

NEWSLETTER

A message from the Senior Leadership Team...

We hope that you have received your letters about the PTPA Disco on the 31st January 2024. This is for children from Y1-Y6. If your child would like to come then please return your slip and money to school in an envelope.

We have enjoyed another busy week at Castlechurch, clubs have started and the children are lucky enough to take part in a wide variety of exciting opportunities. Thank you to the staff for providing these.

The children are fully immersed in their new topics already this term and are enjoying learning about sound, food production— from farm to fork and the properties of different materials to name a few! 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

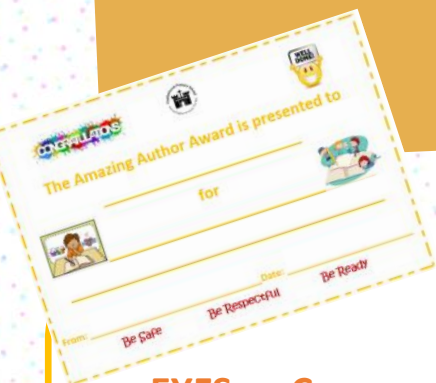
A study from the University of Valencia, in Spain, found that print reading could boost skills by six to eight times more than digital reading, for example, on an e-reader or tablet. The study, published in the Review of Educational Research, also found that while there is a negative relationship between digital reading and comprehension for primary school pupils, the relationship turns positive for secondary school-aged pupils. We discussed this in assembly and found that our KS2 pupils really enjoyed reading PROPER books not ebooks! What do you think at home?



Our whole school attendance target is 96%.

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

Celebrations



- EYFS — Cooper
- Maple — Amelia
- Willow — Nelli
- Hazel — Darcy
- Pine — Jack D
- Rowan — Idil
- Beech — Ella-Mai
- Oak — Ruby
- Elm — Lylah
- Cedar — Keeley



- EYFS — Mossavir
- Maple — Ellie
- Willow — Hannah
- Hazel — Rebecca
- Pine — Aurora
- Rowan — Scarlett
- Beech — Ozzy
- Oak — Isabelle
- Elm — Kaydon
- Cedar — Moddasir

- EYFS — Owen
- Maple — Jayden
- Willow — Mace
- Hazel — Amayah
- Pine - Phoebe/Kacey
- Rowan — Lucas
- Beech — Demi
- Oak — Ruby-Mae
- Elm — Annabelle
- Cedar — Jade



- EYFS - Nino
- Maple - Albie
- Willow — Reggie
- Hazel - Scarlett
- Pine - Joshua
- Rowan — Luka
- Beech - Ragnar
- Oak — Rebeca
- Elm — Libby
- Cedar — Lilli

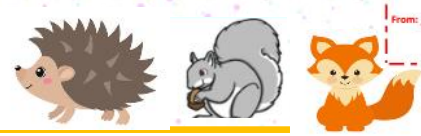
House Points



Fox	258
Squirrel	209
Hedgehog	436
Badger	485

Lunchtime stars

- EYFS— Freddie T
- KS1 — Violet
- LKS2 - Hannah
- UKS2 — Scarlett



Cricket at Castlechurch!



We are delighted to share with you about the exciting cricket PE sessions taking place at Castlechurch for children in Year 1, 2, 5, and 6. The children have shown great enthusiasm for the throwing and batting exercises, thoroughly enjoying each session. These sessions are skilfully run by Chance to Shine cricket initiative. If your child is enjoying these sessions then please see the leaflet for additional opportunities or ask Mr Nelson for further information.



Stafford Cricket Club are also looking for young players, girls & boys aged 6-8 years old, to join their Softball team.

Come and try for free every Friday at Blessed William Howard High School, 6:00 —7:30pm from January 19th 2024. No kit required

Contact Tim Fielding, Junior Coach on 07736 998752.

Stafford Cricket Club

CRICKET FOR EVERYONE

WANT TO GET INTO CRICKET?

25 taster sessions
FREELY available

Sessions open to both **GIRLS** and **BOYS**
With all kit supplied.
Specialist coaching available for advanced players.
Group coaching for starters.
JOIN ONE OF OUR AGE GROUP SQUADS

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PHONE: 07736 998 752

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Community Events



Heath checks for parents

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

Our Mental Health Support Teams in School are holding an one hour workshop for parents on Monday 5th 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 5th Feb [Join conversation \(microsoft.com\)](#) or if you would like any further information,

please give them a call on 01253 504487

Grant for Community Hub



Mrs Cranwell has met Ruby from The Housing Plus group. They have kindly given us a grant to for our community hub. This will help us to grow the amazing facility. Please pop into the hub, there is something for everyone and it offers a lot of support.

Family Action



Family Action are now based in the Community hub Every Wednesday between 1pm and 3pm you can pop in to chat to the team. They can offer you support with lots of things from finances, budget, well-being, meal ideas to help with family routines. You can fill in a form there and then and access help from them at home or in the hub. Family Action helps transform lives.