



CASTLE NEWS

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Our thought of the week is:

'Healthy Eating Week'

Message from the Headteacher



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thought of the Week

This week, our focus has been **Healthy Eating Week**, and it has been lovely to see pupils engaging with the importance of making healthy choices, trying new foods and thinking about how we look after our bodies.

It has also been a week of mixed emotions for our school community as we have remembered Olivia, a much-loved pupil and friend. Moments like this remind us just how precious every day in school is, and how important it is that we continue to value, support and celebrate every learner.

Alongside this sadness, we have also had many reasons to feel proud. The tabletop sale earlier this week was a fantastic example of our school community coming together. A huge thank you to the staff who worked so hard to organise and support the event, and to our pupils, parents and families for their kindness, generosity and enthusiasm.

Theme of the Week

Our theme this week has been:

"I can respect other people's differences."

This is such an important message for our learners and for all of us. At Castle, we are proud to be a community where everyone is valued, everyone belongs and everyone has something special to contribute.

Finally, Jez let staff know this morning that he has kindly put an order in for some better weather, so we are all hoping that next week brings the return of some much-needed sunshine! Whatever the weather, we look forward to another positive week of learning, achievement and time together as a school community.

Charlotte.

Conwy Class News

We have had a busy time in Conwy since coming back to school after the half-term!

Last week, we got involved in Careers' Week where the students learnt about being a waiter/waitress; they got to role play being the waiting staff and customers and had some lovely 'fish and chips'! We also met two policewomen who told us about their job, and some of the students enjoyed getting into the police car and pressing the controls!

We also had a great time in our new Immersive Space (former Explore Room). The students really enjoyed the different scenarios, like being in a train station or the seaside, the adults were very impressed too!

We are looking forward to the rest of the summer term and all the fantastic activities we have planned for Conwy.



Deer Class News

We've had a wonderful week full of exciting learning and community experiences! This week, Deer Class enjoyed a community outing to the Botanical Gardens. The children loved exploring the beautiful flowers, impressive greenhouses, and the magnificent water fountain. During our visit, we spotted several busy bees and had some great discussions about pollination and the important role bees play in helping plants grow. The children were full of curiosity and asked lots of thoughtful questions throughout the day.



Back in class, we have been busy preparing for our tabletop sale. The children worked hard making colourful bracelets to be sold at the event, showing great creativity and concentration. On Tuesday morning, we were delighted to take part in the sale, where we sold sunflower growing kits. We also had lots of help from our wonderful parent volunteers.

It has been a fantastic week of learning, teamwork, and community involvement.



Science Trip

This week, **Ludlow and Stirling** went on a trip to the Cambridge Science Centre, in the Science Park in Cambridge.

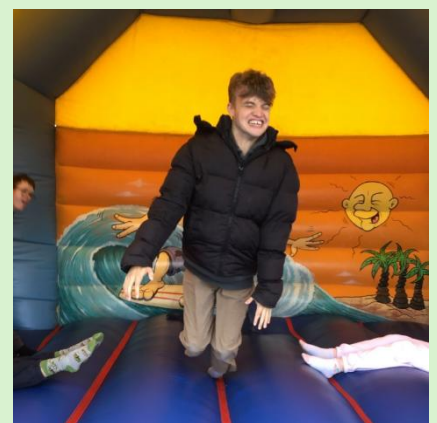
We built and tested bridges and tried out so many hands-on experiments and investigations. The students wowed the Science Centre staff with their incredible enthusiasm for science. Well done to the brilliant scientists in Ludlow and Stirling, you were a credit to Castle School!



Sports Experience in Thetford

We are very lucky to be invited to the annual sports experience in Thetford each year. It is an amazing event for specialist schools across East Anglia where children get to experience many different sports, have fun on bouncy castles, have land train trips and much more.

Due to the popularity of the event, we reserve it for our Year 14s before they leave us. This year we took the Year 14s from Wolfson, Kings and Trinity, we all had an amazing time and it only rained when we were driving or sitting inside for lunch! We met Peter Shilton, Trevor Brooking and Tony Cottee too. We wish to think the Presidents club for another spectacular day.



Castle School Sports Days



Please note what day your child's class will be having their sports day this term.

Tuesday 16 June 2026

10:00 – 12:00

Conway, Leeds, Trinity, Carisbrook, Tintagel

13.30 – 15:00

Dragonflies, Squirrels, Badgers, Foxes

Class teams to collect parents from reception.

Friday 19 June 2026

09:40

Sports Day starts

Churchill, Wolson, Kings, Corfe, Balmoral, Dover, Deers, Wolfson, Ludlow, Stirling

Parents will be taken to field by selected staff.

General Messages

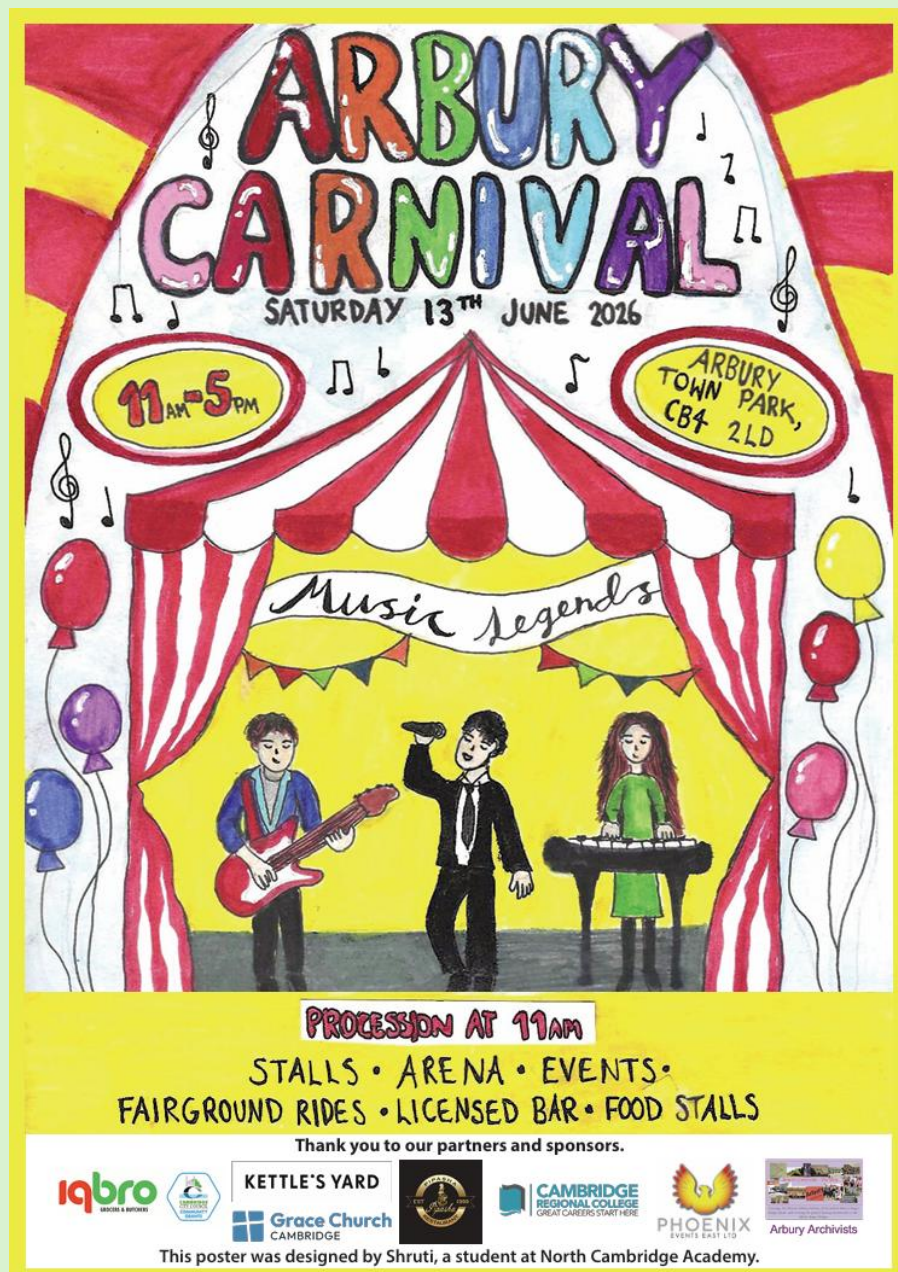
Arbury Carnival – Saturday 13 June 2026

Thank you again for your help, support and wonderful creativity: the Hearts of Arbury are looking wonderful and ready to go! If you'd like to join us in the parade (and we would love you) please join us at Arbury Town Park on Campkin Road at 10:30, ready to set off at 11:00. The parade will take around 45 minutes.

This year's carnival theme is 'Music Legends'. Perhaps wear something bright, ready to party.

If you would rather be cheering enroute, good viewing spots are at Woodlands Care Centre on Hawkins Road, Tesco Express on Campkin Road and Grove Primary on Campkin Road.

Hope to see you there!
From Hilary the artist



ARBURY CARNIVAL
SATURDAY 13TH JUNE 2026

11^{AM}-5^{PM} ARBURY TOWN PARK, CB4 2LD

Music Legends

PROCESSION AT 11AM
STALLS • ARENA • EVENTS •
FAIRGROUND RIDES • LICENSED BAR • FOOD STALLS

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This poster was designed by Shruti, a student at North Cambridge Academy.

Camtrust Open Day – Wednesday 24 June 2026

OPEN DAY



You're Invited!

Date:

Wednesday 24th June 2026

Time:

10am-2pm

Location:

22 Cambridge Road
Impington
Cambridge
CB24 9NU

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are eligible and can join us for up to
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Questions: HAF@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

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'My Neighbour Totoro' Theatre Production: Saturday 4 July



My Neighbour Totoro, Gillian Lynne Theatre, West End

Register your interest for £10* tickets to our Inclusive Family Day!

We're excited to announce that our latest bespoke theatre-going experience, for disabled young people and their families, will be at *My Neighbour Totoro* on **Saturday 4 July 2026**.

This exclusive all-day event commences at **10am** with a **Creative Theatre Workshop** that the whole family can enjoy, exploring the themes and story of *My Neighbour Totoro*, followed by a **Touch Tour** with the opportunity to get up-close with a selection of the props and costumes. The day will finish with an **Audio Described Performance** of this multi award-winning show!

Tickets are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis, with priority being given to those who are visually impaired - we'll be in touch with details on how to book if your application is successful.

Age & Content Guidance: 6+. Children under the age of 4 will not be admitted into the theatre. This production contains live music and some loud noises; some scenes are set in a hospital with a sick parent; there are pyrotechnics, smoke and haze; and there are some very large puppets!

Applications close on Wednesday 17 June at 6pm.

FIND OUT MORE & REGISTER FOR TICKETS

***Please Note:**

- Your tickets will only be confirmed after payment is made.
- This is a specially curated performance so there can be no exchanges or refunds.
- The offer is strictly subject to availability and only available for the date listed above.

If you have any questions, please get in touch via the button below.

GET IN TOUCH

Band night with all proceeds going to the Castle School – Thursday 16 July 2026

A band night is being held at The Portland Arms with all proceeds going to the Castle School. All are welcome as every ticket will make a difference.



Thursday 16th July

@The Portland Arms

129 Chesterton Road, Cambridge, CB4 3BA

Partial Recall

With support from:

Boomchick &

The Bookstore Band



Get ready for a fantastic evening of feel-good music as Partial Recall, a Cambridge-based covers band, bring the energy with a crowd-pleasing mix of rock, blues, and soul classics you know and love. Along with two great local bands.

Every ticket helps make a difference, with all proceeds going to support the local **Castle School**.

Tickets:

Scan the QR code to buy in advance

Adults £11

Concession £5.50

Doors 7:30pm



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

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
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