



Headteacher Newsletter

Thursday, 6th November 2025

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you had a pleasant half term. We are pleased to be back in school now and there are lots of events and learning activities to look forward to.

British Legion Poppy Appeal

We were delighted to welcome Mrs Cutter to assembly on Monday to present the children with a Certificate of Appreciation for their on-going efforts to support the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal. The certificate is on display in the Main entrance. I would also like to express my gratitude to Mrs Cutter for all her assistance and support with the poppy appeal each year.

This week – and until Remembrance Day – Deer Class will be selling poppies on the back playground at break times and after school. We hope you will be able to support this. Children in Deer Class will be placing crosses at the War Memorial next Tuesday as part of our act of Remembrance.

Kind regards,
Miss Alexandra O'Connor
Headteacher

Music Assembly: "The Assembly of Everything"

We were delighted to welcome Daniel Brinsdon (from the Cambridgeshire Music Hub) to school this morning to lead a whole school assembly. In 30 minutes, Mr Brinsdon gave pupils the chance to see, hear, and ask questions about musical instruments from every section of the Western orchestra. The children were fascinated and asked some excellent questions.

Prestige Football

We are looking forward to our next match against Linton Heights, which takes place on Tuesday, 11th November. The team are playing brilliantly and we wish them the very best of luck.

Operation Christmas Child 2025

This year, the School Council asked children 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>

The deadline for handing in the boxes is tomorrow morning (Friday, 7th November).

Thursday, 6th November

3:30pm – FOCCS Committee Meeting

Friday, 7th November

Operation Christmas Child Boxes

Monday, 10th November

3:30pm – 6:30pm – Deer Class Parent Consultations

Tuesday, 11th November

10:45am – Remembrance Day Service

11:30am (approximately) Service at War Memorial with Deer Class

4:15pm – Prestige Football Match

Wednesday, 12th November

3:30pm – 5pm - Pottery Workshop

Thursday, 13th November

1:30pm Vision Screening (Reception)

Friday, 14th November

Children in Need Day – Non Uniform

Monday, 17th November

6:30pm – FGB Meeting

Wednesday, 19th November

1:30pm – Reception 2026 Entry (School Tour)

Tuesday, 25th November

Christmas Art and Craft Day

Wednesday, 26th November

3:30pm – Curriculum Committee Meeting

Thursday, 27th November

3:30pm – Wreath Making for Parents

3:20pm – Wrap Around Care: Christmas Crafts

Friday, 28th November

3:30pm – Christmas Fair

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/attachments/download.asp?file=43&type=pdf>

Children in Need – Friday, 14th November 2025

On Friday, 15th November, we are inviting the children to come to school in non-uniform. The children can wear clothes of their choice (there is no theme this year), but please ensure that they are dressed for the weather – it can be cold outside at break times. We will ask parents to make a donation towards Children in Need via My child at School – this will go live tomorrow.

Easy Fundraising

You can support the school at home through easy fundraising. By ordering your Christmas presents via the easy fundraising website, you will receive a cash reward, which can then be donated to the school. Please follow the link below for more information, and encourage your friends and family to do the same. Thank you.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofcastlecamps/>

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 parents could share our Facebook post on their social media.

Vandalism

Unfortunately, we experienced some vandalism to school just prior to the half term break. We have reported the incidents to the Police.

Christmas Productions: 'Simply the Nativity' and 'Bah Humbug'

We will be sending home information regarding this year's Christmas productions very soon. The children have been working hard to learn the words and the singing sounds beautiful. Dates for the diary

Hedgehogs, Squirrels and Rabbits (Simply the Nativity)

Thursday, 4th December at 5pm (Children return to school by 4:30pm – not Nursery tonight)

Friday, 5th December at 2:15pm (Nursery children included in this performance)

Badgers and Deer (Bah Humbug)

Wednesday, 10th December (Performances at 2pm and 5pm)

Children need to return to school by 4:30pm

Thursday, 11th December (2pm) Community Performance

