



# CASTLE NEWS

Friday 17th April 2026 V21 No.27

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Our thought of the week is:

***'I can look after myself'***

## Message from the Headteacher



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the Summer Term. I hope you all had a restful break and were able to enjoy some time together as families.

This term is always a busy and exciting one. There are lots of opportunities ahead for our pupils, including trips, outdoor learning, and wider experiences that support both learning and independence. It's also a time where we begin to see just how much progress has been made across the year, which is always something to celebrate.

Over the coming weeks, we will continue to focus on supporting pupils to grow in confidence, independence and resilience. As always, this sits alongside our commitment to ensuring that every child feels safe, supported and able to engage in their learning in a way that works for them.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. It makes a real difference to the strength of our school community.

### **Thought of the Week: I can look after myself**

This week we are focusing on how we can look after ourselves in different ways. This might include keeping our bodies safe, asking for help when we need it, or making good choices throughout the day. These are important skills that help our pupils to feel more confident and independent over time.

### **Theme of the Week: Independence**

Our theme this week is independence. We always encourage pupils to try things for themselves, build confidence in everyday tasks and celebrate small steps of progress. Independence looks different for every pupil, and we are proud of every achievement along the way.

I wish you all a good weekend, enjoy the nice weather (if the forecast is accurate!).

Charlotte.

## Finches Class News



Finches Class have had a fantastic start of the Summer Term, making the most of the warmer weather and spending lots of time learning outdoors. The children have been very enthusiastic about outdoor activities that support physical development, including climbing, running, exploring tunnels, and playing games that help build strength, balance and coordination.



Alongside this, we have been exploring different emotions through stories and interactive activities, helping the students recognise and express their feelings.



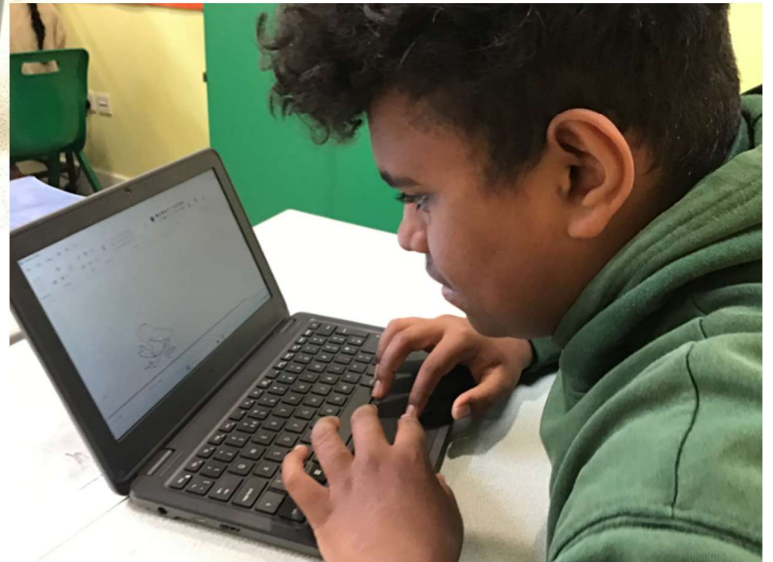
Finches have also enjoyed bucket sessions, which have been a big hit with supported attention, engagement and turn-taking games.



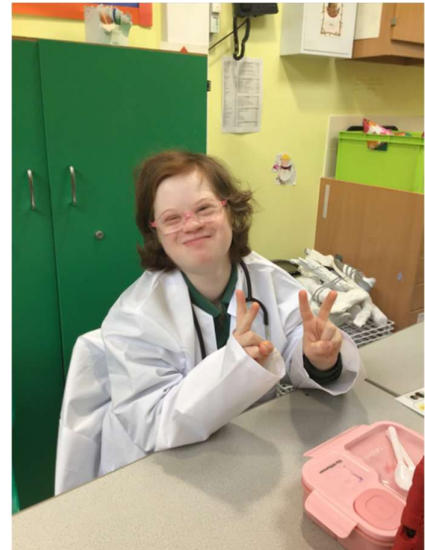
## Balmoral Class News

Our Balmoral students have returned from the Easter Holidays full of excitement, eager to share their wonderful experiences with friends.

This week, we proudly completed our non-fiction book all about the countries of Africa and Asia. The children have worked incredibly hard researching, writing, and illustrating their pages. We will soon print the book and place copies in the school library for everyone to enjoy. The class is feeling very proud of this achievement.



In PSHE, we explored the topic *"Jobs People Do."* Students had great fun dressing up in different job-related costumes and discussing the responsibilities and skills needed for each role. It was a fantastic opportunity for them to think about the world of work in a hands-on, imaginative way.



Our swimming lessons have also been full of energy as we begin preparing for the upcoming Swimming Gala, which will take place in one month. The children are practising their strokes, building confidence, and looking forward to the event.



Next week, we are excited for our school trip to Shepreth Wildlife Park. During the visit, students will learn about the different jobs within the park as well as the animals that live there. It promises to be an enriching and memorable experience for everyone.

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## General Messages

### Northstow Half marathon

Fiona, Cat and Sam are all running the Northstow Half marathon this week to raise funds to keep the hydrotherapy pool open if you're able to donate we would be so grateful.

Team fundraising for Castle School Charitable Association is fundraising for Castle School Charitable Association



## **Evidence For Learning Drop-In Session**

*Having issues accessing Evidence for Learning?*

*Need to know how to use a function on Evidence for Learning?*

*Come along to our EFL drop-in session!*

*Ethan, our IT expert will be on hand to try to help with your EFL troubleshooting questions.*

**Tuesday 21st April**

**10am - 12pm**

**Castle School - Main Site**

**No need to register. Just turn up!**



# 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

Email: familysupport@castle.cambs.sch.uk

## **✉ Contact Us**

Have a question? We're here to help:

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## **Term Dates 2025-26**

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	

### 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	