Castle Batch Primary School

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Week Commencing 2nd November 2026

Happy, Confident Children, Learning to Learn

Notes for the week:
2nd November 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

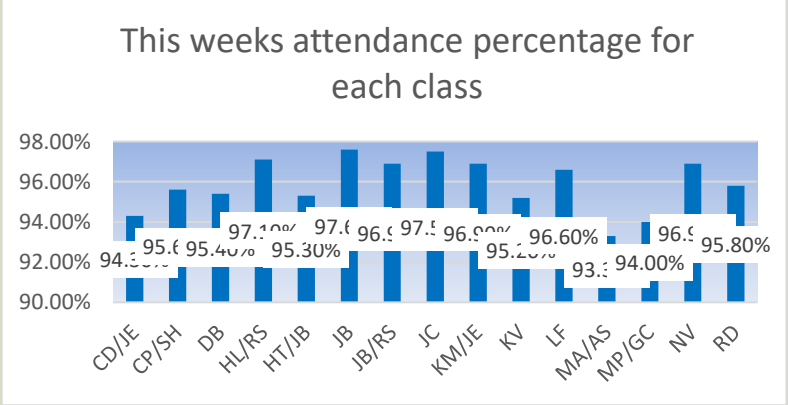
Friday
P.E - EYFS Castle Base (HL/RS)
P.E - Yr 2
P.E - Yr 6

	As I reflect on my very first half term at Castle Batch, I want to begin by thanking you all for making me feel so warmly welcomed into the school community. It has been a privilege getting to know you and your children over these past few weeks. I have been immensely impressed with how well the children have settled into the new school year. It has been a busy and exciting start, and the pupils have thrown themselves into their new classes with enthusiasm and positivity. I am particularly pleased to see how well our new Reception class has settled in and become part of our school family. This term, we have been focusing on kindness—one of our core school values—and exploring how we show this towards others. The children have demonstrated incredibly thoughtful actions, proving how even small acts of kindness can make a big difference, whether that is helping a friend on the playground or showing care and respect in the classroom. It has been a wonderful reminder of the warmth and compassion that runs through our school. Please don't forget that we break up for half term next week. I hope you all have a restful and enjoyable break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on **Tuesday 3rd November.**
Clubs	A letter has been sent home with your child today for Term 2 clubs. There is a slight change next term with how you book with our outside providers. You can now book directly with either Gareth or Martha, please see the previous Weduc messages with how to book.
FOCB	A big thank you to all our families for supporting our Funky Hair, Non-Uniform Day, and Pumpkin Trail on Friday 23rd October! It was wonderful to see the school filled with so many bright colours, creative outfits, and fantastic, wild hairstyles. The children had a brilliant time during the day exploring the school grounds for the Pumpkin Trail, hunting down book pictures, solving the hidden word puzzle, and enjoying their sweet treats! Thank you so much for your generosity and donations. Every penny raised goes directly back into supporting our children and enhancing their experiences at Castle Batch. We truly appreciate your continued support! Also a very special mention to **PHD Building Advisory Ltd** who kindly paid for the pumpkin trail sweets for the children.
Harvest Donations	A huge thank you to all our families for your amazing generosity during this year's Harvest collection!

	We were contact by Somewhere to Go, appealing for donations so they could continue to support the homeless in Weston. Your kind donations were delivered and they were overwhelmed by the support. They have sent this personal message of gratitude to our school community: *"Here at Somewhere to Go, we provide shelter, support, advice, breakfast, lunch, and refreshments at St John's Church throughout the day for those who are homeless, struggling, or in need. We rely heavily on food donations, so we were taken aback by the enormous generosity Castle Batch School has shown with their Harvest collection. We would like to thank all those who donated food for a good cause.* *From everyone here, a HUGE thank you!"* Thank you once again to everyone who contributed to making such a difference in our local community.   
Head Lice	With the half-term break coming up, it is an ideal opportunity to check your child's hair for head lice and treat them if necessary. As children spend lots of time working and playing closely together, head lice can spread easily, but checking hair regularly helps us keep on top of them across the school. If you do find any, please treat them before the start of the new term so we can prevent them from spreading when everyone returns. For advice on how to spot and treat head lice using wet combing or over-the-counter treatments, please see the official NHS Advice on Head Lice and Nits.
2027 Admissions Process – Reception or Yr7	**Final 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.
Parents evening	We were delighted to see so many of you at our parents' evenings this week. Your active involvement in your child's education is invaluable to us, and we hope you feel as proud of your children as we do. It's truly wonderful to have your support and partnership on this learning journey!
INSET Day	Just a reminder that we will be having an INSET day on **Monday 2nd November** . The school will be closed to pupils.
Future Stars	We're running our Awesome Autumn holiday clubs at the following venues within 6 miles of your school: - Ashcombe Primary School (26–30 October 2026) - Herons' Moor Academy (26–30 October 2026) - Mary Elton Primary School (19–30 October 2026) - Parklands Educate Together Primary (26–30 October 2026) - Chestnut Park Primary (26–30 October 2026) The attached PDF contains all the relevant venue flyers, showing the sports, games and creative activities planned. Families can find out more and book at https://www.futurestarscoaching.co.uk.    



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:** **Week 2:** Monday 26th – Friday 30th October (9:00am – 12:00pm) • **Cost:** Just £12 per session ○ 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	We held our Learning Champions Assembly this week to award

Champions	children who have worked hard this week. Well done to this week's winners: 1 NV – Cora 1 CPSH - Piper 2 MPGC - Bella 2 LF - Theo HT - Jackson JB - Hughie 3 CDJE - Blaze 3 KMJE - Roya 4 JB – Pippa 4 KV - Arabella 5 RD - Rico 5 JC - Matilda 6 DB - Freya 6 MAAS - Reggie
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!	