

Headteacher Newsletter

Tuesday, 6th January 2026

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Dear Parents/Carers,

A very happy New Year to you all and welcome back to the Spring Term. We hope you had a very pleasant, restful and enjoyable Christmas break.

All of the staff were truly overwhelmed by your generous gifts at the end of last term; thank you for your kindness and continued support. The children have returned to school settled and positive, making a very encouraging start to 2026. It has been lovely to see them back in school, enthusiastic and ready to learn.

This term promises to be an exciting one, with many events and activities to look forward to, including World Book Day, Little city, and the Young Voices concert.

We look forward to a positive and productive term ahead and thank you, as always, for your support.

Kind regards,

Miss Alexandra O'Connor
Headteacher

Severe Weather

As we begin the term, we are mindful that the weather forecast remains concerning, with further cold conditions and possible snow predicted over the course of the week. Please be assured that we always do everything we can to keep the school open safely. However, should adverse weather make closure unavoidable, **updates will be shared as early as possible on our Facebook page and the school website, in the first instance.** We kindly ask families to check these platforms for the most up-to-date information.

School Uniform

We would also like to remind families of the importance of children wearing the correct school uniform each day. Wearing the correct uniform helps to promote a sense of pride and belonging within our school community. Details can be found on our school website, or by following the link below:

<https://www.castlecampsschool.co.uk/school-uniform>

In light of the current cold weather, please ensure that children come to school with a warm, weather-appropriate coat (hat, scarf and gloves, if available) every day, as we continue to spend time outdoors when it is safe to do so. Coats should be



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School opens to all pupils

Reception & Y6
Weights and
Measures

Friday, 9th January

Class Newsletters
sent home today

Wednesday, 21st January

Drawing Club begins

Wednesday, 4th February

Little City Workshop
(EYFS & Y1)

Monday, 9th – Friday, 13th February

Children's Mental
Health Week

Thursday, 10th February

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

Monday, 16th – Friday, 20th February

Half Term

Tuesday, 24th February

Young Voices
Concert

warm, waterproof where possible, and clearly labelled with your child's name. Thank you.

Forest School

This half term, Year 5 (Badger Class) will be taking part in Forest School sessions on Wednesday afternoons (starting from tomorrow). Forest School takes place outdoors in all weathers, and with the extremely cold conditions expected, it is essential that children come dressed appropriately. Unlike the younger children, who arrive at school already wearing their Forest School kit, **we ask that the older children bring their Forest School clothes to school and change from their uniform at lunchtime.** Please ensure your child brings warm gloves, a hat, a waterproof coat and trousers, wellington boots, and two pairs of warm socks to help keep them comfortable throughout the session. Being well prepared will allow the children to fully enjoy and benefit from the session and maximise the valuable time spent in the woods. The Year 5 children in Deer Class, will attend Forest School after half term.

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 15th January 2026.

Class Information for the Term Ahead

On Friday, 9th January we will be sending home class letters and key information for the term ahead. Please check your child's book bag for these. Copies will also be made available on the school website and on Google Classroom (Y1-6), or Tapestry for EYFS.

Prestige Football Club

A message from Prestige: 'Unfortunately, we're unable to run our Football Club at Castle Camps for Spring 1 due to staffing. We're hoping to start back up after February half term.'

Well done, Year 6

It was lovely to receive an email from a parent this morning praising the behaviour of our older children at the *Carols on the Green* event. The parent shared how the older children thoughtfully adapted their game to include the younger children, demonstrating kindness, cooperation and consideration for others. This is exactly the type of positive behaviour we regularly see during playtimes, and we are incredibly proud of the way our pupils look after and support one another.

Olivia - RSPCA Fundraising

Congratulations to Olivia (Deer Class) who raised £86.04 through her craft sale in December. Olivia received a letter of thanks from Craig Horsler at Danaher RSPCA Centre. Thank you to everyone who came along to support the craft sale, and well done to Olivia. Recently, several of our pupils have worked hard to raise money for charities and to support causes which are so important to them.

