



**Castle Camps C of E (V.C.) Primary School**  
*Life in all its fullness*

It has been an exciting but very busy term, with every class in the school participating in school trips within the first 6 weeks: West Stowe (Deer Class), Audley End (Nursery-Y3) and Colchester Castle (Badger Class). Once again, the staff were complimented by members of the public for the good behaviour of the children. This is always lovely to hear.

### **Reception Places 2026 & In-year Spaces**

We have now released dates for our Open Days. These are advertised on the school website and Facebook. If you know of any families who are looking for a place, either for Reception 2026 or an in-year transfer, please encourage them to contact the Office. We would be very grateful if people could share our Facebook post on their social media.

### **Reading Workshop**

Mrs Sterecki ran an excellent and informative Reading Workshop for parents on 8<sup>th</sup> October. During the workshop, she went through our approach to early reading and the teaching of phonics. Parents had the opportunity to look through teaching resources and were given a clear overview of the Monster Phonics Scheme. The course was very well attended.

### **Courageous Advocacy Award Autumn 2025**

Courageous Advocacy refers to the act of speaking out against an issue of injustice, often on behalf of those whose voice is not heard.

This term we have two winners of our Courageous Advocacy Award: **Emelia and Hollie in Year 6:**

- Emelia is raising money (and growing her hair) for the Little Princess Trust. It costs the Trust £700 to provide one child, or young person, with a real hair wig. Emelia intends to donate her hair and is hoping to raise the £700 for her ponytail to be made into a wig.
- Hollie wanted to raise awareness for Cancer Research and has been making and selling key rings. So far she has made £120 for Cancer Research UK.

Both girls have been instrumental in running a craft stall in school to raise money for their charities. Two other pupils joined in and between the four children, they raised £200 for: The Little Princess Trust, the RSPCA, Cancer Research UK and EAST. We are very proud of their achievements.

### **Wraparound Provision at Castle Camps: Prestige Sports**

Please check the school website for information about new, exciting activities in our Wraparound Care. The link below, shows what's on offer this half term.

<https://www.castlecampsschool.co.uk/breakfast-and-after-school-club>

### **Year 2 Linton Singing Festival**

The children in Y2 visited Linton Village College on Thursday, October to participate in the Linton Cluster Singing Festival. The children performed an autumn song to the other schools and enjoyed listening to other pupils perform from LVC and the Linton primary schools.

### **Operation Christmas Child 2025**

This year, the School Council would like everyone to participate in Operation Christmas Child. This is a hands-on way to support children in need across the world by filling shoeboxes with toys, personal care items, school supplies, and fun gifts.

<https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child>

### **Prestige Football League**

The Football Team are doing incredibly well within the league. They have won their last two matches: 7-0 and 6-0. Their next match is against Linton Heights after half term.

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Headteacher