



CASTLE NEWS



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Our thought of the week is:

'I can feel proud'

Message from the Headteacher



Dear Parents and Carers,

Theme of the Week: Science Week

This week we have marked Science Week across the school. While our activities have been fairly low key this year, pupils have still enjoyed opportunities to explore, investigate and ask questions about the world around them.

We are looking forward to a larger Science Day later in the year as part of our transition activities, where pupils will be able to take part in a range of exciting hands-on experiments and investigations.

We are also incredibly proud of our friends at Cultivating Change, who successfully completed the Cambridge Half Marathon last weekend in support. In particular, their amazing Guinness World Record-breaking 'Pea Pod' costume runner certainly brought smiles to many faces!

Their efforts are helping raise funds to support the development of our school's yoga garden and outdoor learning spaces, and we are hugely grateful for their continued support.

You may also spot a familiar face in the news article:

[Cultivating Change BBC News](#)

Well done to everyone involved, moments like these remind us just how strong and supportive our wider school community is.

Charlotte Whysall
Headteacher

Year 14 Residential from Churchill & Darwin classes

Last week Year 14s from Churchill and Darwin Class went on a 2 day Residential to Chellington Activity Centre, in Bedfordshire. The Centre was previously a church which has been converted.

Students were responsible for cooking meals for the whole group, working in 2 teams, along with pupils from Granta school. We ate delicious Macaroni cheese, spaghetti bolognese, and lots of cake!

We had a visit from Fitness Rush, who brought along their van with gym equipment inside, and they also set up challenges outside. Followed by a presentation about Healthy Lifestyles. In the afternoon we went for a lovely walk around a country park.

That evening we had a campfire (in the graveyard!) with music and delicious smores.

The following day we had a First Aid Instructor teach some First Aid skills, CPR and bandaging. Students will receive a certificate for this.

Students said that they had a fun residential, enjoying the different activities, food and socialising.

Students said:

Lucas *'I really liked how there were fields all around the Church'*

Amber *'I really enjoyed the views, sunsets and it was very relaxing'*

Kacper *'I liked the walk around the lake, and seeing all the wildlife'*





Robins Class News

Robins have been learning about houses this term, matching objects to each room in the home, making 3D house models and collages of different types of houses from around the world.

We have also been practising grating and peeling in cooking, using fruit to flavour our buns.

Every two weeks we love interacting with the therapy dogs Jess and Floss, who come to see us in our forest school area.



Science Week

It is British Science Week this week, and Castle students have been having fun investigating and discovering!

As part of our Microbes topic, Corfe, Balmoral and Dover have been using microscopes and investigating rotting.



Continuing their Science and the Universe topic, Ludlow and Stirling have been evaluating different types of rocket and using their pinhole cameras to measure the diameter of the Sun!



Classes across the school have competed to make the highest explosion using mentos and coke!



General Messages



EASTER RAFFLE

Tickets on Sale from Next Week - £1 each.

We are raising money towards our amazing new immersive space.

We have lots of lovely prizes including entry tickets, meal vouchers and Easter themed hampers.

Look out for a letter in your child's bag on how to purchase tickets.

Draw date: Monday 23rd March 2026



The Cambridge Festival family weekend with free hands-on science activities 28th & 29th March 2026

The Cambridge Festival has a family weekend on Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th March, with lots of free hands-on science activities that you can try out. You can simply turn up and try out the free activities (between 11am-4.30pm) or you can book on to the Quiet time which is 11am-12pm on Sunday 29th March.

The full [Festival programme](#) is available. Please refer to pages 5-10.



QUIET TIME AT CAMBRIDGE FESTIVAL'S FAMILY WEEKEND

The Quiet Time at our Family Weekend is for those families who require a quieter environment to comfortably access our Family Weekend. Join Cambridge Festival for a free weekend of talks, workshops and hands-on activities for the whole family!

FREE

11AM-12PM ON SUN 29 MAR

University Centre

Granta Place

Mill Lane

Cambridge

CB2 1RU

BOOKING REQUIRED

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

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

✉ Contact Us

Have a question? We're here to help:

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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	