm.



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



Crochet club

with Emma

At Castlechurch
Community Hub
castlechurch
primary school
Stafford.

Wednesday 930am to 1030am
£1 per person

**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



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!

School & Community Information

Thursday 15th May 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!



CASTLECHURCH COMMUNITY HUB

PARENTAL MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT GROUP

**19TH MAY 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/ carers to share and support each other. Free hot drinks and use of the entire community hub.



Tennyson Road, Highfields, Stafford, ST17 9SY

CASTLECHURCH COMMUNITY HUB

FOSTER CARERS WELLBEING GROUPS & ACTIVITIES DROP IN

2ND JUNE 2025

Wellbeing Group for Family & Friends
Foster Carers & Family & Friends SGO
10am - 12pm

Topic: Burnout and Compassion Fatigue.

Foster Carers Wellbeing Stay and Play
Baby & Toddler Group.
12.30pm - 2.30pm



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Useful support that is out there.
You can look on line or self refer.

What is 'waiting well'.

As a service we aim to offer you and your family support in a timely way. However, there will be a waiting period to access our service. This document gives you some things to consider that you may find beneficial.

Where to access support in the interim:

Staffordshire Connects has lots of advice and information:

http://helpyourself.staffordshirecares.info/kb5/staffordshire/directory/family_page?familychannel=

Stay Well will provide emotional health and wellbeing support for children and young people aged five to 18 years old (25 years with SEND) in Staffordshire. Please visit the link which directs you to the referral form.

<https://bit.ly/SSRF2025>

If your child is aged under 5 years old, your local children's centre serves the local community to help you, and your child access the best start in life.

<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Children-and-early-years/ccentres/Childrens-Centres.aspx>

Many parents with mental health worries can care for their children in a safe and loving way. But sometimes, you might need extra support which you can receive via the Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent wellbeing service.

<https://staffsandstoketalkingtherapies.nhs.uk/>

Staffordshire's Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Information, Advice and Support Service (SENDIASS) and provide free, impartial, confidential advice and support around Education, Health and Social Care.

<https://www.staffs-iass.org/home.aspx>

NSPCC Building Connects is a befriending service for children and young people struggling with loneliness, helping them build confidence and resilience.

<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/services/building-connections>

Offering help to all those affected by domestic abuse in Staffordshire or Stoke-on-Trent, New Era provides free and confidential support for victims, perpetrators and their families.

<https://www.new-era.uk/>

Citizens Advice Bureaux (CABs) provide free, confidential, and impartial advice and information to people, helping them with a wide range of issues, including benefits, debt, consumer rights, and more.

<https://citizensadvice.org.uk/>

Families Health and Wellbeing Service (0-19) - health visitors and school nurses. Supports with the health and well-being of children, young people and families, and improves school readiness by offering a balance of self-support, support from professions and from the wider community.

<https://www.staffordshireconnects.info/kb5/staffordshire/directory/service.page?id=9-dAqSBtWGg>

How we work, together with you

Sickle Cell and Thalassaemia Support Project are a registered charity commissioned by Staffordshire County Council to deliver the 0-19 Community Family Support in South Staffordshire and Stafford.

We work with the whole family, delivering our support in the family home and other community settings, like schools or Family Hubs.

A named Family Support Worker will be in contact with you to make sure this is the right type of service for you and your family prior to you being allocated.

For the Family Support Worker to understand your support needs fully, they complete an assessment with you, your family and other relevant individuals you identify together. This will build on existing strengths and avenues of support.

We recognise a range of factors impact on families reaching out for support. For this reason, we can support you with:

- Parenting skills and strategies
- Child's personal, social and emotional development
- School readiness
- Building healthy relationships
- Improved family relationships
- Staying safe in the community
- Meeting children's needs impacted by cost-of-living pressures

We have a service contact number **01902 444076** which is open from 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday, should you need to contact us. Alternatively, you can email us on referrals.fss@sctsp.org.uk

OPEN DAY

Free
Entry

Saturday 10th May 2025
Stafford Fire Station
10am-4pm

Demonstrations

Activities

Food

Fairground Rides



10-11am
Sensory friendly hour
There will be no flashing lights
or sirens to accommodate
neurodivergent members of
the community.



www.staffordshirefire.gov.uk



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Fire Fighters
Charity



Staffordshire
Fire and Rescue Service
preventing • protecting • responding