

Message from the Headteacher:



Our Thought of the Week has been *"I know how to keep safe online,"* linking with our Theme of the Week: Internet Safety.

Classes are exploring how to be kind, careful and critical online by checking with a trusted adult, keeping personal information private, and knowing what to do if something doesn't feel right.

As the weather turns colder, please do send warm coats, hats and gloves. While school is warm and toasty inside, we may need to adapt or reschedule some off-site and outdoor activities depending on conditions. We'll keep you informed via class teams/messages.

I'm also delighted to announce the launch of the Castle Parents Association. Our new parent/carer and families group focused on supporting the school and supporting one another. If you would like to get involved or know more their new [Facebook](#) group is now live.



Thank you, as always, for your support and partnership.

Charlotte Whysall



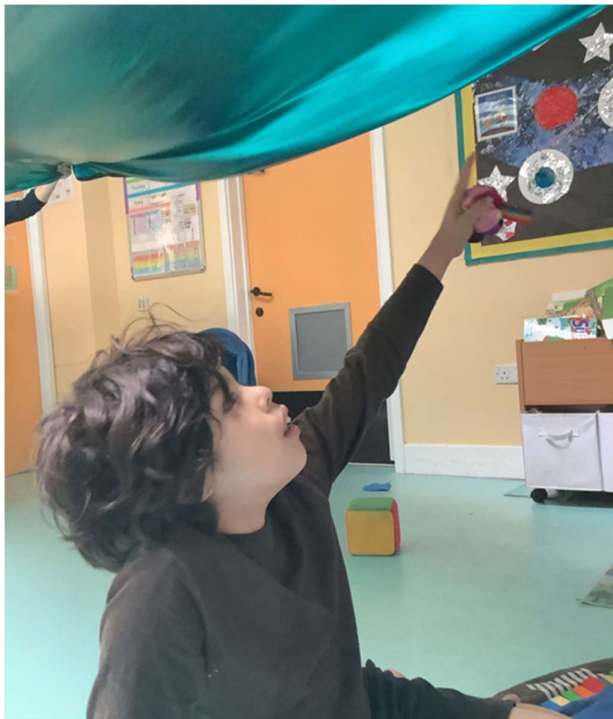
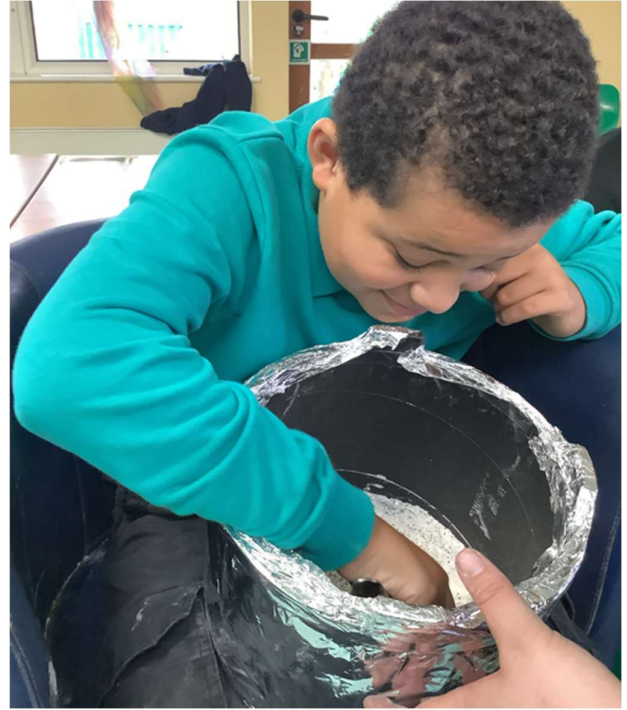
Foxes Class News:

Foxes have had a great to the half term. Our theme this term has been space and our story we are basing our learning on is *"Meg on the Moon,"* written by Helen Nicoll.



We enjoy our sensory story each week especially the orbiting space lights.

In our bucket sessions we have been making a moon potion like the witch in the story ready to zoom off to the moon.



We have been using the story to make colourful semantics sentences and also counting in maths.





We have also explored the lights, sounds and tactile experiences around space linked to music.



Darwin Class News:

We have had a busy term in Darwin class.

We have taken part in a range of activities and continued to work towards our maths and English qualifications.

Some students are working towards their art GCSE and other have engaged in ICT and digital skills activities.

We have taken part in work-related learning each week, ranging from cooking for the staff cafe, bike maintenance, helping at the Fields site, or working at the Raptor Foundation, Emmaus or Wimpole Hall.



Some of our students have been volunteering at Alex Wood Care Home, chatting to the residents and helping with games such as bowling, quizzes and bingo.



Many of our students were involved in the Starman concert, which they thoroughly enjoyed and we are so proud of them for doing this. Our class also organised and led the remembrance service on November 11th.





FREE Festival of Inclusive Tennis - Cambridge Uni Sports Centre

**Saturday 29th November | 10am–12pm
Cambridge University Sports Centre**

We're so excited to invite you to our Festival of Inclusive Tennis — a fantastic, fun, and fully inclusive morning of sport for absolutely everyone! Whether you've never picked up a racket, haven't played since school, or are a seasoned tennis fan, this event is designed to be joyful, welcoming, and accessible for all. With specialist coaching on hand, you'll get the chance to try adapted, inclusive tennis activities in a relaxed and supportive environment. Expect laughter, energy, and plenty of smiles!

🎤 Who's it for?

Short answer: EVERYONE!

- Wheelchair users
- Visually impaired players
- Families
- Children
- Retired players
- Able-bodied participants
- Anyone who fancies giving it a go!

No experience needed — just come along and enjoy the fun.

📍 Where?

Cambridge University Sports Centre
Philippa Fawcett Drive, Cambridge CB3 0AS

There's disabled parking available, and the entire festival is held indoors, so no need to worry about cold weather or rain — it's tennis, the cosy way!

💖 And the best part?

The event is completely FREE!

Bring your friends, bring your family, and come share a brilliant morning of inclusive sport.

👉 Sign up in just a few seconds and you're in!

We can't wait to see you there — and remember, at Power2Inspire, no one is left on the bench.



Coffee Morning

Thursday 27th November 2025, 10-11.30am

Additional Needs Pathway Adviser – Angie Vickery



I am the Additional Needs Pathway Adviser who works with Castle School to provide information, advice and guidance on education, training, employment and other appropriate options for young people with special educational needs and disabilities and their families. I can help in supporting you and your young people to consider options for when your son/daughter moves on from school or college.

Are you anxious, worried or just have questions about your son/daughter leaving Castle School?

If you would like an opportunity to find out more about [Post-16](#) options for your son/daughter and about Preparation for Adulthood I will be available to offer advice and guidance and to answer any questions.

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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
- Cuddly Toys & Second-Hand Toys
- Books - any age or genre
- Medium Sized Plastic Plant Pots - by Dec 1st
- Bulbs – hyacinth, amaryllis, cyclamen - by Dec 1st

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!



Free Parent/Carer Support Session



Benefit Support for a Child/Young Adult with SEN

Led by Citizens Advice

Wednesday 26th November

10 am – 12 pm

Castle School – Fields Site

All Welcome!

Free Parking & Refreshments

In person event

Please sign up to register your place on this free course:

<https://forms.office.com/e/NajMSKJFtd>



Craft Morning

TUESDAY 18TH NOVEMBER AND
TUESDAY 25TH NOVEMBER

10- 12PM(NOON) AT THE MAIN
SITE

NO SIGN UP NEEDED
NO ARTISTIC SKILL REQUIRED
JUST COME FOR COFFEE AND
CHAT IF YOU LIKE!

Friends of Castle
School Charity