



# CASTLE NEWS

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Our thought of the week is:

***'I can look after my environment'***

## Message from the Headteacher



Dear Parents and Carers,

### Thought of the Week

I can look after my environment

This week, we are encouraging all pupils to think about how they can take care of the world around them. This might be something small, like putting rubbish in the bin, looking after classroom resources, or helping to keep our outdoor spaces tidy. Every action counts, and together we can make a big difference.

### Theme of the Week

The world I live in

Our learning will focus on helping pupils understand the environments they are part of, both in school and beyond. This includes thinking about our local community, the natural world, and how we can all play a positive role in looking after it.

### Bank holiday

A reminder that school will be closed on Monday for the Bank Holiday. We hope you enjoy the long weekend and, fingers crossed, some good weather. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Tuesday.

The sun has arrived!

With the warmer weather starting to arrive, please can we ask that pupils come to school with suncream applied, a hat, and a water bottle. It really helps if all items are clearly labelled so we can keep track of them during the day.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Charlotte Whysall

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## Dragonflies Class News

The Dragonflies class has been buzzing with excitement as we've explored our topic story, The Crunching Munching Caterpillar. The children have truly embraced the experience, showing wonderful enthusiasm, impressive focus, and a real sense of joy throughout.



A highlight of our learning was a sensory storytelling session creatively delivered by Crystal Jones. The story came to life through engaging sounds, textures, and actions, allowing every child to connect with the tale in their own unique way. It was a delight to see such curiosity and active participation, with smiles and laughter filling the room.



We are so proud of how the children have engaged with this story. What a fantastic adventure it has been for our Dragonflies!

## Wolfson Class News

In Wolfson, we have been working on our life and living skills. We have been practising using money in the classroom and some of us have been practising money exchange out in the community in the shops and at the local cafe.



In addition, we have been fine tuning our house management skills. Tasks we have completed include washing and drying up, cooking, putting on and taking off pillowcases and duvet covers, cleaning and hoovering the common room.



We have been looking at health and safety too, for example, closing the nozzle on the cleaning spray after use and switching off the switch on the wall before removing the plug when hoovering.



## General Messages

What is my young adult entitled to?



How do I organise transport after Castle school?

### Next steps: Legal event

20th May 3:45—5:45 @ Castle School

**Guests coming from:**

- ⇒ Cambridgeshire County Council
- ⇒ Social Services
- ⇒ NHS

Contact Clare to book a space:  
claidler@castle.cambs.sch.uk

01223 442400

Who has power of attorney?

What happens in adult social services?

Will my young adult still receive OT services?



Free Parent/Carer Support Session



## **Sign and Chat**

**Come and learn and practice Makaton signs and visuals to use at home with your child.**

Led by Meriel Charlton, Specialist Teacher at Castle School

*All Welcome – Suitable for Beginners to Experienced Makaton Signers*

All sessions are 10:30 – 11:30 am at the Castle School Main Site

Session dates:

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May**

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June**

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June**

Please sign up to register your free place:

<https://forms.office.com/e/8Y3Bbu9H8T>



# Touch My World

Touch My World is a community interest group for individuals with additional needs that hold theatre sessions on the first and third Wednesday of the month and weekly fun filled sessions on a Friday evening during term time. Sessions run from 6:30-8:30 and anyone is welcome lots of fun is in store. They are putting on a performance of Joseph and the amazing technicolour Dreamcoat in July. Anyone is welcome to attend, for more information please see the website: <https://www.touchmyworld.co.uk/>

Touch my world productions present

# JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT

LYRICS BY TIM RICE  
MUSIC BY ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER

SATURDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2026  
MARVEN CENTRE,  
NEW ROAD,  
SAWSTON,  
CB22 3BP

AN ALL INCLUSIVE PRODUCTION PERFORMED BY A CAST WITH  
DIFFERING ABILITIES AND LOCAL PERFORMERS IN THE ARTS INDUSTRY

Tickets available by scanning the QR code, at FNC or TMW or by  
email - [info@touchmyworld.co.uk](mailto:info@touchmyworld.co.uk)

13:00 SHOW      GENERAL TICKETS AND CARERS TICKETS AVAILABLE      17:00 SHOW

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TMW TOUCH MY WORLD PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS

# FRIDAY NIGHT

Club

6.30pm -  
8.30pm

£6 PER SESSION

MARVEN CENTRE  
NEW ROAD  
SAWSTON  
CB22 3BN

FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH  
ADDITIONAL NEEDS

Imagine. Inspire. Include.

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## 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**

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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	