



Message from the Headteacher:



Thought of the Week

I can learn about different cultures.

Theme of the Week

Christmas Around the World

This week has been full of festive cheer as we've explored how different cultures celebrate Christmas and winter traditions around the globe. Our pupils have enjoyed learning about celebrations, music, food and customs from many countries which is such a wonderful way to deepen understanding, curiosity and respect for others.

It has also been a busy and joyful week within our Castle community.

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who supported the school at the Arbury Lights Switch-On and our Christmas Bazaar. A special thanks goes to Kathryn, one of our Family Support Workers who

organised the Bazaar so brilliantly, and to all our families for the generous donations sent from home. We are equally grateful to our dedicated staff and enthusiastic pupils for making the event such a success, your creativity and hard work were clear to see!

Today we also shared our appreciation with our colleagues in Transport, offering mince pies and hot chocolate to drivers and passenger assistants, beautifully served by some of our Sixth Form pupils. Their kindness and confidence made us all incredibly proud.

As we head into the final week of term, we look forward to seeing many of you at our remaining festive events. It is a special time of year for celebration and togetherness, but we know it can also be difficult for some families.

Please remember that our Family Support Team is here to help, whether you need advice, a listening ear, or signposting to support.

Thank you for your continued warmth, partnership and positivity.

Have a peaceful and joyful weekend.



Charlotte Whysall

Headteacher

Castle School



We've also been busy getting ready for the Christmas Bazaar. The children worked brilliantly to create their own Christmas tree decorations in forest school and the classroom, which we proudly sold on Thursday. Thank you to everyone who supported us!



Deer Class News:

We've had an exciting couple of weeks getting into the festive spirit! Last week we began with a wonderful visit to the pantomime—*oh no we didn't... oh yes we did!* Deer Class had a fantastic time sitting in the brand-new Art Theatre seats and came back full of energy and enthusiasm. In class, we have been working hard on division in maths, exploring different strategies and building confidence with this new skill. In English, we've begun our new story *Oliver's Vegetables*, and as part of our sensory storytelling, the children enjoyed tasting some of the different vegetables Oliver tries in the story. This sparked lots of curiosity and great discussion.





Christmas, which they performed with great enthusiasm.



Wishing everyone a wonderful weekend as we continue our countdown to Christmas!



Alongside our Christmas performance, we have also been busy filming the children singing *The 12 Days of Christmas* and *We Wish You a Merry*



Tintagel Class News:

In Tintagel Class, we have been enjoying the beginning of the festivities and all the events that Christmas brings. Last week, we went to the Cambridge Arts Theatre to watch a pantomime called *Sleeping Beauty*. It was so much fun, and we all loved it.



This week, we have also been busy creating Christmas decorations and crafts to decorate our classroom and to sell at the school bazaar. We made some lovely handmade candle lights that we will be selling during the bazaar.



As the holidays approach, we would like to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year. See you in 2026.

Circus Starr Thursday 8th January 2025

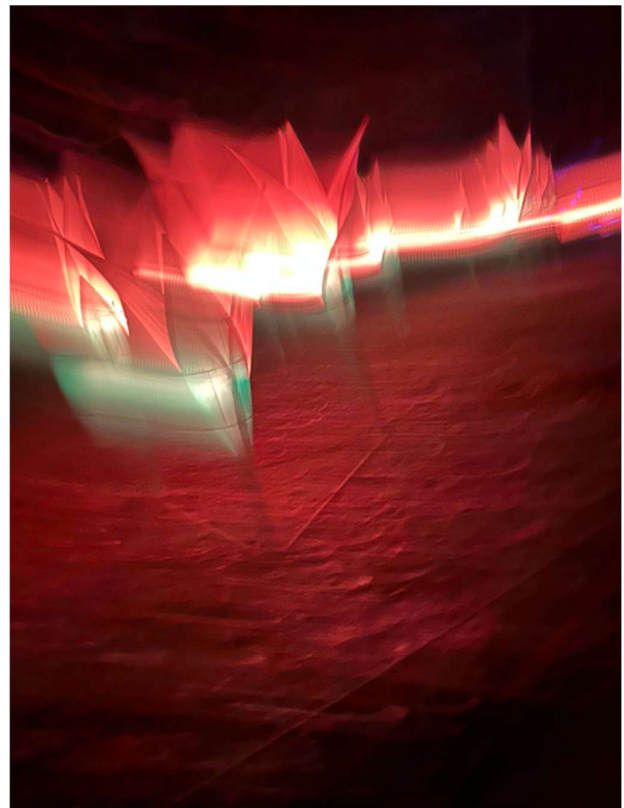


We are very fortunate to have been given a number of complimentary tickets for Circus Starr. Please contact the school office for your free tickets stating how many tickets you would like (maximum 4 per family) and whether you would like to attend the 4.45pm or 7.00pm performance. Tickets are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Please note that every child, parent, and carer attending the show will require their own ticket (with the exception of baby in arms).

Wheelchair users attending our show MUST call to reserve their space - 01260 288690.

Once a wheelchair and carer space has been confirmed, they will receive a code to obtain entry into the show.



Wimpole Lights

We were fortunate to be given tickets to Wimpole Winter Lights this week. A small group went and enjoyed the spectacular light trail around the estate. We would like to express our thanks to the national trust who we work with every Wednesday for our work related learning programme.





King's College Concert

We were very fortunate to attend King's College Carols Service last week.

It was a beautiful occasion, and our pupils were a credit to the school.



Try-athlon

Over the past month students have worked really hard undertaking their sporting events for the school Try-athlon.



Students have undertaken some amazing work and all their data has been recorded by their class teams. The winning class will be announced soon. We will be leaving our Just giving page up into the new year so you can support this fantastic effort by our students.

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



Well done to all our students

Diverse Christmas Party

Kings class was invited to the ABC team at Diverse Christmas party in Peterborough today. We had a great time making festive hats, playing games and enjoying a Christmas lunch, an amazing opportunity.

<https://www.diverse.org.uk/>



Santa's Grotto

