



Dear families,

As we come to the end of another school year, I want to take this opportunity to thank all of our parents and carers for your continued support throughout the year. It has been a busy and rewarding time at Castle School, and we are so proud of all that our pupils have achieved.

This year has seen many highlights – from performances and curriculum celebrations, to community events and individual moments of progress that remind us why we do what we do. None of this would be possible without the partnership we share with you, our families. Thank you for working alongside us to support your child’s learning, wellbeing and development.

We also say goodbye to some pupils and families who are moving on to new chapters – we wish you every success and happiness in the future.

To those returning, we look forward to welcoming pupils back to school on Tuesday 2nd September for the start of the new academic year.

Until then, I wish you all a restful, safe and enjoyable summer break.

Fun Run and Sensory Dash 2025

The weather held out beautifully, and with a relaxed, joyful atmosphere, Tuesday was a fantastic day across the school.



In the morning, students took part in our annual Fun Run. Some ran, some walked, some used their wheelchairs and others donned brilliant fancy dress!

All in support of raising funds for school projects.



We were honoured to welcome Alice Sharpe, Ireland's Road Cycling Champion, and Owen Lake from British Cycling.

They both helped kick off

the races in style!

Alongside the run, students enjoyed a range of exciting activities including bubble machines,



drumming, parachute games, and a sensory circuits featuring hurdles and space hoppers –



there was something for everyone to enjoy!



In the afternoon, Bees and Pembroke



classes took on a lively Sensory Slalom, navigating ramps, weaving around cones, playing chimes, travelling forwards and backwards, carrying heavy balls, and finishing with a refreshing water spray, a highlight for many!

A huge thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us to support this brilliant event and helped make it even more special.

If you'd still like to sponsor your child or make a donation, the JustGiving link is below:

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/cas-telefunrun2025>

Getting in Touch

If you need to get in contact with us, you can reach us

via phone on:

01223 442400

via email by:

office@castle.cambs.sch.uk

Where our team of receptionists, Nicky, Mila and Fazia, will be happy to help from 8am – 4.30pm daily **during term time**.

During holidays the Office@ email will be monitored weekly.

Safeguarding

Our safeguarding email inbox (safeguarding@castle.cambs.sch.uk) is monitored daily, including during school holidays. However, if you believe a child is at immediate risk of harm, please call 999 or contact [Children's Social Care directly](#).

Information for Parents/Carers whose children are starting in September

My child has been receiving universal school meals during their Key Stage One, do I need to apply for Free School Meals (FSM) now they are moving into Year 3?

Yes, In order for your child to receive free school meals for Year 3 and beyond, you will need to meet the qualifying economic criteria (as shown below) and submit an application at

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeal

What is the criteria for Free School Meals / Pupil Premium?

The economic criteria are:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (unless you're also entitled to Working Tax Credit, and earn no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop receiving Working Tax Credit)
- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400)

Even if you do not think you would qualify at this point, once you have completed the form, we will be able to continue to check eligibility throughout your child's school years using the ECS checking system. You will be notified if you become eligible in the future.

If you are unable to access the online form, a paper application will be available from your child's school or email

ewb.fsm@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

If you have any queries regarding this information, please call the Education

Welfare Benefits team on 01223 703200
or email ewb.fsm@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Or look at the website
www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeal

Summer at the Museums: What will you discover this summer?



24 July – 31 August 2025

www.museums.cam.ac.uk/theme/summer

Enjoy a great value day out with your family at museums in Cambridgeshire.

With 25 venues to explore, there's all sorts of fun to be had over the school holidays.

We have a packed schedule of events, designed to spark your imagination, explore big topics and help you create special memories with the whole family.

Follow a nature trail, get creative in arts and crafts workshops, experience hands-on science and technology, and much more – all free or low cost!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend!

Best wishes,

Charlotte

Charlotte Whysall – Headteacher

Term Dates 2025-26	
Autumn Term 2025	
Training Day	1 September*
Term Starts	2 September
Half Term	27- 31 October
Training Day	3 November*
Term Ends	19 December
Spring Term 2026	
Term Starts	5 January
Half Term	16- 20 February
Term Ends	26 March
Training Day	27 March*
Summer Term 2026	
Training Day	13 April*
Term Starts	14 April
Bank Holiday	4 May
Half Term	25- 29 May
Training Day	3 July*
Term Ends	20 July
*School will be closed to pupils on Training Days	