

## Message from the Headteacher:



### Headteacher's Message

### Thought of the Week

*I can spend time with others.*

As we come to the end of term, the school has been filled with festive fun, celebration and togetherness. Over the past few weeks we have shared 16 festive events, welcoming families into school and out into the community, a wonderful reflection of how strongly connected our Castle community is.

It has been a joy to see so many parents and carers joining us at events throughout the season, culminating in our Carol Concert at St Giles' Church, which was a truly special and uplifting way to come together and my favourite event of the year! Today we have rounded off the term with an in-school disco, bringing lots of smiles, music and laughter to end the term on a high.

I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to our families for your continued support, encouragement and engagement, it makes such a difference to our pupils and to school life. My thanks also go to our dedicated staff, whose energy, care and commitment have made every event possible, and of course to our amazing pupils, who have embraced every experience with enthusiasm, confidence and joy.

As we head into the festive period, I wish you all a peaceful and enjoyable break together. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday 5th January as we begin a new year and a new term at Castle School.

Thank you for being part of our community.

With very best wishes,

Charlotte Whysall



## Squirrels Class News:

Squirrels class has been full of festive fun as we've enjoyed lots of delicious food in the lead-up to Christmas! From making brigadeiros and decorating gingerbread men to tasting Christmas foods from around the world, we've been celebrating the true Christmas spirit of sharing food and enjoying time together.



Along the way, our learning has been cross-curricular, using addition and same/different as we measured, counted, and compared ingredients, while also building social skills by working together and taking turns.



In English, we sharpened our sequencing skills by ordering the steps in our recipes. We have had fun mixing learning, teamwork, and festive treats!



## Kings Class News:

What a great end of term! On Friday 12<sup>th</sup> of December, Kings' class had the pleasure to join a Christmas Party, organised by ABC team at Diverse.



We drove to Peterborough and met everyone at the Orton Wistow's Community Centre. We enjoyed meeting new friends and decorating and writing our names on our Christmas hats, using various materials.



We enjoyed playing pass the parcel and sitting together at the table to enjoy Christmas snacks and lunch.



We also took part in playing a variety of Christmas games, such as Christmas pong and snow shovel, and won a bunch of prizes and presents!



We were delighted to be invited to join, and we hope to go back next year. Have a happy Christmas everyone!



## Christmas Lunch 2025

School has felt very Christmassy this week.

Our Christmas lunches were thoroughly enjoyed by all. We had music and crackers and lots of empty plates!









## Castle News

We would like to welcome the debut for Castle News, which will be a newsround-style video produced by students and for the students, with Pupil Voice playing a major role.

The group has worked very hard to make their first ever video, being a special about the Christmas bazaar.


Please follow the link below to watch it on our YouTube channel. Big round of applause to the digital media group.


<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gdUHLu7x17U>

## Lode Half Marathon 19<sup>th</sup> April 2026.



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Enter at

[www.lodehalfmarathon.co.uk](http://www.lodehalfmarathon.co.uk)

With Christmas on its way we will soon be thinking of New Years Resolutions.

Here is one to consider.

Lode Half Marathon 19<sup>th</sup> April 2026.



With four months to prepare its with in most of our capabilities.

Here is the best bit not only will you be fitter, the money raise from the event will be donated to Castle School to help revamp the Hydrotherapy pool

Merry Christmas

Phil



## School Tryathlon 'Triathlon'

Well done everyone for your fantastic hard work undertaking the School Tryathlon 'Triathlon'.

Over the past few days the PE team have been distributing certificates and medals across school, we have enjoyed visiting all classes including students based at the Fields.

We were also happy to announce Tintagel class as the winner of the data collection competition, they were all delighted with their £40 class voucher they received and are looking forward to spending it in the new year

## Term Dates 2025-26

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	

