

## NEWSLETTER

### A message from the Senior Leadership Team...

We have had a very busy week this week again! We are starting to hear Nativity songs being practised around the school, we are sure you are getting to hear them at home too!! We have dedicated our Spotlight page to share the upcoming events of the season. Mrs. Goodyear & Mrs. Cranwell had the pleasure of taking 5 representatives from our school to the very first CFLP Pupil Forum meeting with the other schools in the MAT. It was great getting to know children from the other school and hearing their presentations. Our children represented our school brilliantly and made us really proud! We hope you all have a wonderful weekend. Take care, from Team Castlechurch :)

This Week's winner is:

**MAPLE**

Well done!



Class	Attendance
Hazel	97.62%
Maple	100%
Willow	97.62%
Beech	90.87%
Pine	98.57%
Rowan	92.4%
Cedar	96.17%
Elm	97.04%
Oak	99.14%

Our whole school attendance target is 96%.  
This week, our school attendance was: **95.58%**



### Next Week...



Monday	KS1 trip to Cadbury's World
Tuesday	UKS2 Forest School
Wednesday	Beech—swimming
Thursday	
Friday	Whole School PANTO

5th Dec UKS2 Forest School Parent Engagement  
6th Dec PTPA Christmas Fair 3:30pm  
11th Dec—UKS2 Nativity Play 2pm  
12th Dec Choir singing at St Marys 11am  
12th Dec—EYFS Nativity 2pm  
13th Dec—KS1 Nativity 2pm  
14th Dec—UKS2 Nativity 2pm  
For more dates please go to:

[Calendar – Castlechurch Primary School | Stafford](#)

Katelynn has had her hair chopped off and donated it all to the Princess Trust to make a wig for a little person that has lost their hair due to an illness. We are very proud of her for doing such a fantastic thing.

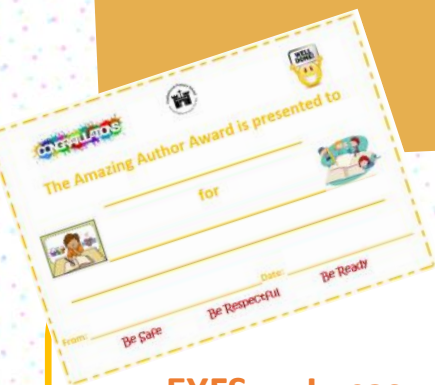


### Picture News

This week we talked about showing compassion to others. It looked at the "warm spaces" initiative. This aims to offer a free warm space for you to go to for free hot drinks and food. Castlechurch community hub is an official warm space. Please just pop in. We will always welcome you! See the school website for further details. Mrs Cranwell



# Celebrations



**EYFS — Lucas**  
**Maple — Ellie**  
**Willow — Caius**  
**Hazel — Layla**  
**Pine— Jaxon**  
**Rowan— Lucas**  
**Beech— Mia**  
**Oak— Reuben**  
**Elm— Aiden**  
**Cedar— Grace**



**EYFS — Riley**  
**Maple — Evelyn**  
**Willow — Yoana**  
**Hazel — Amayah**  
**Pine — Alfie**  
**Rowan — Kaia**  
**Beech— Ava**  
**Oak— Elle**  
**Elm— Evie**  
**Cedar— Oscar**



## Lunchtime stars

**EYFS— Ellie**

**KS1— Neo**

**LKS2— Soma**

**UKS2— Ava/Lylah**

## House Points



<b>Fox</b>	<b>3940</b>
<b>Squirrel</b>	<b>3960</b>
<b>Hedgehog</b>	<b>3638</b>
<b>Badger</b>	<b>3429</b>

**EYFS - Boris**  
**Maple—Phoebe**  
**Willow — Henry**  
**Hazel - Zion**  
**Pine - Maisie**  
**Rowan — Tobias**  
**Beech — Jacob**  
**Oak — Joshua**  
**Elm — Freya**  
**Cedar — Lacey**







# Christmas at Castlechurch!



## Nativities

Next week you will receive an arbor message on Friday 1st December to sign up for tickets for the children's performances. Each family will be entitled to 2 tickets initially and you will need to complete the form sent on the link. The performances are taking place on:

11th Dec—Bah Humbug UKS2 Nativity at 2pm  
12th Dec—Snuggle Up Stable EYFS Nativity 2pm  
13th Dec—Boogie Woogie KS1 Nativity at 2pm  
14th Dec—Bethlehem Ballroom LKS2 Nativity at 2pm

## Choir

Mrs Pearce and Mrs Cranwell are taking our choir to perform at different locations this year.

12th December at St Marys 11am  
19th December at Oxleathers Court at 1:30pm  
20th December at Life Church at 6pm

## Christmas Lunch

School will be offering Christmas lunch on Wednesday 20th December

This will be free if your child is entitled to free meals including all of KS1 and Reception.

These will need to be ordered in advance. You will be sent a form to complete by Arbor to sign up if you would like your child to participate. This needs to be completed whether you pay or not. School meals are currently charged at £2.83.

## Christmas Parties

All phases have their parties on the last day—22nd December

Children can wear Christmas jumpers with own clothes or party clothes

## Christmas at Castle Church KS1 & 2

We will be visiting Church on Friday 22nd December in the morning. We will walk to and from the church in our phases.

## Christmas Jumpers

We would like the children to wear Christmas jumpers on:  
Christmas Jumper Day 7th December—  
donations please  
Wednesday 20th for Christmas dinner  
Friday 22nd for Church Service





# Community Events



We would like to say a big THANK YOU to Ian Hancock for his support and time given to our Local Advisory Board. This means that we now have a governor vacancy on our Board. We would welcome any interested parents to express an interest if this is something that excites you. Our Local Advisory Board is seeking a member with a background in Health & Safety to fill this important position within our school leadership team. Please contact Miss Lloyd in the office on [office.cas@cflptrust.co.uk](mailto:office.cas@cflptrust.co.uk) to express your interest and share a few details about yourself. If you would like any further information about the Governor role then please contact Mrs Tammy Drinkwater, our Chairperson or Mrs Zara Parrish, our Vice Chairperson and they can explain more about the meetings and responsibilities. You can contact them on [drinkwater@cflptrust.co.uk](mailto:drinkwater@cflptrust.co.uk) or [governor-parrish@cflptrust.co.uk](mailto:governor-parrish@cflptrust.co.uk). Many thanks. We look forward to hearing from you.



## Family Action at the Community Hub

We are please to announce that Family Action will now be based in the hub every Wednesday. They are amazing and offer various support packages to families. Lots of our families really appreciate their support, so the fact that they will be based in school one day a week is fantastic news for Castlechurch!

If you think you could benefit from meeting the team and receiving this kind of support, then you can self-refer [Community Hub/Parent Support Information & Charity work – Castlechurch Primary School | Stafford](#) or school can email you a referral form to complete. Mrs Cranwell

*"Speaking to my befriender has helped me move from utterly hating myself and not feeling I was anywhere near the parent I should be or wanted to be."*

*"She has helped me turn a few really difficult situations around and I now wake up feeling much more positive, in control and able to cope with whatever the day throws at me".*

## Supporting Staffordshire Families

What we can support you with?

Family Support Workers are able to provide support for children and young people from 0-19 years and up to 25 years for those with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities. They can also help parents and carers with vulnerabilities they may be having, which are affecting family life.

Examples of the support we can provide includes:

- parenting skills and strategies
- building healthy relationships
- emotional wellbeing
- staying safe in the community
- building confidence and self esteem
- child development
- building positive relationships between home and school
- housing and financial issues
- returning to employment or education
- developing positive community relationships
- access to local services and facilities