

September 2026

Castleton CofE Primary School **NEWSLETTER**



WELCOME BACK!

Welcome back to a brand-new school year at Castleton C of E Primary School!

We hope you have all enjoyed a wonderful summer break and are feeling refreshed, rested and ready for an exciting year ahead filled with learning, growth and fun.

We are delighted to welcome back Mr Gavan and are also very excited to introduce three new members of our team. A warm Castleton welcome goes to Sophie Nicholls, Lauren Peevor and Louis Faure, who join us as Teaching Assistants this year.

We know they will be a fantastic addition to our school community, and we look forward to the positive impact they will have on our children's learning and wellbeing. We can't wait to share another successful year with all our families.



GOODBYES

Farewell to Mrs Wilson

We are sad to be saying goodbye to Mrs Wilson at the end of September. During the summer holidays, Mrs Wilson made the difficult decision to leave us due to increasing family commitments and the possibility of moving to a different school.

Mrs Wilson has been a valued member of our school community, and we are grateful for all she has contributed during her time with us. We know many children and families will miss her, and we wish her every happiness and success for the future.

FIRST DAY PHOTOGRAPHS

We know how special the first day is!

If you take any first day photos, please feel free to share them with us for our display board (optional, of course!).

Thank you for your continued support and for reading our newsletter. As always, if you have any questions, comments or concerns, please come and chat to me or any member of staff.

Here's to a brilliant start to the school year!

Warm wishes,
Mrs J and the Castleton School Team

REMINDERS FOR A GREAT START

Start Time: Doors open at 8.45am and classes begin promptly at 8.55am.

Uniform: Please ensure children are in full uniform every day and that their uniform is clearly labelled with their name.

School uniform comprises of a navy-blue sweatshirt, hoodie or cardigan; jade green / white polo shirt; black or grey trousers / skirt and sensible black school shoes or plain black trainers.

PE: all children require named black pumps for indoor PE and suitable trainers for outdoor PE. We ask that children come to school in suitable PE attire on PE days (Tuesdays); this comprises of a jade / white coloured t-shirt/polo shirt and plain black or navy shorts/leggings/tracksuit bottoms. All jewellery must be removed for PE lessons and long hair must be tied up.

Swimming: Children are all required to wear a swimming hat. Girls should wear a one-piece swimming costume and boys should wear appropriate swim shorts. Long hair should be tied up. No jewellery is permitted for swimming lessons. Our swimming sessions begin on the 19th of September this year.

Woodland Learning: Children should come to school suitably dressed for outdoor, woodland learning on Woodland Learning days i.e. warm, waterproof clothing and footwear.

Water Bottles: Please send your child with a labelled water bottle every day.

Communication: Please keep an eye on emails, the school website or Parent Hub for updates and announcements.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September

4th : INSET

7th : Autumn 1 begins

7th : Forest School sessions begin

11th : Online session with Julia Donaldson & Axel Scheffer

14th : Forest School session at Breedon Works

16th : Nurture afternoon

18th : Swimming sessions begin

21st : Forest School session at Breedon Works

22nd : Wear Jeans for Genes Day

23rd : Individual and family photographs

28th : Forest School session at Breedon Works

30th : Children's Flu vaccinations in school

30th : Puppet led Collective Worship

October

5th : Forest School session at Breedon Works

12th : Forest School session at Breedon Works

19th : Forest School session at Breedon Works

23rd : No swimming

23rd : Autumn term 1 ends

November

2nd : Autumn Term 2 begins

6th : Swimming begins

December

3rd : Parent Consultations

16th : The Nativity

17th : Christmas parties

17th : End of Autumn Term 2

18th : INSET

January

4th : INSET

5th : Spring Term 1 begins