

Castlechurch's NEWSLETTER



Dates for your diary

A message from Mr Anderson-Pugh...

Dear parents and carers,

It has been another fantastic week at Castlechurch, with our school buzzing with learning, creativity and community spirit.

This week, we were delighted to welcome parents, grandparents and carers into school to take part in a range of learning activities alongside their children. From fitness sessions and sewing to arts and crafts and creating electrical circuits, there were plenty of opportunities for families to learn together. Thank you to everyone who attended and helped make these events such a success. It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces and a wonderful time was had by all.

Our Early Years children also enjoyed a visit to Rowley Park, where they explored the outdoors and further developed their learning beyond the classroom. Back in school, we continued our work to ensure Castlechurch is an allergy-aware setting through an assembly webinar, helping pupils understand how they can support and care for others.

Looking ahead, next week is another busy one. Parents' Evening for Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 will take place on **6th October**, with the Early Years Parents' Evening taking place on **8th October from 2:00pm to 6:00pm**. Please ensure you have booked your appointment through Arbor if you have not already done so.

Next week's whole-school focus will be on mental health and wellbeing. Pupils will take part in a special assembly, and our Year 1 and Year 2 children will be visited by the Mental Health Support Team, who will be delivering activities to help pupils understand the importance of looking after their mental health and emotional wellbeing.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I wish you all a lovely weekend and look forward to another exciting week of learning at Castlechurch.

AUT TERM

Parents evening: KS1 & KS2 6/10
EY 8/10
Non-uniform day 9/10
Academy photos 14/10
PTA disco 22/10
Harvest food donations Wk b 19/10
Harvest @ church 23/10
INSET day 2/11 – school closed

Facebook:

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Website:

[Home Page - Castlechurch
Primary School | Stafford](#)

Key dates:

[CFLP-Dates-for-
2026 27 parents.docx](#)
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Class	Attendance
Hazel	98.5 %
Maple	98.95 %
Willow	94.09 %
Beech	95.6 %
Pine	99.13 %
Rowan	94.58 %
Cedar	94.64 %
Elm	91.07 %
Oak	89.62 %

Attendance winners:

PINE



HERE EVERY DAY
READY
ON TIME



PE KIT DAYS ARE AS FOLLOWS: DROP IN DAYS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Monday— Willow class
Tuesday— Willow/Maple/Hazel
forest school—starting 8/9. Cedar
PE
Wednesday— Elm/Oak
Thursday— Y3/4 (plus
Swimming Kit for those that need
it). Hazel & Maple

Monday— Hazel/Maple/Willow
Tuesday—
Wednesday—
Thursday— Little
rainbows/Sunshines/Stars/Cedar/Elm/Oak
/Beech/Pine/ Rowan

Children to come to school in PE kits on PE days!

Rewards and Celebrations



Maple— Spencer

Hazel – Pearl

Willow – Brooke

Pine – Nelli

Rowan –Boris

Beech –Francesca

Oak— Hannah

Cedar - Ava

Elm— Kaia

Maple - Ezra

Hazel – Magnus

Willow – Sharaa

Pine – Sophie

Rowan – Ellie D

Beech – Max

Oak— Phoebe

Cedar – Jack

Elm— Ronan

Maple— Fatima

Hazel – Freddie B

Willow – Briody

Pine— Victoria

Rowan – Gracie-Mae

Beech—Aria

Oak—Olivia

Cedar— Toby

Elm - Theo



Lunchtime stars

Reception— Sami

Years 1/2— Oliver F

Years 3/4— Aurora

Years 5/6—Jack D

Team	Week	Total
Fox	186	1343
Squirrels	398	1731
Hedgehogs	181	1501
Badgers	291	1476

House Points



School in Action



School—notice board and useful information



It is our Harvest Festival at Castle Church on Friday 23rd October. To support local charities we are asking for your child to bring in a food donation. This needs to be non fresh such as packets and tins.

All food will be shared between The House of Bread and our local food grocery at Milton Grove Life church. All donations are very much appreciated. It helps make a difference to local people.

Please bring in donations on the day in a carrier bag as Church donations (For the house of bread) will be carried by the children. Life church will collect should you wish to send a full carrier bag of food.

Much thanks

Mrs. Cranwell

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Non-Uniform Day

On Friday 9th October we will be having a non-uniform day.

This is £1 per child and all money raised will go towards school enrichment.

The children can wear clothes of their choice as a relaxed end to the week.



Castlechurch's

NEWSLETTER



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

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY

Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips **az**
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) **az**
Rainbow Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V)
Veg of the Day
Vanilla Snap (Ve)

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

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

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

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

23/2/26, 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) **az**
Rainbow Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V)
Veg of the Day
Lemon Biscuit (Ve)

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

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

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

Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips **az**
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.

V - Vegetarian, Ve - Vegan

School—notice board and useful information



The Heros and the Conflicts
The RBL Poppy Appeal Launch 2026

"Get your Free tickets Now."

Monday the 19th October 2026
1pm – 4pm

Year 6 of Castlechurch Primary School

Introducing the "Y BAND"
from Yehiel Preparatory School
under the direction
of Jim Milgate-Scarrott

At Stafford's

gatehouse theatre
01785-619080

Written, Produced & Directed
By Paul Milgate-Scarrott

the RBL Staffordshire County Shield Award Winner
for Outstanding Achievement 2026
for the Poppy Appeal Launch 2025

The Narrator is
Stefan Amison

Special guest Martin
Stanley from the
Local Band The Naked
Sundays

Aliah Steele

Mark Kelly

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION



High Fliers

Before and after school care for Castlechurch




High Fliers



PRICES

MORNING INC. BREAKFAST 7:30 - START OF SCHOOL
£5.95 10% Discount for Additional Children

AFTERSCHOOL UNTIL 16:30
£8.35 10% Discount for Additional Children

AFTERSCHOOL UNTIL 17:30
£9.45 10% Discount for Additional Children

AFTERSCHOOL UNTIL 18:00
£10.55 10% Discount for Additional Children

LATE COLLECTION FEE - £5



"I like spending time with my friends at High Fliers"
- F.H -

"There's lots of toys I like playing with"
- R.P -

"I love coming to High Fliers as it is lots of fun"
- M.K -

"The best part is playing Lego with my friends."
- C.C -





EXCITING OPPORTUNITY

Castlechurch Primary School situated in Stafford is seeking a committed and enthusiastic individual(s) to join our Local Advisory Board. As a member, you will work strategically with school leaders to support, challenge, and contribute to the continued success of the school. No previous governance experience is required as training and support will be provided. We welcome individuals with a passion for improving outcomes for children and serving their local community.

Key qualities:

- Commitment to improving children's education and wellbeing
- Ability to think strategically and ask constructive questions
- Willingness to attend meetings and training
- Interest in supporting the school's vision and values

Time commitment is approximately 6 meetings per year, plus occasional school visits and training.

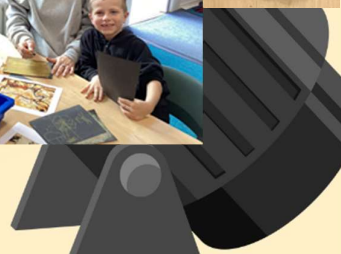
Castlechurch Primary School, Tennyson Road
Stafford, ST17 9SY
Tel: 01785 334955

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





This week, Castlechurch was delighted to host our Castlechurch at Work Week, welcoming parents, grandparents and carers into school to learn, create and have fun alongside their children. Families took part in a wide range of engaging activities, from fitness sessions and sewing workshops to arts and crafts and even exploring and studying rocks together. It was wonderful to see so many members of our school community sharing these experiences, supporting learning and making lasting memories. A huge thank you to everyone who attended and helped make the week such a success. Your enthusiasm, participation and support are greatly appreciated and truly demonstrate the strong partnership between home and school that makes Castlechurch such a special place.





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brighter tomorrow*

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Skills
Jobs
Brighter
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DROP-IN SESSIONS



Free, friendly employment support in Stafford
No appointment needed – just pop in!

EVERY MONDAY		CAFÉ 43 – HOUSE OF BREAD 43 Browning Street, Stafford ST16 3AX	12:00 – 14:00
EVERY TUESDAY		STONE COMMUNITY HUB Frank Jordan Community Centre, Lichfield St, Stone, ST15 8NA	10:00 – 12:00
EVERY WEDNESDAY		HOLMCROFT YOUTH & COMMUNITY CENTRE 22–38 Newland Ave, Stafford ST16 1NL	9:30 – 13:00
		CASTLECHURCH COMMUNITY HUB (Term time only – starts 30/09) Castlechurch Primary School, Tennyson Road, Stafford ST17 9SY	13:30 – 16:00
1 ST THURSDAY EVERY MONTH		STAFFORD FAMILY HUB Faraday Road, Stafford ST16 3NQ	9:00 – 12:00
EVERY THURSDAY		RISING BROOK COMMUNITY CHURCH Burton Square, Stafford ST17 9LT	10:00 – 14:00
EVERY FRIDAY		STAFFORDSHIRE COMMUNITY HUB 18 Goalgate Street, Stafford ST16 2BQ	10:00 – 14:00



Support with finding work

Get tailored advice
and take the next step
in your career.



Help with CVs & applications

Improve your CV
and get support with
job applications.



Advice & guidance

Access information
on training, skills
and local opportunities.



Connect with opportunities

Find out about jobs,
training and support
in your local area.



CONTACT US:

Weronika
07435 750771

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Free support
No appointment needed



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NEW DROP-IN SESSION!

CASTLECHURCH COMMUNITY HUB

Everyone welcome! ♥

People
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Pop in for free, friendly support with
your job search. No appointment needed!

*Starts
30th September
(Term time only)*



Advice and support
to help you find work



Help with CVs,
applications and interviews



Information about training,
skills and qualifications



Guidance on next steps
tailored to you



Find out about local jobs
and opportunities



EVERY WEDNESDAY
(Term time only)
13:30 – 16:00



Castlechurch Community Hub
Castlechurch Primary School,
Tennyson Road,
Stafford ST17 9SY



*Come and have a chat -
we're here to help!*



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At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

DISCORD

AGE RESTRICTION
13+
(with a 17+ app rating on app stores)

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

A CHANNEL FOR EVERYTHING

While Discord is strongly associated with video games, it also hosts communities for almost anything you can imagine, such as books, music, influencers, cooking and sport. Some large servers focus on popular games like Minecraft or Fortnite, but many are private, invite-only spaces where friends or communities with shared interests can chat across phones, computers, and gaming consoles.

REAL-LIFE DISTRACTION

Like many social platforms, Discord can become a real time-sink. Although it does not rely on endless scrolling in the same way as some apps, constant messages, group chats, and voice channels can keep young people engaged for long periods, especially in larger servers. As Discord is closely linked to gaming, it may also increase the time they spend playing games.

STRANGER DANGER

Users can choose to stay within private servers with only people they know, but joining public servers will most likely bring them into contact with strangers. Many users are just friendly enthusiasts, yet others could have harmful intentions, including grooming, extortion, or radicalisation. In these types of environments, anyone can claim to be another teenager, which can make it harder for young people to judge who is safe to talk to.

A HARASSMENT RISK

There is also a risk from people a young person already knows in the real world. Bullying in the real world can continue online, and Discord servers can make this feel more intimidating, especially if someone uses anonymous or multiple accounts to carry out threatening behaviours. Because Discord works across computers, phones, and gaming consoles, unwanted contact can follow young people into online spaces that should feel safe and private.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

This huge amount of choice can help young people "find their tribe", especially when they have niche interests. However, because users can create servers around almost any topic, younger users may still encounter unsuitable or distressing content. Even in spaces linked to child-friendly games, Discord cannot directly control every conversation, image, or video shared by other users.

A MONEY DRAIN

Discord is free to use, but users can still spend real-world money on it. This may include Discord 'Nitro', a monthly subscription that unlocks customisation features and larger media uploads, or purchases through the 'Shop' for profile cosmetics and game-related items. Small purchases can add up quickly, especially if spending controls are not in place.

Advice for Parents & Educators

USE FAMILY CENTRE

Parents and carers should make use of Discord's 'Family Centre', which gives an overview of a younger user's activity while respecting their privacy. Messages are not shared, but adults can view an activity feed and receive weekly email summaries. Discord says this is designed to support conversations about online behaviour, rather than be about constant monitoring.

CHECK, TALK, REPORT

Review Discord's privacy settings together, including who can send them friend requests or private messages. Use this as a chance to talk to them about strangers, privacy, and personal information, making sure young people know to question suspicious behaviour, such as requests to keep conversations secret. Show them how to block and report these kinds of users and reassure them that asking for help will not get them into trouble.

MANAGE TIME ONLINE

Agree clear expectations around when and how Discord can be used, especially during homework, bedtime, and family time. Encourage young people to turn off unnecessary notifications and leave servers that feel overwhelming. If Discord is mainly used alongside gaming, discuss healthy limits for both activities so that schoolwork, sleep, and offline friendships are not affected.

REVIEW SPENDING CONTROLS

Talk openly about paid features such as Discord Nitro, profile cosmetics, and in-game purchases. Make sure the young people in your care understand that digital items still cost real money. Check payment settings on the device they use, avoid storing card details where possible, and consider adding approval requirements for purchases, particularly for younger or more impulsive users.

Meet Our Expert

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Castlechurch
Primary School

PTPA
are holding a

HALLOWEEN DISCO

Thursday 22nd October

**Years 1,2,3
4:00 - 5:00pm**

**Years 4,5,6
5:15 - 6:15pm**

**Halloween costumes
welcome!**

£2:50 per
ticket