

# Castleton CofE Primary School



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## Newsletter

### Spring Term 2 – Welcome Back!

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome back to Spring Term 2! We hope you all enjoyed a restful half term and are feeling refreshed and ready for the new term ahead. We are looking forward to lots of new learning and exciting opportunities for the children over the coming weeks.

### Our Spring Term Theme: Saving Our Environment

This term, our whole-school learning theme is “Saving Our Environment.” Through stories, discussions, and curriculum activities, the children will explore:

- How we can work together to help protect and improve our environment
- Simple everyday actions that make a big difference
- The challenges and barriers we may need to overcome to care for our planet

We are excited to see the children’s curiosity, ideas, and creativity shine as they learn more about the world around them and how they can play an active role in looking after it.

## Upcoming Events

### February

23rd - Spring 2 begins  
25th & 26th - KS2 Bikeability  
27th - Godly Play

### March

4th - Puppet Collective Worship  
5th - World Book Day / Reading Adventure Day: Poetry  
9th - Assessment Week  
19<sup>th</sup> - KS2 HVC Netball 1.30-3pm  
19<sup>th</sup> - Parent consultations  
20<sup>th</sup> - Godly Play  
24<sup>th</sup> - Health Champions (pm)  
27<sup>th</sup> - Break for Easter

### April

13<sup>th</sup> - Summer 1 begins  
17<sup>th</sup> - Swimming resumes

### May

7<sup>th</sup> - KS2 Orienteering at HVC (pm)  
13<sup>th</sup> - Eggucation arrives  
14<sup>th</sup> - KS2 Rounders at HVC (pm)  
22<sup>nd</sup> - Summer 1 ends

### June

1<sup>st</sup> - Summer 2 begins  
5<sup>th</sup> - KS2 at EIS  
10<sup>th</sup> - Class and School Photographs  
18<sup>th</sup> - Y5 STEM Day at HVC  
24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> - KS2 Residential  
25<sup>th</sup> – Reception & KS1 Sports at HVC (pm)

### July

2<sup>nd</sup> - Y6 Transition Day at HVC  
8<sup>th</sup> - Reading Adventure Day (Non-Fiction)  
14<sup>th</sup> - Sports Day (provisional date)  
16<sup>th</sup> - Colour Run  
16<sup>th</sup> - Reports out to parents  
23<sup>rd</sup> - End of Summer 2

## Independence, Cognition and Applying Prior Knowledge

This term, we are placing a particular focus on developing the children's independence in learning. In a small school, it can be easy for children to become overly reliant on adult support rather than using their own thinking skills and strategies. To help build confidence and resilience, we have introduced a system called The 5 B's:

### **Brain → Book → Board → Buddy → Boss**

This approach encourages children to explore different ways of tackling their learning before automatically asking an adult for help. By using their own thinking first, referring to classroom resources, and discussing with a peer where appropriate, children learn to problem-solve, draw on prior knowledge, and persevere.

We are already seeing children grow in confidence and take greater ownership of their learning, and we will continue to build on this throughout the upcoming terms.

## How Parents Can Help at Home

Your support at home makes a huge difference. Encouraging your child to have a go independently—whether it's reading instructions, organising their belongings, attempting homework tasks, or problem-solving everyday challenges—helps reinforce the habits we are nurturing in school. Allowing children time to think, try ideas, and learn from small mistakes helps them build resilience and confidence as learners.

## Thank You

Thank you for your continued support of the school. Your partnership strengthens everything we do. hesitate to contact the school.



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