

## NEWSLETTER

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

Happy New Year to all of our staff, children and parents. We are sure that 2024 will be a fantastic year for Castlechurch! We have had a busy first week and have welcomed lots of new children into our school in our Nursery class and across the school. As the weather is getting colder but ensure your child has a warm coat and accessories to wear for playtimes and lunchtimes. Can we also ask for them to be named so that we can match everything back to the children in the cloakrooms! Clubs will go live today at 3:30pm on Arbor, please sign up. Registration will close on Monday morning at 9:30am and clubs will start immediately. Thank you for your continuing support. Have a great weekend. Take care, from Team Castlechurch :)

### Next Week...

Monday	
Tuesday	LKS2 Forest School KS1 & UKS2 PE Kit
Wednesday	Rowan class SWIMMING LKS2 PE Kit
Thursday	
Friday	EYFS PE Kit

Parents Evening—30th Jan 24  
PTPA Disco—31st Jan 24  
Number Day—2nd Feb 24  
Safer Internet Day—6th Feb 24  
Half term—12th—16th Feb 24  
INSET DAY—19th Feb 24  
Y5/6 Tri p LACHES WOOD—21-23th Feb 24  
Gotta Sing—28th Feb 24  
World Book Day—7th March 24

The calendar on the website has been updated please go to:  
[Calendar - Castlechurch Primary School | Stafford](#)

Class	Attendance
Hazel	86.36%
Maple	91.36%
Willow	96.79%
Beech	97.84%
Pine	95.71%
Rowan	94.4%
Cedar	84.4%
Elm	96.07%
Oak	91.57%

This Week's winner is:

**BEECH**

Well done!



School Matters!



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

### Picture news

We discussed this week about whether or not Emojis were an important part of communication. We found out that 10-year-old Teddy Cottle from Oxfordshire launched a petition calling for Apple to change the glasses emoji, also known as the 'nerd' emoji, as he says it gives the wrong impression of glasses-wearers. Teddy decided to write a letter to Apple requesting the design be changed, asking his classmates and French teacher, Lisa Baillie, to sign it. She suggested instead that it should become a petition and it was launched on [petitiononline.co.uk](http://petitiononline.co.uk). Go Teddy!

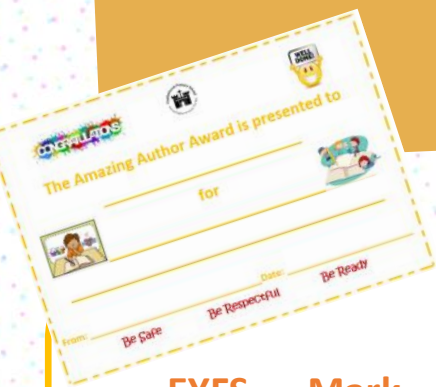


Are emojis an important part of communication?

Our whole school attendance target is 96%.

This week, our school attendance was: **93.21%**

# Celebrations



## EYFS — Sofia-Rose

Maple – Matilda

Willow – Nelli

Hazel – Darcy

Pine - Ronan

Rowan – Billie-Jo

Beech – Lavanya

Oak – Mozzamil

Elm – Scarlet

Cedar – Roxie

## EYFS — Ezra

Maple – Aria

Willow – Andrei

Hazel – Charley

Pine – Rosie-May

Rowan – Harry

Beech – Emily

Oak – Minny

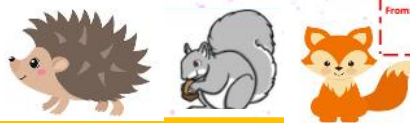
Elm – Ben

Cedar – Archie W



EYFS — Mark  
Maple— Jessica  
Willow – Matei  
Hazel – Scarlett  
Pine— Phoebe  
Rowan – Luka  
Beech – Harley  
Oak – Eleanor  
Elm – Georgia  
Cedar – Grace

EYFS - Niamh  
Maple - Elsie  
Willow – Poppy  
Hazel - Ola  
Pine - Riley  
Rowan – Alfie  
Beech - Kayla-Maye  
Oak – Reuben  
Elm – Freya  
Cedar – Archie W



## House Points



Fox	258
Squirrel	209
Hedgehog	436
Badger	485

## Lunchtime stars

EYFS— Phoebe & Matilda

KS1 – Bentley

LKS2 - Emily

UKS2 —Kian

## Children's Mental Health



With Children's Mental Health Week fast approaching, we are looking to hold an online workshop for parents on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> Feb at 6pm-7pm. The workshop entitled 'My Voice Matters' will coincide the theme for Children's Mental Health Week and highlight the importance of parents actively listening to their children, some ways to begin a conversation with their children and what young people have said is important to them from the adults around them.

We would really appreciate it if you could promote our workshop by sharing the attached poster on your websites/class dojo/emails to parents. We would suggest the following blurb to go out alongside

***Our Mental Health Support Teams in School are holding an one hour workshop for parents on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February at 6pm-7pm to begin the start of Children's Mental Health Week.***

***The theme for this week is My Voice Matters and the workshop invites parents to come along and hear about the importance of listening to children, ways to start conversations on mental health and feedback from young people on how they want adults to support them best***

***If you would like to join the workshop, you can join by clicking this link shortly before 6pm on Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Feb [Join conversation \(microsoft.com\)](https://www.microsoft.com) or if you would like any further information, please give them a call on 01253 504487***





# Community Events



## Christmas Jumpers for Christmas 2024



If anyone has small Christmas jumpers that you feel might be useful for another child next year please send into school and we will pass them on next year. Thank you.

## PTPA Disco

The PTPA will be holding a disco on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January.

It will be years 1,2 and 3 from 4pm to 5pm

Years 4,5 and 6 from 5.15pm to 6.15pm. More details to follow next week.



## Heath checks for parents



We have Everyone Health in the Community hub on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January. They do free health checks. They can also refer new members for a 12-week Slimming World or Weight Watcher vouchers. Please ring the office if you would like an appointment. They take approximately 30 minutes.

# Get a **FREE local** NHS Health Check



appointments available  
Castle Church Primary Hub  
ST17 9SY

Friday 19th January  
9am - 5pm  
and

Monday 22nd January  
9am - 5pm

If you're aged 40-74, even though you might be feeling great, you may be at risk of heart disease, stroke, kidney disease, diabetes or dementia.

A FREE NHS Healthcheck can help you reduce these risks and make sure you stay healthy.

\*MOT health checks available to anyone over the age of 74

**Appointments available**



To book your **FREE**  
NHS Healthcheck appointment  
call: 0333 005 0095, or  
text: HEART to 60777

National exclusion criteria will apply.

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