



Dear families,
I hope you all enjoyed the Bank Holiday Weekend. We are back to our usual busy routine with work experience related learning; trips and some of our Sixth Form pupils have created our first school radio called 'The Heart of Castle School Radio'. We are all very excited about this amazing project.

Dragonflies Class News

Dragonflies' topic this term is animals and their habitats, we visited Monach Farm to meet different farm animals.



When the food bucket arrived the sheep, all ran towards us to greet us, and the baby lambs were very soft. The farm also has baby goats which we got to stroke, and the horses were very friendly.



Wolfson Class News



Some students in Wolfson Class are working on a collaborative enterprise project. We present to you 'The Heart of Castle School Radio'. This week is our second week working together, and we are proud to show you the logo and radio jingle! The students have combined their skills and unique personalities to develop a radio station that is made for our friends at

school. We are excited to grow this project and encourage anyone to offer requests for what they would like broadcasted on the school radio.

Shop Donations

We are collecting donations of good quality summer clothing, men's t-shirts, children's toys, CD's, DVD's, and games console games.

Cambridgeshire County Council Project

Cambridgeshire County Council are setting up a new initiative to support young adults aged 18-21 with their journeys into adulthood and work. They want to break down all the barriers young people face, particularly those who have learning difficulties, and support them into jobs and adulthood. There will be a pupil panel of around 12 pupils across Cambridgeshire and one of our sixth formers and a former pupil will be on this panel, the focus is very pupil centred and we think this will be of huge benefit to our learners.



Cultivating Change

Our KS4 work related working group are doing an amazing job transforming a courtyard into a kitchen garden. They have been working with Cultivate and Change who helped with design, provided compost, mulch, seeds and regularly visit to help with the garden. This week our food tech instructor was thrilled to cook with the first vegetable harvest, it was delicious.



Worry Monster



We have been lucky to have been gifted this beautiful Worry Monster by clothing company Fred & Noah!

The worry monster will be used in PSHE lessons, therapy and by staff to help support some students with their worries and anxiety.

We are currently choosing a name for the monster - we have had some wonderful ideas so far.

They are currently offering a discount code FN10 fredandnoah.com

Research opportunity for parents!

A new study investigating the relationship between sensory sensitivities, autistic traits, and anxiety traits in children is looking to recruit parents of children aged 6-11 to fill in a 10-minute questionnaire of their children's experiences. This research is some of the first of its kind, and is crucial in better understanding children's holistic experiences of developmental difficulties, promoting better mental health, and in developing support for affected children.

If you are a parent of a child/children aged 6-11 and have a spare 10 minutes to fill in the survey it would really be appreciated – please find the link to the information letter and survey below.

https://maastrichtuniversity.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_a9u1UMYrwAIZXfg

I have also attached the QR code to the study in case it is a physical newsletter and using a link is not possible.



Toileting

The East of England Autism Central Hub are organizing two free online events to support your child to learn to use the toilet.

Information and guidance about these online courses can be found on the links below.

Online Courses:

Wednesday 14 May, 9.30am to 11am – Book here.

[Toileting Tickets, Wed, May 14, 2025 at 9:30 AM | Eventbrite](#)

Tuesday 15 July, 10am to 11.30am – Book here.

[Toileting Tickets, Tue, Jul 15, 2025 at 10:00 AM | Eventbrite](#)

Best wishes

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