



CASTLE NEWS

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Our thought of the week is:

'I can help others'

Message from the Headteacher



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thought of the Week: I can help others

Every day brings opportunities to make a positive difference. A kind word, helping hand, or simple act of encouragement can brighten someone's day. When we help others, we strengthen our community and often feel better ourselves. This week, we encourage everyone to think about the ways they can support those around them, both in school and beyond.

Theme of the Week: Sport

This week's theme is particularly appropriate as we have enjoyed two fantastic Sports Days, where pupils demonstrated determination, teamwork and resilience. It has been wonderful to see so many children taking part, supporting one another and celebrating success. Thank you to those family members that were able to attend and support our young people.

The sporting excitement has continued beyond school too, with the start of the Football World Cup and the conclusion of the Stanley Cup Final for any ice hockey fans (like myself) amongst us.

Sport has a unique way of bringing people together, inspiring us to challenge ourselves and reminding us of the importance of perseverance, respect and teamwork. Whether competing, spectating or simply cheering others on, there is something for everyone to enjoy.

Parents' Evening Reminder

A reminder that Parents' Evening will take place next week. If you have not yet booked an appointment, please do so as soon as possible. We are offering a range of options, including face-to-face meetings, Microsoft Teams appointments and telephone consultations, to ensure that all families have the opportunity to discuss their child's progress and achievements with class staff.

These conversations are an important opportunity to celebrate successes and work together to support your child's continued development. We look forward to speaking with you.

Looking Ahead – Transition Arrangements

We have a final round of staff interviews taking place next week, after which we will be in a position to confirm class lists and teaching teams for the new academic year. Following this process, we will share class allocations with families and begin our transition programme.

Transition activities will begin on **Monday 6th July**, giving children the opportunity to spend time with their new class and staff ahead of September.

We will shortly be contacting parents of children who will be moving from the Fields Site to the Main Site next year. This early notification is intended to support families with any transport applications or arrangements that may be required. Class allocations and teaching teams, however, will be shared with these families at the same time as all other parents to ensure a consistent and fair approach across the school.

As always, thank you for your continued support. We hope you have a wonderful weekend.

Charlotte.

Celebration Reports to Parents on Friday 19 June 2026

Today, Friday 19 June 2026, the class teachers will be sending out the end of year **Celebration Reports** via EFL.

Please keep an eye out for them.

Sign and Chat – Thursday 25 June 2026



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

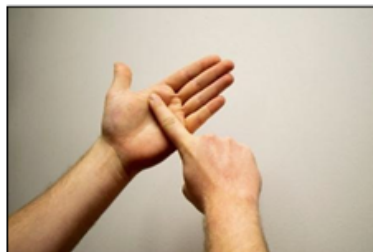
All sessions are 10:30 – 11:30 am at the Castle School Main Site

Remaining Session date:

Thursday 25th June

Please sign up to register your free place:

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



Summer Tabletop Sale 2026

A huge thank you to everyone who came to our Tabletop Sale on Tuesday 9th June, sent in money for students to spend or donated items to sell. Special thanks to the Friends of Castle School who ran the plant stall with the donated plants they had grown themselves.

The students worked hard using their money skills selling lots of new, preloved and handmade items including items they had made.

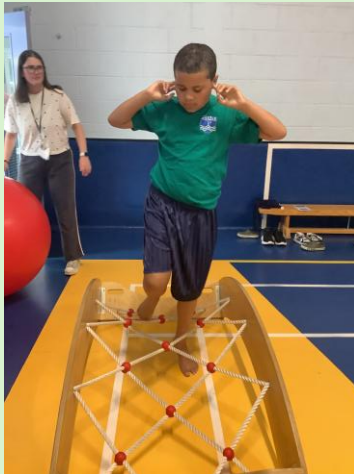
We raised over £700!

The money raised by the Enterprise group will go back into funding some exciting projects and the remaining money raised will be split between classes to spend on wellbeing activities and outings.



Foxes Class News

We have had a very exciting week this in Foxes. On Tuesday we had our sports afternoon. We enjoyed some music with Isabel playing to the Olympic opening tune of Chariots of Fire with boom wackers, piano and Xylophones. We then had some climbing, balancing and jumping in the gym, bikes outside on the playground and some circuit games to finish off.



This end of the week has also been very exciting as the year 6 children in our class had a sleepover at school. We made pizzas and ice cream together, set up our tents and had a night at school. It was an amazing experience for us and we thoroughly enjoyed it!

Pembroke Class News

Pembroke pupils have been working together to create an interactive space within their classroom related to their topic; The World Around Us, Oceans.

We have been using our sequencing and mark making skills to create a jellyfish corner complete with shoals of fish.



We used different textures and techniques to mark make scales for our fish.



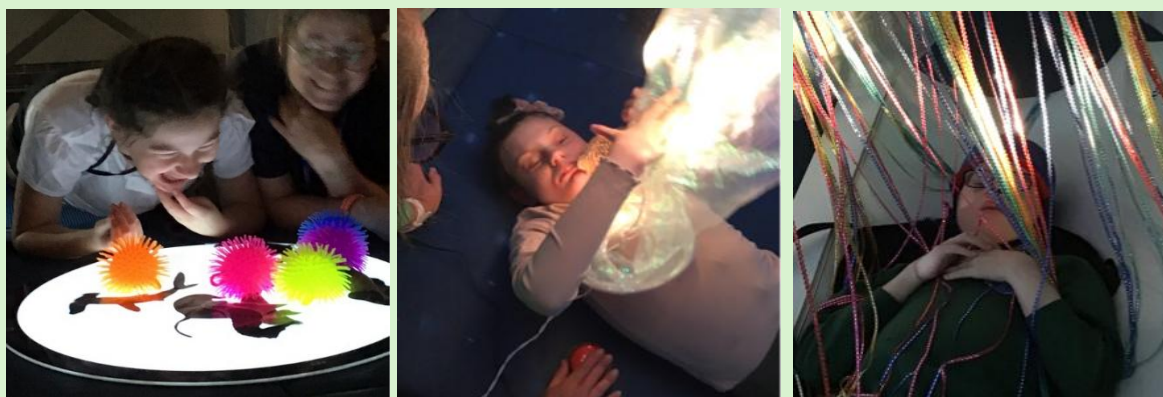
We use switches to turn on the lights while stretching out to catch the fish as they swim past.



In sensology we created the sounds of the ocean using chimes, bells and our switches to play sonar.



On the sea floor we found sea urchins and sea creature and their shadows.



Sporting Events

This week we have had some fantastic sporting events at school and in the Community. Students from the Pre-Formal proactive, Semi-Formal and Formal pathways have all really enjoyed their Sports Days. It was great seeing the students so engaged and joyful whilst undertaking a variety of activities.

Four KS3 students also represented the school at area Tennis Tournament at Cambridge Lawn Tennis Club. These students performed really well against teams from Highfields, Ivel Valley and Gretton.



Animal Hunt – Fields Site

Recently Wrens, Robins and Finches class invited parents to join them on an animal hunt, as they had been learning about animals for their topic. First, we made animal head bands to wear on the hunt. Then we went to forest school to look for the animals. Some animals were hidden in the grass and leaves; some animals were bigger and easier to find. We all had great fun, and 6 different animals were found on the hunt. We finished by singing an animal song around the piano.



General Messages

Arbury Carnival – Saturday 13 June 2026

The Arbury Carnival held last week was a lot of fun and enjoyed by everyone.
Thank you to all those who participated.



Star Shine Night Walk – Saturday 20 June 2026

This summer, Arthur Rank Hospice Charity invites you to its much-loved flagship fundraiser, the **Star Shine Night Walk**, returning to Cambridge on **Saturday 20 June 2026**.

This year's event promises to be a special one, as our community strides together, on one of the longest days of the year, to raise vital funds for the Hospice. Gather your friends, family and colleagues and spend a Saturday night with purpose; supporting compassionate care for those who need it most across Cambridgeshire.

To find register and find out more, see: www.arhc.org.uk/ssnw



STAR SHINE
NIGHT WALK

Saturday 20 June 2026
Walk 5 or 10 miles at sunset
through Cambridge to support
local hospice care

Start and finish at Shelford Rugby Club

**Together we walk,
together we remember**

Arthur Rank Hospice Charity

Find out more and register:
www.arhc.org.uk/ssnw

Registered Charity Number: 1133354

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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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Or visit: <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/adults/support-for-sight-and-hearing-loss-and-disabilities/learning-disability-partnership>



'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.

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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

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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