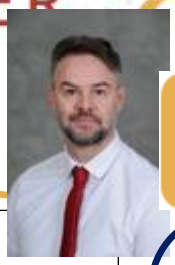
Castlechurch's NEWSLETTER

A message from Mr Anderson-Pugh...



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another busy and successful half term, I would like to thank our children, families and staff for their continued hard work and support.

This week has been our wonderful Faith and Focus Week, where pupils have had the opportunity to learn about different cultures, sample a variety of cultural cuisines and take part in an exciting Bollywood dance workshop. We were also privileged to have a group of our Year 5 and 6 pupils represent the school at the launch of this year's Poppy Appeal. The children were outstanding ambassadors for Castlechurch. We are incredibly proud of every pupil who took part and the way they represented our school community and thank you for our harvest donations.

We also enjoyed our spooktacular Halloween Disco! The children had a fantastic time dancing the evening away, and there were certainly some wonderfully scary costumes on display. Thank you to our PTA and school staff for giving up their time to organise and support the event. Funds raised will help to provide additional opportunities and resources for our pupils.

As a reminder, school closes for half term today and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on Tuesday 3rd November. During that week, our Year 3 and Year 4 pupils will be visiting the Ironworks as part of their learning, and we are sure they will have an exciting and memorable experience.

Please take a few moments over the break to complete the parent questionnaire that has been sent via Arbor. Your feedback is incredibly important and helps us continue to improve and develop the school. We would also encourage families to familiarise themselves with the updates to our new Attendance Policy, which can be accessed via the link provided.

We hope you all enjoy a happy, safe and restful half-term break. Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to seeing everyone back in school on **Tuesday 3rd November.**

Dates for your diary

AUT TERM

INSET day 2/11 – **school closed**
Y3/4 trip to the iron works 4/11, 6/11
MTC workshop for parents 9/11 3.30pm
Non-uniform for Christmas fair 13/11
Anti-bullying Wk b 16/11
Children in need 20/11
Christmas fair 3/12 @ 3.30pm
Nativities wk b 7/12
Christmas activities Wk b 14/12
School panto 11/12

Facebook:

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Website:

Home Page - Castlechurch Primary School | Stafford

Key dates:

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Class	Attendance
Hazel	96 %
Maple	98.95 %
Willow	95.71 %
Beech	96.4 %
Pine	95.65 %
Rowan	92.08 %
Cedar	98.15 %
Elm	97.04%
Oak	96.92 %

Attendance winners:

Maple

PE KIT DAYS ARE AS FOLLOWS:	DROP IN DAYS ARE AS FOLLOWS:
Monday— Willow class	Monday— Hazel/Maple/Willow
Tuesday—Willow/Maple/Hazel forest school—starting 8/9. Cedar PE	Tuesday—
Wednesday—Elm/Oak	Wednesday—
Thursday— Y3/4 (plus Swimming Kit for those that need it). Hazel & Maple	Thursday— Little rainbows/Sunshines/Stars/Cedar/Elm/Oak /Beech/Pine/ Rowan

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

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Rewards and Celebrations

Maple – Blaze

Hazel – Niamh

Willow – Jiovanna

Pine – Amelia

Rowan – Zakhar

Beech – Jacob

Oak— Jacob S

Cedar - Louie

Elm – Jaxon

Maple - Spencer

Hazel - Ruben

Willow – Isla-Mai

Pine –Theo

Rowan –Elizabeth

Beech – Hunter

Oak—Phoebe

Cedar – Kai

Elm – Layla

Maple – Arthur

Hazel –Emilie

Willow – Jacob C

Pine— Daniel

Rowan – Rowan

Beech—Stanley

Oak – Theo

Cedar— Freddie

Elm – Theo

Lunchtime stars

EYFS — Mila

Years 1/2– Freddie B

Years 3/4— Annie

Years 5/6— Antonnette

Team	Week	Total
Fox	217	2009
Squirrels	234	2060
Hedgehogs	114	1790
Badgers	108	1790

House Points

Early Years Stars

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LITTLE RAINBOWS:	Archer	George	Maeve
SHINING STARS:	Cody	Clara	Magnus
SMILING SUNSHINES:	Freddie	Isla	Theo

School—notice board and useful information

School in Action

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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

V - Vegetarian Ve - Vegan

	WEEK ONE	WEEK TWO	WEEK THREE
MONDAY	Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V) or Rainbow Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V) Veg of the Day Chocolate & Vanilla Swirl Cookie (Ve)	Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V) or Rainbow Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V) Veg of the Day Vanilla Snap (Ve)	Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V) or Rainbow Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V) Veg of the Day Lemon Biscuit (Ve)
TUESDAY	Golden Coconut Chicken Curry with Rice or Classic Mac & Cheese (V) Veg of the Day Cinnamon Apple Cake (V)	Spring Turkey Bow Tie Pasta or Garden Bolognese Bow Tie Pasta (Ve) Veg of the Day Flapjack (Ve)	Sausage with Mash & Gravy or Garden Sausage with Mash & Gravy (Ve) Veg of the Day Choco Krispie Bite (Ve)
WEDNESDAY	Roast of the Day with Roasties & Gravy or Sage & Onion Whirl with Roasties & Gravy (Ve) Veg of the Day Fruity Jelly (Ve)	Roast of the Day with Roasties & Gravy or Butternut Squash Hot Pot with Roasties (Ve) Veg of the Day Fruity Jelly (Ve)	Roast of the Day with Roasties & Gravy or Cheesy Broccoli Bake with Roasties (V) 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)	Chicken Stir-Fry Rice or Rainbow Noodle Bowl (Ve) Veg of the Day Banana-Topped Strawberry Mousse (V)	Penne with Beef Bolognese or Sunshine Sweet Potato Curry with Rice (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)	Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips or Cheesy Bean Whirls with Chips (V) Veg of the Day Chocolate Brownie (Ve)	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	2/3/26, 23/3/26, 13/4/26, 4/5/26, 25/5/26, 15/6/26, 6/7/26	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.

This weeks spotlight:

Poppy day launch appeal

We are incredibly proud of a group of our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils who recently represented the school at the Poppy Appeal Launch for Stafford Borough, held at The Gatehouse Theatre. The children performed superbly, demonstrating confidence, respect and maturity throughout the event. Their outstanding behaviour and commitment made them fantastic ambassadors for our school, and they should be very proud of their achievements. They represented our school community excellently and were a credit to themselves, their families and our school. Well done to all involved!

High Fliers

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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 -

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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
1ST 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

Alisha
07393 804834

Free support
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NEW DROP-IN SESSION!

CASTLECHURCH COMMUNITY HUB

Everyone welcome! ♡

Starts 30th September (Term time only)

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

- **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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CRISIS & INTENSIVE SUPPORT TEAM

Support • Advice • Guidance

AVAILABLE 7 DAYS A WEEK | **9:00am – 10:00pm**

CALL NHS 111 → OPTION 2

Before directing any child or young person under 18 to A&E

STOP & CALL FIRST

If you are concerned about the mental health of a child or young person under 18, please contact our CAMHS Crisis & Intensive Support Team to speak to a CAMHS Practitioner **before** directing them to hospital.

OUR AIM

To reduce avoidable attendances at local A&E departments and ensure children and young people receive the right support, in the right place, at the right time.

HOW WE CAN HELP

- Mental health advice and guidance
- Risk assessment support
- Clinical support and intervention
- Assistance in determining whether an A&E attendance is appropriate

AFTER 10PM

Calls will be answered by a call handler who will ensure CAMHS receives the information for appropriate follow-up the next morning.

NHS 111 – OPTION 2

CONTACT CAMHS BEFORE REFERRING UNDER 18s TO A&E

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CastleChurch PTPA

are asking for donations of

GOOD QUALITY

Due to storage space at school there will be a designated donations drop off table on the playground at the end of the day on the last day of term

Friday 23rd October

where you can hand your donations over to a member of the PTPA.

So if you're having a pre Christmas clear out please keep the PTPA in mind!

Our Christmas fair is raising funds for new drinking fountains for the playground so any help is greatly appreciated.

Thankyou!

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Castlechurch Church Primary School

PTPA
are holding their annual

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Thursday 3rd December

With many stalls, including:

MANY STALLS

END OF YEAR RAFFLE

THE SELL OUT CHOCOLATE BINGO

HOT FOOD AND DRINKS

Entry via the main office

£1 per family

Doors open at 3:30

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ODD SOCK DAY!

Two socks. Two different designs. One big show of kindness!

Come to school wearing your brightest, silliest odd socks!

MONDAY 16TH NOVEMBER

for Anti-Bullying Week

Celebrate being different. Help everyone feel they belong.

NO DONATIONS NEEDED

We're simply raising awareness together!

Mix it up. Be kind. Belong.

Every sock is different — and that's something to celebrate!

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CHILDREN IN NEED

FRIDAY 13TH NOVEMBER

PYJAMA DAY!

Come to school wearing your pyjamas!

Donations go to BBC Children in Need,
a fantastic charity. Thank you for supporting them.

Pudsey will make a public appearance during assembly!

Cosy pyjamas · kindness · making a difference