

## NEWSLETTER

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

Well, if you blinked quickly then you could have missed this last term, it has gone so fast! Thank you for all your support this week, we have many events for you to attend. The chocolate bingo was a sell out on Wednesday and a fantastic family activity, thank you to everyone involved in the organisation. We have also hosted EYFS, KS1 & UKS2 parent engagement activities and had super turn outs at all of them. Time4Sport are running a HAF club over Easter and have informed us that we have the highest numbers ever! Another success! We hope you have a lovely Easter break, whatever you get up to! Please don't eat TOO much chocolate! We look forward to opening our doors to you on Monday 8th April. Take care, Happy Easter! Love from Team Castlechurch x

### Next Week...

Monday	MAPLE PE Kit OAK PE kit
Tuesday	Elm & Cedar PE Kit KSI Forest School
Wednesday	Rowan class SWIMMING LKS2 PE Kit
Thursday	HAZEL/WILLOW PE Kit
Friday	EYFS PE Kit

Gotta Dance— 25th April 24  
LKS2 Forest School—30th April 24  
PINE CLASS SWIM - 1st May 24

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

Class	Attendance
Hazel	91.78%
Maple	93%
Willow	98.26%
Beech	95.83%
Pine	93.93%
Rowan	93.47%
Cedar	92.89%
Elm	90.36%
Oak	99.31%

This Week's winner is:

**OAK**

Well done!



### Picture news

Many families travelled to Glasgow for an event that claimed to channel the magic of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. On its website, Willy's Chocolate Experience guaranteed

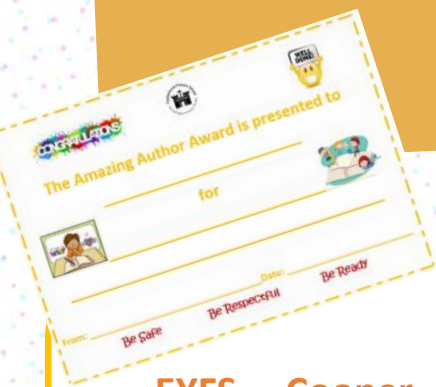


chocolate fountains, performances by Oompa Loompas, and interactive experiences, with tickets priced at £35 per person. Visitors were greeted by rows of large empty tables and walls of black fabric separating different, almost empty, spaces. Upon facing crowds of disappointed ticketholders, organisers decided to cancel the two-day event after the first morning. What's the best way to handle disappointment? There will be times when we are excited and looking forward to something, but it may not be quite what we wanted or hoped it would be. Learning how to deal with disappointment is

Our whole school attendance target is 96%.

This week, our school attendance was: **93.94%**

# Celebrations



- EYFS— Cooper
- Maple— Skylah
- Willow – Mace
- Hazel – Zion
- Pine— Harry
- Rowan – Luka
- Beech – Jacob
- Oak – Chelsea
- Elm – Phoebe
- Cedar – Grace

- EYFS — Sofia
- Maple – Lily-Rose
- Willow – Poppy
- Hazel - Georgia
- Pine— AJ
- Rowan—Lucas
- Beech – Demi
- Oak – Siya
- Elm— Annabelle
- Cedar – Faith

- EYFS — Sebastian
- Maple – Elsie
- Willow - Matei
- Hazel – Sofia
- Pine – Jacob
- Rowan – James
- Beech – Oscar
- Oak – Aaliyah
- Elm— Emma
- Cedar – Aiden



## House Points



Badger enjoyed a non unfirm day today as their prize for winning this House points competition this term.

Congratulations!!

- ## Lunchtime stars
- EYFS – Cayde
  - KS1 – Kirston
  - LKS2 - Ryan
  - UKS2— Sum-

- EYFS - Magnus
- Maple - Sarah
- Willow – Henry
- Hazel - Bentley
- Pine – Sam
- Rowan – Thea
- Beech - Kade
- Oak – Elle
- Elm— Harley
- Cedar – Moddasir





**EASTER FUN!**  
**FREE**  
**Holiday Activities and Food**  
for children and young people aged 5-16 who get free school meals\*  
**Booking opens: 4pm, Monday 11th March 2024**  
[staffordshire.gov.uk/holidayactivities](http://staffordshire.gov.uk/holidayactivities)

#HAF2024 | Free holiday activities and food this Easter ☐

If your child is eligible for a free place on the HAF programme, they will receive a letter with a HAF code.

- ☐ Booking opens at 4pm on 11th March
- ☐ Activities run 25 March - 5 April
- ☐ Quote your HAF code to get a free place

Activities include dodgeball, dance, football, arts and crafts, bushcraft and lots more! Your child will get a chance to make new friends, have fun and enjoy a healthy meal.

If your child is not eligible for a free place but wants to attend, most of the clubs offer paid places too! ☐

Find out more on the Staffordshire County Council website → ☐ [bit.ly/3f1O7Hd](https://bit.ly/3f1O7Hd)

**Important**

We have been informed by Edwards & Ward that due to increasing staffing and food costs, they will be increasing the cost of a school meal to £2.95 from Easter 2024. This will mean that parents of pupils in Nursery, Years 3 and above who pay for their school meals, will from the 8th April pay £2.95 per meal (£14.75 per week).

If your circumstances have changed and you believe your child may now qualify for free school meals, please click the link below to find out more.

<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Educational-awards-benefits/FreeSchoolMeals/Apply-online.aspx>

### **Extended Nursery**

From 8th April, the price of an afternoon session for those that do not claim NEF funding will increase £15.24 per session.



# Community Events



## Our new tree

This week, we planted an apple tree (donated by the PTPA) in memory of Mr Tim Forde who was a member of our school community. He helped us with fundraising and donated our sports day fruit from the Spar shop. We will enjoy watching it grow.

## Board games wanted

If you have any board games that you could donate to school we would very much appreciate them. Things such as connect 4, Snakes and Ladders, Ludo are great that are quick to set up and play. Thank you.



Wow! Thank you so much for your kind food donations. The Life Church Food Grocery will distribute it to the people that visit the food grocery. Don't forget it's open every Thursday from 5pm to 7pm.







# CFLP Events



## CFLP Pupil Forum

Last Friday, Mrs Cranwell and Mrs Goodyear took our Pupil Forum representatives to the second meeting at Springhead Primary School. We met with the current school caterers Edwards & Ward. Our children told their head chef exactly what they thought about the food choices, portion size and taste. They also discussed what they liked and disliked about lunchtimes. The children came up with some great ideas that we will bring in during the summer term. Mrs Goodyear and Mrs Cranwell were extremely proud of their honesty and discussion skills, they also managed to demolish A LOT of the food during the tasting session!

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