

NEWSLETTER

A message from the Senior Leadership Team...

A busy start to this half term. UKS2 children have had a fabulous time at Laches Wood. The centre staff and our own staff have been really proud of their behaviour, support for one another and their ability to have ago! Well done to them all! A BIG thank you to Mrs Roberts, Miss Owens, Mr Nelson, Mrs Waterfall, Mrs Brewer & Mrs Penn for accompanying them this week and making it so enjoyable! We hope you catch up on your sleep this weekend! Meanwhile, back at school, the Romans have invaded in LKS2! The children have been learning about how this ancient civilization influenced the world we live in today, resulting in a fun packed day with our visitors today! Have a great weekend everyone, looking forward to seeing what next week bring! Take care, from Team Castlechurch :)

Next Week...

Monday	MAPLE PE Kit OAK PE kit
Tuesday	EYFS Forest School PM Elm & Cedar PE Kit
Wednesday	Rowan class SWIMMING LKS2 PE Kit GOTTA SING
Thursday	HAZEL/WILLOW PE Kit
Friday	EYFS PE Kit SPARKLE DAY—Wear Sparkly clothes

World Book Day—7th March 24

NOT DRESSING UP

Sublime Science Day—14th March 24

Comic Relief—15th March **Wear RED**

EYFS Forest School Parent Engagement—19th March PM

KS1 Parent Engagement—21st March PM

UKS2 Parent engagement—22nd March PM

School closes for Easter 22nd March 24

Gotta Dance— 25th April 24

The calendar on the website has been updated please go to:

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

Class	Attendance
Hazel	86.36%
Maple	94.89%
Willow	96.02%
Beech	97.92%
Pine	97.32%
Rowan	96.48%
Cedar	96.08%
Elm	97.75%
Oak	96.53%

This Week's winner is:

BEECH

Well done!



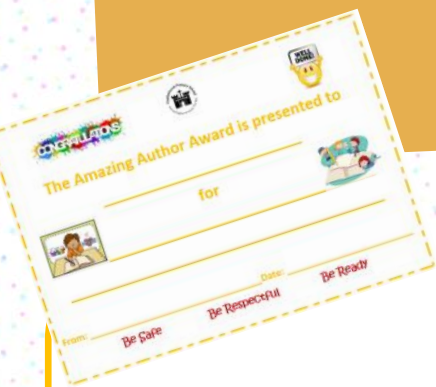
Picture news

Pupils in England will have the choice to take a GCSE exam in British Sign Language (BSL) from 2025. BSL is a form of communication using hand gestures and other movements. Pupils, who take the subject, will learn around 1,000 different signs. Fairfield High School (pictured in this week's poster) already runs a successful extracurricular club in response to pupils' interest in learning BSL. Should we learn sign language at school? What do you think at home? Is a language that we should all be learning?



Our whole school attendance target is 96%.
This week, our school attendance was: **95.45%**

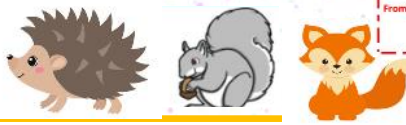
Celebrations



- EYFS— Noah
- Maple— Aria
- Willow – Andrei
- Hazel – Imogen
- Pine— Evie
- Rowan – Eris
- Beech – Harley

- EYFS — Kiyiya
- Maple – Alivia
- Willow – Yoana
- Hazel - Cleo
- Pine—AJ
- Rowan— Harry
- Beech – Charlie

- EYFS — Mihail
- Maple – Phoebe
- Willow – Matei
- Hazel – Kiarna
- Pine – Joshua
- Rowan – Henry
- Beech – Lavanya



House Points



Fox	1844
Squirrel	2069
Hedgehog	1832
Badger	3146

- ### Lunchtime stars
- EYFS – Aisla
 - KS1 – Henry
 - LKS2 - Denny

- EYFS - Magnus
- Maple - Jessica
- Willow – Henry
- Hazel - Pipah
- Pine—Porscher
- Rowan – Kaia
- Beech - Kayla-Maye





This week's Spotlight...





Charity Events



Friday 1 March 2024

Sparkle Day

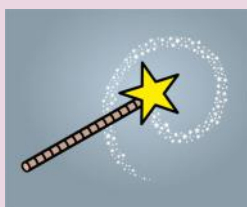
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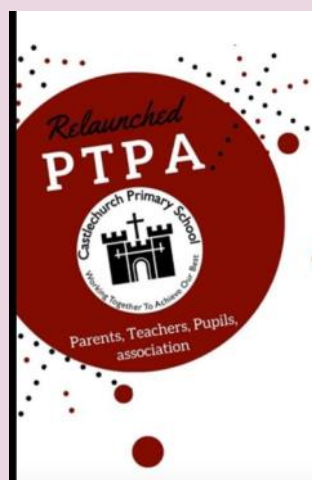
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The Charity for Disabled Children

Whether you bake, dress up or walk, whatever you do, make it sparkle.

By fundraising with us this Sparkle Day, you will be helping to brighten the lives of disabled children. Help us ensure no child goes without the specialist equipment they need.



We are wearing a bit of sparkle next Friday and have set up a just giving page to donate to! Children can wear own clothes and a little or a lot of sparkle—as they wish!
https://www.justgiving.com/page/castlechurch-primary-school-1708686084608?utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=page%2Fcastlechurch-primary-school-1708686084608&utm_source=copyLink&utm_campaign=pfp-share



WEDNESDAY 20TH MARCH 2024

THE PTPA ARE BUSY ARRANGING A CHOCOLATE BINGO EVENT! LETTERS WILL BE SENT HOME NEXT WEEK. IT WILL START AT 4:15PM AND COST £2 PER ADULT AND £1 PER CHILD!

YOU HAVE TO BE IN IT TO WIN IT!

SEE YOU THERE!



Community Events



Medicines for babies and children

Medicines are not always needed for minor illnesses like coughs and colds in children. If your child does need a medicine, it's important they have one that's right for their age and you know how to give it to them safely.

At what age can I give my baby paracetamol or ibuprofen?

- You can give [paracetamol](#) to children aged 2 months or older for pain or a high temperature.
- You can give [ibuprofen](#) to children who are aged 3 months or older and who weigh more than 5kg (11lb).
- Always read the instructions carefully, or check with a pharmacist or doctor.
- If your child has [asthma](#), get advice from a GP or pharmacist before giving them ibuprofen.
- Do not give your child ibuprofen if they have [chickenpox](#) or are [dehydrated](#).
- Do not give aspirin to children under 16 unless it's prescribed by a doctor. It's been linked with a rare but dangerous illness called [Reye's syndrome](#).
- If you're breastfeeding, [aspirin](#) is not usually recommended as a painkiller. Ask your health visitor, midwife or GP for advice before taking it.

[Read more about breastfeeding and medicines](#)

Can you get over-the-counter children's medicines for free?

You can get treatment for some common conditions, such as sore throat and earache, from a pharmacy without needing a GP appointment. The pharmacist will be able to recommend the best treatment for your child and prescribe medicine if they need it. You will not pay a prescription charge for children under 16.

[Medicines for babies and children - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)

SCHOOL UNIFORM

For free or a small donation at Tranquility

- Boys shirts ranging from ages 5-17+
- Girls shirts from all ages
- Girls skirts from
- Boys trousers from ages 4-16
- King Edward blazers and some names school bits

Message us for more details or come to us to see the selection of uniform in person

Uniform Bank

Friday 23 February 1-5pm
Saturday 10-4pm
Sunday 10-1pm at Tranquility ST16 1BQ off Newport Rd.
Available for a small donation to raise funds for @staffordshirewomensaid

Trinity Church, Stafford (Opposite Wilko's)

Trinity Youth Group

For School Years 6 and 7

MONDAY NIGHTS
6PM - 8PM TERM TIME

A place to chill, relax and have loads of fun with your friends.
£1 a night - your first night is free 😊
Come along on Monday 4th March

- Dodge ball
- Cooking
- Football
- Art/Crafts
- Hockey
- Team Games
- Pool
- Table Tennis
- Tuck Shop

and more!!

For more information email: trinityyoungpeople@gmail.com

NHS 24 Mental Health Hub

When you phone 111 and choose the mental health option, you'll be connected to our team of psychological wellbeing practitioners (PWP's).

Phone 111 if you're

- feeling distressed
- in a state of despair
- feeling suicidal
- in need of emotional support

PWPs can offer advice on coping with mental health symptoms. They can also recommend and connect you with other services if needed.

Remember, for an emergency ambulance, call 999.

Need more info?
nhsinform.scot



Community Events



Message from Claire McIver Assistant Director for Public Health and Prevention

Cases of measles are rising across England, including among children. It's an infection that spreads very easily, especially in nurseries and schools if children are not vaccinated. It can be a very unpleasant illness and, in some children, can be very serious and lead to hospitalisation – and in rare cases tragically can cause death.

There's no specific medical treatment for measles, so it's important to get vaccinated as it's the best protection against becoming seriously unwell and helps prevent the spread in the community.

The measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine is one of the [routine childhood vaccinations](#), so most children are already vaccinated against measles. If your child has received both doses of the vaccine, they are unlikely to have the virus.

We are calling on all parents and carers to make sure their children are up to date with their 2 MMR doses. To see if your child is up to date with their MMR vaccines, check your child's personal child health record, known as the 'red book', or contact your GP practice.

Children who are unvaccinated and come into contact with a case will need to stay away from school or nursery for up to 21 days.

It is never too late to catch up. The MMR vaccine is free, whatever your age. If anyone has missed one or both doses of the MMR vaccine, contact your GP practice to book an appointment.

Measles is a highly infectious viral illness, so to prevent the illness spreading further, anyone with symptoms is advised to stay at home and phone their GP or NHS 111 for advice, rather than visiting the GP practice or A&E.

Measles usually starts with cold-like symptoms, followed by a rash a few days later. Some people may also get small spots in their mouth. Find out more on the [NHS website](#).