Castle Batch Primary School

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Issue 5

Week Commencing 12th October 2026

Happy, Confident Children, Learning to Learn

Notes for the week:
12th 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

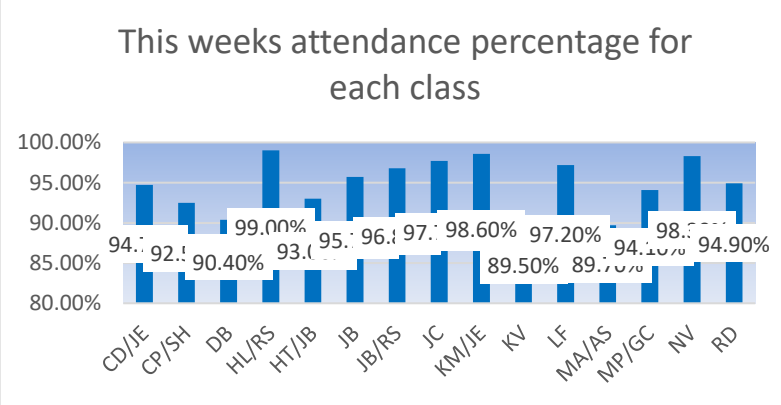
Wednesday
P.E - Yr 3

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

	It's been another busy and exciting week in school! The children have been working hard to complete their fiction writing, showcasing wonderful creativity and imagination. I particularly enjoyed reading the Year 5 stories inspired by Varmints by Helen Ward—they were beautifully written and full of thoughtful ideas. Across the school, pupils are now immersing themselves in their new texts as they prepare to begin their non-fiction writing journey next week. It's lovely to see their enthusiasm for reading and writing continuing to grow. In our assembly this week, we have been focusing on our school value of Kindness—thinking carefully about how we can colour our school with kindness by passing kindness on to one another through our actions every day.
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.
Wear Yellow for Young Minds	A massive thank you to all our children, families, and staff who took part in Wear Yellow Day today! The school was a brilliant sea of yellow, and your generosity helped us raise vital funds for YoungMinds to support children's mental health. We are so proud of our school community for coming together to show that no young person has to face their mental health alone. Thank you for your incredible support and donation!
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!
Christmas Lunch Dinners	We are excited to announce that our Christmas lunch this year will take place on **Wednesday 16th December 2026**! It's always a lovely festive occasion, and we can't wait to see the children enjoy

	a special seasonal meal together. Booking can be made through Aspens Select from Term 2. We look forward to celebrating the festive season with everyone and sharing in some Christmas cheer!
School Photo's	Please note that Tulip Photography will be in school on Friday, 20th November to take individual pupil photos. Further details regarding the ordering and purchasing of photos will follow closer to the date.
INSET Day	Just a reminder that we will be having a INSET day on **Monday 2nd November** . The school will be closed to pupils.
School Start Time	A reminder to all parents that our school start time is 8:45 AM. The school gates open at 8:35 AM, door to classrooms open at 8:40 AM and the register is taken promptly at 8:50 AM. Anyone arriving after this time will be marked as late. It's really important that your child arrives on time each day, as being punctual helps them settle into the school routine, ensures they don't miss out on important instructions or learning at the start of the day, and helps build good habits for the future. Thank you for your continued support in helping your child be on time for school.
Harvest	A huge thank you to all our families and children for your incredibly generous Harvest Festival donations! Thanks to your wonderful support, we have collected a fantastic amount of food and essential items, which we will be delivering to our local food bank next week. Your kindness and generosity will make a real difference to families in need within our local community. Thank you for coming together to support such an important cause!
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 
2027 Admissions Process – Reception or Yr7	**Reminder** RECEPTION and YEAR 6 PARENTS The admissions process for school place applications for September 2027 is live for secondary applications from 12th

	September and for primary applications from Monday 29th September. For children due to transfer to a secondary or upper school the closing date for applications is **31st October 2026.** For children due to start school for the first time or transfer to a primary school (Reception) the closing date for applications is 15th January 2027 and the national offer day is 16th April 2027.
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 - Sophia 1 CPSH - Indie 2 MPGC - Bowie 2 LF - Mason HT - Maisey JB - Jareth 3 CDJE - Ivy 3 KMJE - Penny 4 JB – Ajay 4 KV - Ralfie-Blue 5 RD - Joseph 5 JC - Maddison 6 DB - all of Year 6 6 MAAS - all of Year 6
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!	