

Message from the Headteacher:



This week's **Thought of the Week** has very appropriately been:

I can participate in reflection.

On Tuesday, our school community came together in the Memory Garden for a quiet and meaningful act of remembrance. Our Sixth Form pupils in Darwin Class led the ceremony with great maturity and respect, guiding us through a moment of stillness as we reflected on the sacrifices made by others in times of conflict.

Their leadership helped create a calm and thoughtful atmosphere, and it was wonderful to see pupils and staff from across the school engaging so sensitively in this important act of reflection.

As part of our gathering, we shared the poem *In Flanders Fields*,

In Flanders Fields

by John McCrae

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky*

*The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.*

Followed by a wonderful rendition of Last Post and Reveille by a Salvation Army Cornetist. Our thanks and appreciation for their support and helping to bring the act of remembrance to life for our pupils.

Charlotte Whysall



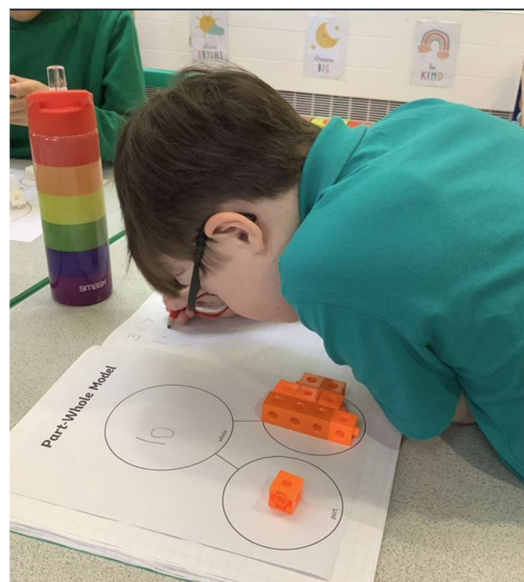
Badgers Class News:

We have had a wonderful start to this half term in Badger Class.

Our English learning has been centred around the story 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch' by Ronda and David Armitage. The children have really enjoyed taking part in our sensory storytelling, becoming immersed in the story through the use of props, sounds and communication aids to support their learning.



In Maths, we have been working on addition and subtraction. We have been using tens frames and the part-whole method to help us understand how numbers can be combined or taken away, and to begin writing our own number sentences.



This week, we also took time to reflect on Remembrance Day. We listened to *The Last Post* and worked together to create a large poppy to display in our courtyard. The children also made their own poppies to wear and take home.



Conwy Class News:

Since returning from half term, Conwy Class has been full of energy and enthusiasm! We've been busy with lots of exciting activities, including a musical adventure with Anthony where the class boarded their very own spaceship.



In Forest School, the children have been busy with hands-on exploration, teamwork, and imaginative play.



PE lessons have kept us active and smiling as we build our coordination and fitness through fun games and challenges.

In English, we've started our new story *Ten Little Penguins*, and the class are already creating some fantastic artwork. It's been a great start to the half term!





We are excited to launch The Castle Tri-athlon 25

Starting Monday 24 November 2025

Over a three week period, our students, along with staff, will be taking part in three key activities, cycling, swimming, running, walking or movement of their choice.

Each class will track their progress by being creative in collecting data. The pupil or class that come up with the most creative way of collecting data will win a prize, of their choice, for their class to share.

Try-athlon, as the name suggests, we are not restrictive and are encouraging parents, carers, family members to 'Try' three new activities, they could be anything from bouncing, shooting baskets, wheelchair dance or a made-up game. We look forward to seeing your sporty ideas being shared on Evidence for Learning.

This three-week event is sponsored by Compare The Market and we are fundraising for Castle School projects.

Click here for our JustGiving Page.

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/castle-accounts-1>

Let's Do This Together, let's make this fun, inclusive and inspiring for everyone.

Please join in, support and sponsor our 2025 Castle Tri-athlon, Try-athlon.

Children in Need



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Today we celebrated Children in Need at Castle school. It was great to see our students celebrating around school.



Christmas Bazaar Donations



It's that time of year again when we start preparing for our annual Christmas Bazaar in December.

To support our preparations, we would be extremely grateful of donations of any of the following:

- Raffle Prizes
- Tombola Prizes
- Teddy Bears
- Books
- Medium Sized Plastic Plant Pots
- Bulbs – hyacinth, amaryllis, cyclamen

To donate – drop item/s off at reception in a bag marked 'For the Christmas Bazaar'.

There will be a box in reception for donations to be placed in.

Many festive thanks!

Christmas Dates

Tuesday 9 th December	Kings College – 6 th form 20 pupils KS 4 and 6 th form Wimpole winter lights – after school Work Experience pupils
Wednesday 10 th December	Fields Christmas performance 2pm Arbury Carols 3.30 onwards (Choir)
Thursday 11 th December	Christmas Bazaar 9.30-11 inc Santa Christmas Lunch – Fields Site
Friday 12 th December	

Monday 15 th December	Sock day
Tuesday 16 th December	Christmas Dinner Main site Christmas Headwear day
Wednesday 17 th December	Christmas top day Santa to visit classrooms with small gift.
Thursday 18 th December	Choir with Parents Times TBC Super Christmas day wear any of the above
Friday 19 th December	St Giles Church – all those who can access 10.30 am start Disco Secondary and Primary Parties Non-Uniform but smart for Church



CHRISTMAS PARTY

SATURDAY

6TH

DECEMBER

3.30-5.30

HISTON BAPTIST CHURCH

£5

PER FAMILY

Father Christmas
Festive Crafts
Quiet Zone
Disco
Party Food
Raffle



RSVP by 1/12/25
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