Castle Batch Primary School

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Issue 6

Week Commencing 19th October 2026

Happy, Confident Children, Learning to Learn

Notes for the week:
19th October 2026

Monday
Forest school - KS1 S&L Base
P.E - EYFS Batch Base (JB/RS)
P.E - KS1 - S&L Base
P.E - Yr 5

Tuesday
P.E - Yr 1
P.E - Yr 2

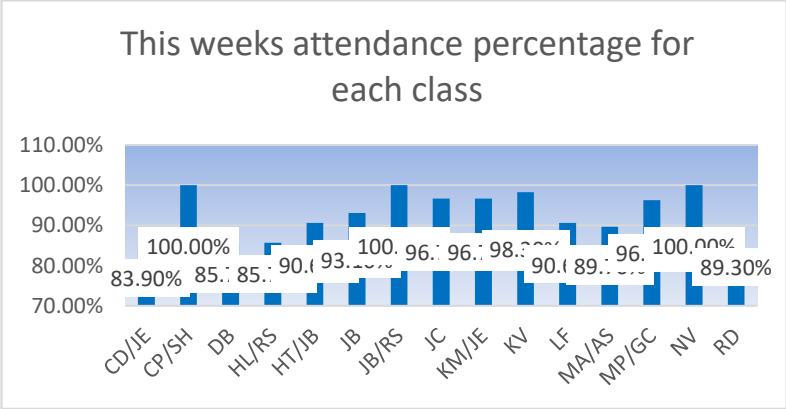
Wednesday
P.E - Yr 3

Thursday
Forest School - EYFS
P.E - Yr 1
P.E - Yr 4
P.E - Yr 5

Friday
P.E - EYFS Castle Base (HL/RS)
P.E - Yr 2
P.E - Yr 6

	What a week it has been! As you know, we hosted our Ofsted inspection this week, and I wanted to take a moment to express my heartfelt thanks to our entire school community. A special thank you goes out to every parent and carer who took the time to complete the Ofsted Parent View survey and speak directly with the inspectors. Your candid, supportive feedback and thoughtful insights were invaluable, giving the inspection team a true reflection of what makes our school such a special place to learn and grow. I could not be prouder of our staff, families, and, above all, our wonderful children. Throughout the visit, our pupils were an absolute credit to you. They spoke articulately about their learning, demonstrated our core values in everything they did, and welcomed the inspectors with confidence, enthusiasm, and kindness. Moments like these truly showcase the strength, warmth, and dedication of our school community. Thank you for your continued partnership, support, and trust in us every day. We look forward to sharing the official report with you as soon as it is finalised. Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable weekend!
Clubs	Monday- Per4mance Theatre – Hall Foundations in Football - Years 4, 5 & 6 Tuesday- Foundations in Football - Years 1, 2 & 3 Wednesday- Choir - Lunchtime – 12.10pm - 12.45pm Thursday- Dance Club with Martha - Year 3, 4, 5, & 6
FOCB	**Don't Forget** The Friends of Castle Batch (FOCB) will be holding a Funky Hair and Non-Uniform Day on Friday 23rd October. Children are invited to come into school wearing their favourite non-uniform outfits paired with the wild, colourful, or crazy hairstyle of their choice—think bright hair dye, funky wigs, backcombed creations, or extra accessories! Thank you in advance for supporting FOCB and helping raise funds for our school. Further details regarding suggested donations will follow shortly. Pumpkin Trail On Friday 23rd we will also have a pumpkin trail. Pumpkins will be placed around the school by FOCB, these have pictures of books on aswell as a letter, children will be provided with a form and get to walk around and spell the word, this is during the school day, a gift of chocolate/haribos for completing the word.
The Importance of Good Attendance	At Castle Batch , we all want the very best for our children. Regular attendance at school plays a huge role in ensuring they achieve their full potential, both now and in the future.

	We completely understand that children sometimes get sick and need a day or two to recover. However, frequent broken weeks or patchy days off can quickly add up and impact overall attendance. The national curriculum is carefully structured in sequences of learning. Missing just a few days here and there can mean children miss key elements of this learning, which can leave gaps in their education that are hard to catch up on. By aiming for consistent attendance, we can help our children build solid foundations, make the most of their education, and secure the best opportunities for their future. Thank you for supporting your child's attendance—every day counts! 
Parents evening	Our Autumn Parents' Evening will take place on Tuesday 20th October and Thursday 22nd October, with 10-minute appointment slots available. Appointments will be booked through ParentPay. We will send out an update via Weduc also known as Reach More Parents - as soon as the booking system goes live to let you know when you can reserve your slot. We look forward to speaking with you about your child's progress!
INSET Day	Just a reminder that we will be having a INSET day on **Monday 2nd November** . The school will be closed to pupils.
Half Term Tennis Camp – North Somerset Tennis Academy	Looking for a fun activity for your children over the upcoming half term break? North Somerset Tennis Academy is running half-term tennis camps open to all children aged 4 to 16 years! • **Where:** Clevedon Seafront Tennis Courts • **When:** o **Week 1:** Monday 19th – Friday 23rd October (9:00am – 12:00pm) o **Week 2:** Monday 26th – Friday 30th October (9:00am – 12:00pm) • **Cost:** Just £12 per session o 15% discount available for siblings and multiple bookings 

	The sessions cater to all ability levels and cover everything from tennis drills to fun team events. **To Book or Find Out More:** Scan the QR code on the flyer, or contact Stuart directly: • **Phone:** 07593 456869 • **Email:** stuart@n-somersettennis.com
Change of Numbers and email addresses	**Important** If you have changed your telephone number or email address can you please let the school office know so that we can update our records. We need to have at least 3 contact numbers for your children in the event that we are unable to reach the main contacts.
Promoting Attendance at Castle Batch	Current Attendance Overview: To keep you informed, we have included a chart below, displaying our overall attendance percentage and a breakdown by class. This transparency allows us to collectively work towards our attendance target and celebrate our successes along the way. 
Learning Champions	We held our Learning Champions Assembly this week to award children who have worked hard this week. Well done to this week's winners: 1 NV – Arthur S 1 CPSH - Isabelle 2 MPGC - Thomas 2 LF - Charlotte HT - Jacob JB - Oliver 3 CDJE - Rachel 3 KMJE - Taylor 4 JB – Everyone in Year 4 4 KV - Everyone in Year 4 5 RD - Archer 5 JC - Jamie 6 DB - Harley 6 MAAS - Poppy- R
Safeguarding	Our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is Wayne Higgins and our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads (DDSL) are Miss Bonny Owens (Wrap around Care), Mrs Ruth Baltzer and Mrs Helen Lovejoy Mrs Natalie Blower (Little Learners Deputy DSL) and Mrs Bridget Starr (Little Learners Deputy DSL) Here are some useful websites recommended by our DSL; https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/ https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/ If you have concerns about your child at home or school, see the office to book an appointment. Alternatively, if you are worried

	about a child or young person who could be in danger please contact the police directly by dialling 101 and they will discuss with Children's Social Care what action should be taken. In an emergency always contact the police by dialling 999. Care Connect 01275 888 808 care.connect@n-somerset.gov.uk Monday to Friday 8am to 6pm. Out of hours calls will automatically go to an out of hours team who will redirect you to an appropriate service.

Whats On!

