



Dear families,

What a busy week we had!

We were extremely lucky to be invited to attend the Commonwealth Service at Westminster Abbey. Our students represented us impeccably and we were very proud of them all.

Robins Class News

Robins have had a busy few weeks. We have been practising counting to 10,



matching one objects for each number and outting the number in order before saying them.



In literacy, we have been taking part in a sensory story about 'The City'. Some of Robins have been using colourful semantics to create sentences to describe the story.



We have also been learning letter sounds s, a and t and identifying objects beginning with those sounds.



Churchill Class News

Last week Churchill sixth form students went to see an Art Exhibition at Kettles Yard entitled 'Paint what Matters.' Three of our students had been involved in this project and their work was included in the exhibition.



Contributors to the project were asked to paint what really matters to them and it was incredibly powerful to see the vast array of amazing artwork that depicted

subjects that were important to the student who created them. Churchill students would like to thank our amazing art teacher Nicola for the opportunity to be involved in such a great project.



It is fitting that Churchill students finished studying King Lear in English last week as this week two Churchill students were lucky enough to see the current, monarch King Charles, at the Commonwealth Service. Students and staff travelled up to London and were lucky enough to see the Changing of the Guard at Buckingham Palace on route to take up their places in the congregation inside Westminster Abbey. Students really loved spotting the dignitaries, royalty and celebrities who were part of the celebrations. Our Castle School cohort could be seen on TV in the live coverage of the day's events!



Churchill students were really buzzing the next day and said they had made memories for life, which is exactly what school trips are all about! Churchill students would like to give a massive shoutout to all the staff who made this amazing opportunity possible with special thanks to Steve.

Commonwealth trip

On Monday a mixed group from Darwin and Churchill Post-16 classes attended the Commonwealth Day at Westminster Abbey.



What a wonderful day! Train into London, underground to Green Park and then a short walk to Buckingham Palace.

Seeing the guards and this iconic building was a real wow moment for staff and pupils.



After lunch we had a short walk through London to take our seats in Westminster Abbey for Commonwealth Day, hosted by King Charles.

Members of every Commonwealth country, royal dignitaries, Prime Minister, and over 600 pupils were present.



Castle had excellent seats and were treated to a nod from the King and Queen as they went past.



Then an array of readings and musical performances to celebrate the Commonwealth.

Favourites were Maasai Warrior's dancing in front of us and then a live performance by Joan Armatrading.



If you want to feel like you were there also it is available to watch on BBC iPlayer. Castle can be seen on TV!

National Storytelling Week 2025

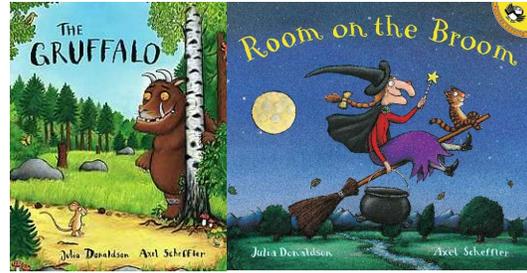


Hello all! For this year's national storytelling week, a few of our lovely members of staff have prepared some videos for you all to enjoy with your children.

You can find these videos following the link below:

<https://www.castleschool.info/parent-info/news-and-events/latest-news/national-storytelling-week-25>

Us here at Castle School hope you read some amazing stories at home, too!



Red Nose Day - 21st March



This year Red Nose Day falls on 21st March. This year marks 40 years of Red Nose fun! Please feel free to come to school wearing a red nose, dressed in red, with red hair, in your pj's- as silly as you want!

Official red noses and t-shirts are available on the comic relief website <https://shop.comicrelief.com/> and if you would like more information or to make a donation the link is

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/5zMqDJtY1XQmF2dTZPYBwkh/red-nose-day-2025>

Castle School Shop

We are collecting donations of good quality clothing, bric-a-brac, children's toys, CD's, DVD's, and games console games.

We need men's clothes, jeans, jumpers, suits, shoes etc.

Also, kitchen utensils and cutlery please.

Best wishes

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