

NEWSLETTER

A message from Mr Anderson-Pugh...

Dear parents and carers,

What a fantastic end to the Spring term!

This week at Castlechurch has been wonderfully busy. The children learned all about rail safety and explored the Easter story. Years 1–6 enjoyed a brilliant visit to the church—thank you so much for welcoming us, as always and Years 2, 5, 6 learned about keeping themselves safe with the NSPCC workshops.

Our Early Years and Year 1/2 children showed off their amazing Easter bonnets during a whole-school parade—they were all absolutely fabulous! Year 1/2 also treated parents to a delightful Easter sing-along, which was enjoyed by everyone.

A huge thank you to grandparents, parents and carers for attending the Early Years Forest School engagement session. Lots of fun was had by all!

A big thank you also goes to the PTFA for organising the ever-popular chocolate bingo session. Fun was had by all, and some lucky winners even went home with chocolate treats!

We would like to send our very best wishes to Miss Davenport as she begins her new role at her new school. Thank you for the wonderful memories and everything you have contributed to Castlechurch.

Wishing everyone a lovely, safe Easter break and thank you for your continued support!

We look forward to seeing you all back in school on Monday 13th April!

Mr Anderson-Pugh and the Castlechurch Team!



Dates for your diary



Stafford gotta dance 20/4

KS2 SATs wk 11/5

Mental health week wk 18/5

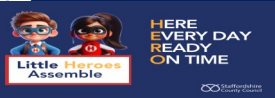
PTFA cinema night 21/5

School closed to pupils - 1/6 teacher training

Spring Term 2026
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Class	Attendance
Hazel	91.9%
Maple	96.67%
Willow	91.25%
Beech	96.52%
Pine	95.2%
Rowan	96.05%
Cedar	96.55%
Elm	89.26%
Oak	96.54%

Winners:
Maple



Our whole school attendance
This week, our school attendance was:
93.51%

PE KIT DAYS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Monday— Willow PE

Tuesday—EYFS Forest School

Wednesday—3/4 All 3 for additional PE classes

Thursday— All of Y3/4 plus Swimming Kit for those that need it. Hazel and Maple

Friday— EYFS

DROP IN DAYS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Monday— Hazel/Maple/Willow

Tuesday—

Wednesday—

Thursday— Little raindrops/ sunshines/Cedar/Elm/Oak and Beech/Pine/Rowan

Friday— Food table on playground

Rewards and Celebra-



Tim Forde

LR- Ava

S.S- Brooke

Maple-Biel

Hazel-Marshall

Willow-Freddie B

Rowen-Millie

Beech-Ava

Pine- Minnie

Elm-Joshua H

Oak-Luka

Cedar-Phoebe

L.R- Mirach

S.S - Oliver

Maple- Victoria

Hazel - Emma

Willow - Oliver

Pine - Winter

Rowan -Andrei

Beech - Oscar

Oak-Ash

Cedar-Idil

Elm- Freddie

L.R- Jonathan

S.S - Ffion

Maple- Theo

Hazel -Lillie

Willow - Boris

Pine - Georgia

Rowan -Theo

Beech - Fleur

Oak-Lola

Cedar- Nikol

Elm-Eris



	Week	Total
Fox	158	5704
Squirrels	257	6137
Hedgehogs	208	5831
Badgers	271	6703

House Points



Lunchtime stars

Early Years- Mya + Jack

Years 1/2- Cooper

Years 3/4-Antonette

Years 5/6-Ashton

School—notice board and useful information

We have been informed of price changes from Staffordshire County Council, which will come into effect, when we return from Easter break on Monday 13th April 2026. As a result, we need to adjust some of our charges in school.

Nursery Sessions

- **A 3 hour nursery slot will increase from £16.29 to £17.79.**
- **Lunchtime supervision will remain at £3.50.**

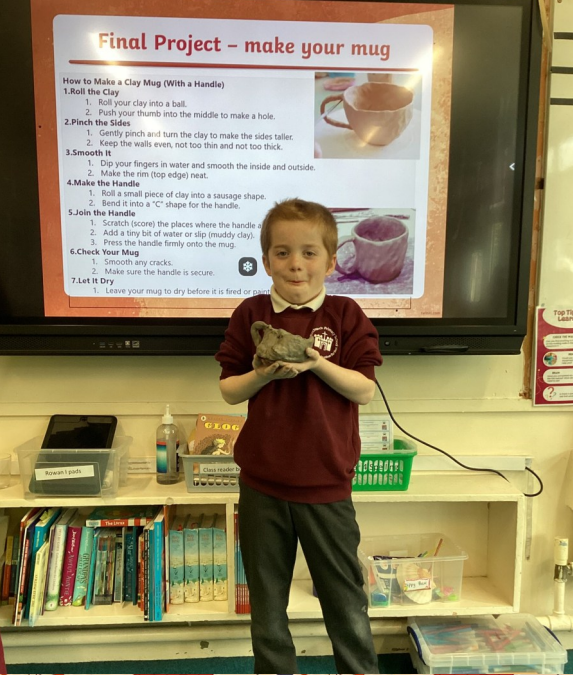
School Meals

- **The cost of a school meal will increase from £3.20 to £3.25.**

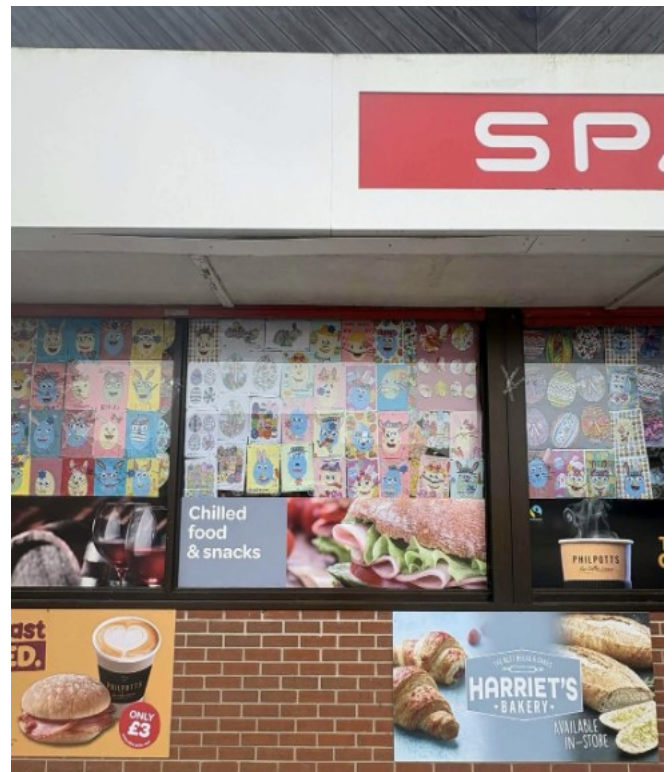
We understand that any increase has an impact on families, and we appreciate your continued support around this matter. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.



Our School in Action!



PTA Information and parent support



The Spar shop have now displayed our Easter art. We will announce winners as soon as we know them.

Thank you to the children for their brilliant efforts!



Easter bingo was a great success. Thank you to the amazing PTA. All money raised helps to pay for enrichment for all of the children.



CALLING PARENTS/GRANDPARENTS/CARERS

Have you received a service through
Staffordshire County Council?



Early Help
Child Protection Plan
Youth offending
Mental health
Receiving or have received a service
from the local authority.

We are looking for parents/carers for a
new Parent Lived Experience Forum
to improve services within our
authority.

**Come and join us for breakfast
and chat to find out more at
Castlechurch Primary School hub
on Thur 16th April 8:40am
after school drop off and or
2pm Castlechurch Community hub**



Staffordshire
County Council



School—notice board and useful information

DID YOU KNOW?

This menu has been proudly awarded the Bronze School Plates Award by ProVeg UK School Plates!

What we eat has a huge impact on the world around us. We've made small changes to create a healthier, more sustainable menu.

Eating less meat is one of the biggest ways to help the environment—and it can still be super tasty!



FREE SCHOOL MEALS

All pupils between reception and year 2 are entitled to a free nutritious school lunch.

Everyone automatically gets Universal Infant FREE school meals and can benefit by over £480 per child per year. If your child is in year 3 or above, find out if they could still qualify for a free school meal by contacting the school office.



SPECIAL DIETS

If your child requires a special diet for medical reasons, please check out our website

www.edwardsandward.co.uk

for a full list of FAQs and to complete our online form.



MENU

Spring/Summer 2026



edwards and ward
a recipe for success

WEEK ONE

MONDAY

Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V) **or**
Rainbow Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V)
Veg of the Day
Chocolate & Vanilla Swirl Cookie (Ve)

TUESDAY

Golden Coconut Chicken Curry with Rice
or Classic Mac & Cheese (V)
Veg of the Day
Cinnamon Apple Cake (V)

WEDNESDAY

Roast of the Day with Roasties & Gravy **or**
Sage & Onion Whirl with Roasties & Gravy (Ve)
Veg of the Day
Fruity Jelly (Ve)

THURSDAY

Homestyle Sausage Roll with Mash & Gravy
or Plantastic Balls with Mash & Gravy (Ve)
Veg of the Day
Banana-Topped Strawberry Mousse (V)

FRIDAY

Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips **or**
Crispy Garden Fingers with Chips (Ve)
Veg of the Day
Chocolate Brownie (Ve)

23/2/26, 16/3/26, 6/4/26, 27/4/26,
18/5/26, 8/6/26, 29/6/26

WEEK TWO

Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V) **or**
Rainbow Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V)
Veg of the Day
Vanilla Snap (Ve)

Spring Turkey Bow Tie Pasta
or Garden Bolognese Bow Tie Pasta (Ve)
Veg of the Day
Flapjack (Ve)

Roast of the Day with Roasties & Gravy **or**
Butternut Squash Hot Pot with Roasties (Ve)
Veg of the Day
Fruity Jelly (Ve)

Chicken Stir-Fry Rice
or Rainbow Noodle Bowl (Ve)
Veg of the Day
Banana-Topped Strawberry Mousse (V)

Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips **or**
Cheesy Bean Whirls with Chips (V)
Veg of the Day
Chocolate Brownie (Ve)

2/3/26, 23/3/26, 13/4/26, 4/5/26,
25/5/26, 15/6/26, 6/7/26

WEEK THREE

Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V) **or**
Rainbow Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V)
Veg of the Day
Lemon Biscuit (Ve)

Sausage with Mash & Gravy
or Garden Sausage with Mash & Gravy (Ve)
Veg of the Day
Choco Krispie Bite (Ve)

Roast of the Day with Roasties & Gravy **or**
Cheesy Broccoli Bake with Roasties (V)
Veg of the Day
Fruity Jelly (Ve)

Penne with Beef Bolognese
or Sunshine Sweet Potato Curry with Rice (Ve)
Veg of the Day
Banana-Topped Strawberry Mousse (V)

Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips **or**
Crispy Garden Fingers with Chips (Ve)
Veg of the Day
Chocolate Brownie (Ve)

9/3/26, 30/3/26, 20/4/26, 11/5/26,
1/6/26, 22/6/26, 13/7/26

Homemade Hero Pasta (Ve), Filled Jacket Potatoes and Sandwiches (including V/Ve options) are also available daily along with freshly baked bread, salad, fresh fruit, jelly (Ve), yoghurts (V) and fresh drinking water.



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

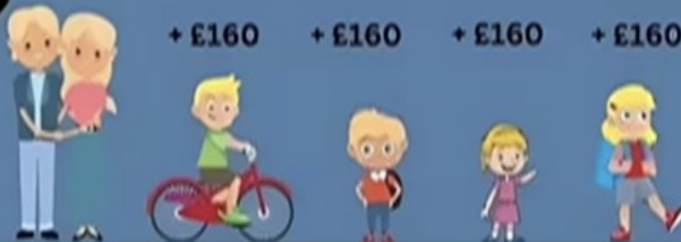
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If your child is absent for 10 or more sessions in 10 weeks and their absences are unauthorised. The school will consider prosecution.

1 Day = **2** Sessions

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FOR A FAMILY OF TWO PARENTS



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—notice board



www.staffordsport.co.uk



Easter Holiday Sports Clubs

At Blessed William Howard Catholic School



Monday 30th March - Thursday 2nd April 2026
Tuesday 7th April - Friday 10th April 2026



8.30am- 5.30pm - £26.50 per day
10am-4pm - £24.50 per day
*Plus a small booking fee also applies



Staff are NGB qualified, DBS Checked and First Aid Trained.
Staff employed by the Stafford Sports and Performance Academy
07793891029 or email holidayclubs@staffordsport.co.uk



The days will be filled with sporting fun including football, rounders,, dance, cricket, badminton, table tennis and MORE.

IDEAL FOR AGES 5-13

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To book a place please click on link below or QR Code:
<https://eequ.org/experience/10978>



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FREE Easter Holiday Sports*

*Free spaces available to children on
FREE SCHOOL MEALS Programme



Department
for Education

Monday 30th March - Thursday 2nd April 10am-4pm
Tuesday 7th April to Friday 10th April 10am-4pm

At Blessed William Howard Catholic High School Stafford

Staff are NGB qualified, DBS Checked and First Aid Trained.
Staff employed by the Stafford Sports and Performance Academy



The days will be filled with sporting fun including football, rounders, dance, cricket, badminton, table tennis and MORE. Sessions are perfect for boys and girls.

FREE HOT MEAL INCLUDED



IDEAL FOR AGES 5-13

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For information please call 07793891029 or email holidayclubs@staffordsport.co.uk

To Book: <https://eequ.org/book/sspa-sports-holiday-clubs-haf-with-stafford-sports-and-performance-academy-8870>



This weeks Spotlight: Join our local advisory board!



Could you spare a little time to help make a big difference?
We're seeking a committed parent/carer to join our Governing Board and support the continued growth and success of our school. If you're passionate about our children's education and want to have a voice in shaping our school's future, we'd love to hear from you!



✦ EXCITING OPPORTUNITY ✦

Would you like to take on an important role within our school community? We are currently seeking to recruit a parent representative for our Local Advisory Board.

Please email your interest to
office.cas@cflptrust.co.uk



This weeks Spotlight: Easter celebrations

