



# CASTLE NEWS

Friday 27 February 2026 V24 No.22

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Our thought of the week is:

***'I can be kind'***

## Message from the Headteacher



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back everyone.

It has been lovely to see our school community return after the break, full of energy and ready to learn together again. We were even treated to a little sunshine this week (finally!) which was perfect timing for the pupils who were away on residential at Grafham Water. We hope they enjoyed the fresh air, new experiences and shared adventures, and we look forward to hearing all about their highlights.

Across all pathways this week, it has been wonderful to see pupils settling back into routines, reconnecting with friends and staff, and getting straight back into their learning. These everyday moments, smiles at the classroom door, shared stories, small steps of independence are what make our Castle community so special.

### **Thought of the Week: "I can be kind."**

Kindness can be shown in so many ways helping a friend, sharing a resource, saying thank you, waiting patiently, or offering a smile. At Castle, kindness helps everyone feel safe, valued and ready to learn. We notice and celebrating the many ways our pupils show kindness to one another.

### **Theme of the Week: Random Acts of Kindness**

This week we are encouraging everyone to look for small ways to brighten someone's day. It might be writing a kind note, helping tidy up, inviting someone to join in, or checking how someone is feeling. These small acts make a big difference and help us build a strong sense of belonging for all.

Thank you to families and staff for continuing to work together so positively. As always, if there is anything we can do to support you, please get in touch.

Wishing you all a kind and hopeful week ahead.

Charlotte.

## Ludlow Class News

Ludlow Class had a fantastic time this week visiting the pop-up planetarium as part of our Science learning. We enjoyed an immersive adventure through the solar system, exploring and learning about the different planets. It was a truly exciting and memorable experience that brought our topic to life.



In Horticulture, students have been busy watering and repotting plants and flowers to help make the front of the school look bright and welcoming. They showed great care and teamwork while improving our outdoor space.



In Art, the class have been researching the contemporary artist Felix Murrillo. They have been experimenting with oil pastels and acrylic pens to create schools of fish in different compositions. The students explored the use of complementary colours and contour lines to show movement and the flow of fish through water. Their work is vibrant, expressive, and full of energy.



The students have thoroughly enjoyed trampolining this term, learning seat drops, star jumps, half and full turns, and tuck jumps with growing confidence and control.



## Tintagel Class News

In Tintagel Class, we have started the new half-term by diving into our unit on money. The students are busy learning to recognize various coins and notes while practicing how to identify their specific values.

Alongside our academic work, our PSHE sessions are currently focused on feelings and emotions. We believe it is vital for students to identify these emotions to better understand their own experiences and empathize with others.

Finally, we have recently welcomed a new cooking instructor. These sessions have been a huge hit, and it's wonderful to see the class group engaging so enthusiastically.



# Bees Class News

Bees class went on a trip to the Museum of Zoology on Thursday. At school we have been reading the book "Nature Trail" by Benjamin Zephaniah so we enjoyed looking through the exhibits to find animals and insects from our story. We also had the chance to make our own butterflies and use the magnifying glass to look at some insects.



## Pop-Up Planetarium visit

We were incredibly lucky to have been provided with a pop-up planetarium this week. KS3 and KS4 classes have been learning about space and got to see some amazing images within the dome including live links to astronauts working in space. Other classes were also invited to experience the dome. We are extremely grateful to The Lightyear Foundation and Immersive Experiences for setting it all up for us.



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## General Messages

### Arbury Carnival 2026 Poster Exhibition – Wednesday 11 March 2026

  Posters. Music. Carnival vibes.  

Join the Arbury Carnival 2026 Poster Exhibition

 11th March |  CRC, Kings Hedges Road

 From 4.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. |  Arbury Carnival Poster chosen for 2026 announced at 5 p.m..

 Live music from CRC students + music-legend nibbles!



# Lode Half Marathon – Sunday 19 April 2026

With 50 days still to prepare consider entering the Lode Half Marathon on Sunday 19 April 2026.

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

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

As an alternative we are looking for volunteers and sponsors. Please contact [lodehalf@btinternet.com](mailto:lodehalf@btinternet.com)



19<sup>th</sup> April 2026  
Instagram: [lodehalfmarathon](#)  
Facebook: [lode half marathon](#)  
Enter at  
[www.lodehalfmarathon.co.uk](http://www.lodehalfmarathon.co.uk)

## Useful Information

### **Safeguarding & Wellbeing**

If you have a concern about a child's safety or wellbeing, please contact:

*Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)*

[safeguarding@castle.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:safeguarding@castle.cambs.sch.uk)

01223 442400

### **Family Support**

Our Family Support Team is here to help with:

- Attendance
- Behaviour
- Emotional wellbeing
- Support at home

[familysupport@castle.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:familysupport@castle.cambs.sch.uk)

### **✉ Contact Us**

Have a question? We're here to help:

[office@castle.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:office@castle.cambs.sch.uk)

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### Term Dates 2025-26

Spring Term 2026	
Term Starts	Monday 5 January
Half Term	Monday 16 – Friday 20 February
Term Ends	Thursday 26 March
Training Day*	Friday 27 March*
Summer Term 2026	
Training Day*	Monday 13 April*
Term Starts	Tuesday 14 April
Bank Holiday	Monday 4 May
Half Term	Monday 25 – Friday 29 May
Training Day*	Friday 3 July*
Term Ends	Monday 20 July
*School will be closed to pupils on Training Days	

### Term Dates 2026-27

Autumn Term 2026	
Training Day*	Tuesday 1 September*
Term Starts	Wednesday 2 September
Half Term	Monday 26 – Friday 30 October
Training Day*	Monday 2 November*
Term Continues	Tuesday 3 November
Last Day of Term	Friday 18 December
Spring Term 2027	
Term Starts	Monday 4 January
Half Term	Monday 15 – Friday 19 February
Term Continues	Monday 22 February
Term Ends	Thursday 25 March
Summer Term 2027	
Training Days*	Monday 12 and Tuesday 13 April*
Term Starts	Wednesday 14 April
Bank Holiday	Monday 3 May
Half Term	Monday 31 May – Friday 4 June
Term Continues	Monday 7 June
Training Day*	Friday 2 July*
Term Ends	Tuesday 21 July
*School will be closed to pupils on Training Days	