



CASTLE NEWS

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Our thought of the week is:

'New Beginnings'

Message from the Headteacher



Dear Parents and Carers,

Headteacher's Message

Thought of the Week: New Beginnings, which feels particularly fitting as we settle into a new school year.

Theme of the Week is: "I know the people in my class."

Welcome back to a new school year!

I hope that all of our pupils, families and staff had a lovely summer break and were able to enjoy some time together.

It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back to Castle this week, and I would especially like to extend a very warm welcome to all of the new pupils, families and staff who have joined our school community. The beginning of a new academic year is always an exciting time, with new classes, new routines and lots of opportunities ahead.

Over the summer, our school people carrier unfortunately reached the end of its life and had to be scrapped. I am therefore delighted to share that, with the generous support of our school charity, we have been able to purchase a new electric vehicle for the school. This will be an important resource for our pupils, supporting access to the community, educational visits and wider learning opportunities, while also helping us to make a more environmentally sustainable choice. We are incredibly grateful to the charity and everyone who supports its work. You can see our fantastic new vehicle in the photograph below!

Across school, pupils have been spending time getting to know their classmates and staff, becoming familiar with their new environments and beginning to build the relationships that will support them throughout the year.

It has been a really positive start to the term, and I look forward to sharing everything that our pupils achieve over the weeks and months ahead.

Have a lovely weekend.

Charlotte Whysall
Headteacher



Whole School News

The pupils are settling in well into their classes and routines across the school.

This week, we have had a range of activities from telling the time, swimming and science experiments. There is no class news this week.

Getting in Touch

If you need to get in contact with us, you can reach us:

via phone on: 01223 442400

via email by: office@castle.cambs.sch.uk

where our team will be happy to help from 8.00am – 4.30pm daily during term time.

During holidays the Office@ email will be monitored weekly.

Safeguarding

Our safeguarding email inbox (safeguarding@castle.cambs.sch.uk) is monitored daily, including during school holidays.

However, if you believe a child is at immediate risk of harm, please call 999 or contact [Children's Social Care directly](#).

Medication

At the start of a new term, I thought it would be helpful to remind you of the statutory regulations we have in place regarding medication.

We cannot give any medication to a child without a signed Consent Form from parents/carers or if the information on the box/bottle does not match the protocol we have. We also must check that the medication is 'in date' and the correct name is on it.

I know you will support us in this and we in turn will ensure we inform you of any concerns. If you need to discuss a change to your child medication over the summer, please do not hesitate to contact school and speak with Mary Sewell, our Medical Welfare Lead.

School Transport

As always, we are working hard with Education Transport to ensure we support them in solving any issues as soon as possible.

I thank you for your patience and ongoing communication whilst we work with providers to ensure a smooth transition for our pupils and families.

School Uniform

Please can you ensure uniform is clearly labelled with your child's name.

To order your child's School uniform and PE/Swimming kit please follow the link below

[YourSchoolUniform.com](https://www.yourschooluniform.com)

If you require any assistance in ordering, please contact Katherine or Jazlyn our Family Support Workers, who also have a stock of previously loved uniform.

Thank you for your support to ensure your child can fully participate in their PE lesson.

We have a small selection of preloved T-shirts and jumpers' school, if you are in need of these please contact your child's class teacher.

We welcome any pre-loved uniforms that your child may have grown out of. Please send them to school with your child or drop them in the school office.

PE

PE kit to change into is part of our uniform, particularly those in the Secondary department. This does not need to be branded.

Your child's PE kit plays an important role in school.

It allows your child to take part in their PE lesson safely, and means they have clean clothes to change back into after their PE lesson has finished.

Putting on their PE kit is the sign that their PE lesson is about to begin and changing back to their school uniform is the sign their PE lesson has finished.

Nut Free School

Can I remind you that we are a nut free school. We have members of our school community with confirmed and significant allergies, so we thank you for your help in keeping everyone safe.

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 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	