

## Headteacher Newsletter

Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> December 2025

# Castle Camps C. of E. Primary School

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Dear Parents,

As we approach the end of another busy and productive term, I want to take a moment to acknowledge the hard work, enthusiasm and resilience the children have shown over the past few months. They have embraced their learning brilliantly, and I know many of them are now very ready for a well-deserved break over the Christmas period.

I would like to extend my warmest wishes to you all for a joyful, peaceful and restful Christmas. I hope the holiday brings plenty of time for relaxation, celebration and precious moments with family and friends.

We look forward to welcoming the children back to school, refreshed and ready for the new term, on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

Miss Alexandra O'Connor  
Headteacher

### Christmas Wreath Making

Thank you to Mrs Wright and Mrs Garbutt for leading the Wreath Making Workshop for families on Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> November. The wreaths looked beautiful! A special thank you to Mrs Fisher for the lovely refreshments.

### Christmas Art Day

Thank you to Mrs Sterecki and all the staff for organising a Christmas Craft Day in school. The art work has been put on display in the main corridor and hall for everyone to enjoy.

### Reception 2026 Applications

If you know of any parents that are interested in a place for their child at Castle Camps, but missed the Open Mornings, we will be happy to arrange a tour (via the Office). The closing date for primary school applications is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

### 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



**Friday, 19<sup>th</sup>  
December**

Last day of term

**Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> January**

School closed –  
Training Day

**Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> January**

School opens to all  
pupils

Reception & Y6  
Weights and  
Measures

**Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup>  
February**

Little City Workshop  
(EYFS & Y1)

**Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> – Friday,  
13<sup>th</sup> February**

Children's Mental  
Health Week

**Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup>  
February**

3:30pm – Prestige  
Football Match  
CCPS v. Coups

**Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> –  
Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> February**

Half Term

**Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup>  
February**

Young Voices  
Concert

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/>

### **Christmas Productions**

#### **EYFS & KS1 (*Simply The Nativity*)**

Thank you to all our families that were able to attend the EYFS & KS1 Nativity on Thursday, 4th and Friday, 5th December. The performances were wonderful and the children were truly exceptional.

#### **KS2 (*Bah Humbug*)**

The children gave us an excellent afternoon and evening's entertainment. Special thanks to the KS2 Staff and all the family members that have supported the children learning their lines.

### **iRock Concert**

On Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> December, we all enjoyed a concert from our iRock groups. The children performed brilliantly in front of the whole school and were so brave to perform in front of such a large audience.

### **FOCCS Events**

#### **Christmas Fair**

A huge thank you to FOCCS and everyone who supported our Christmas Fair last Friday. In total, we raised £1083.95! I am sure you will agree, that Miss Lansdell and FOCCS Committee have planned so many excellent events for the children this term.

#### **Christmas Dinner**

Thank you to our Catering Team (Katy and Dani) for a magnificent Christmas Dinner on Monday, 15th December. In addition, special thanks to Mrs Kerry cross for helping to prepare the food, and to Mrs Clay for the lovely table decorations. The children looked wonderful in their Christmas jumpers and it was a very special occasion.

#### **Christmas Film**

On the evening of 15<sup>th</sup> December, we welcomed 62 children to our Christmas film (*Arthur Christmas*) which we all enjoyed. Thank you to staff and FOCCS members who stayed after school to support the event. Not only did the film raise funds for FOCCS, but it was also a wonderful opportunity for the children to come together and enjoy a Christmas film on the big screen.

#### **Father Christmas Visit**

Thursday, 18th December was an exciting day in school, with a special visit from Father Christmas and his elves. All the children received a gift from Santa. Thank you to FOCCS and all the elves for setting up the Library ready for the visit.

### **Last Day of Term**

Tomorrow morning some of our pianists will be playing Christmas music in Collective Worship. If your child is taking part, please remind them to bring their music with them. On this occasion we are not able to invite parents in, but we are planning a family concert for the Spring Term and look forward to welcoming families and friends into school then.

Reminder: School finishes at the usual time tomorrow (3:20pm).