Castle Batch Primary School

Castle Batch Courier

Issue 8

Week Commencing 9th November 2026

Happy, Confident Children, Learning to Learn

Notes for the week:
9th 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

We hope you all had a restful and enjoyable half-term break. It's been wonderful hearing the children share their holiday adventures—especially stories about Halloween.

This week, we've been focusing on firework safety as we head into Bonfire Night weekend. If you and your family are planning to attend any displays, we hope you have a fun and safe time celebrating. We've also been reflecting on the meaning of remembrance in light of the upcoming Remembrance Service this weekend, thinking about why we take time to remember.

Clubs

External provider clubs started week 1 (w/c 02/11/2026)
Monday- Per4mance Theatre - Hall
Foundations in Football - Years 4, 5 & 6
Makaton lunchtime and after school 3.15pm-4.15pm
Tuesday- Foundations in Football - Years 1, 2 & 3
Wednesday- Choir - Lunchtime - 12.10pm - 12.45pm
Christmas Craft Club - Year 6 only - lunchtime
Thursday- Dance Club with Martha - Year 3, 4, 5, & 6
Messy Church - Year 3 only - 12.15pm-12.45pm

School led clubs will start Week 2 (w/c 09/11/2026)

FOCB

🎄✨ Winter activities coming to Castle Batch! ✨🎄

There's lots to look forward to this term, and Friends of Castle Batch (PTA) have been busy planning some lovely festive activities for the children! 🩶



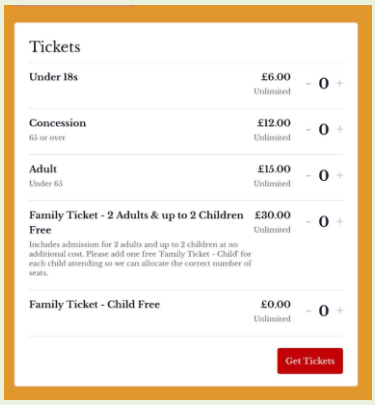
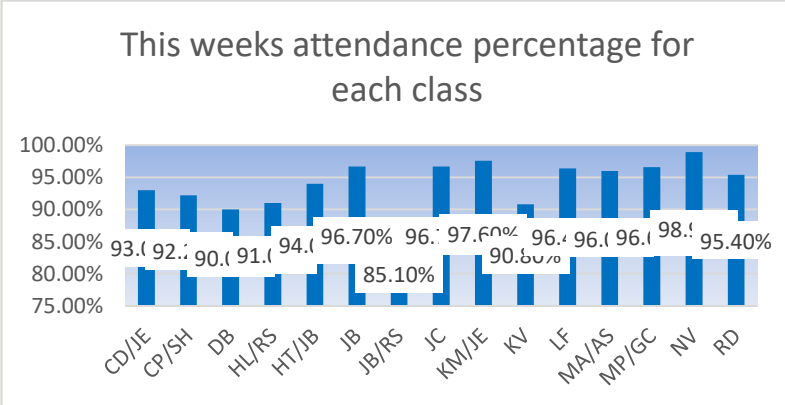
🎨 Christmas Card Orders – little artists are creating special Christmas designs to share with family and friends.

⭐ Design Christmas Decorations – getting creative and adding some festive sparkle around school and take home at the end of term.

🎅 Storytime with Santa, PJs day and Present Giving – a magical visit from Santa for the younger years, a Castle Batch Christmas story and a special present! Years R-3 & S&L

🎬 Christmas Movie & PJs Day! – getting cosy in our festive pyjamas, and enjoying a Christmas film for the older years! Years 4-6

	We can't wait to organise these activities for the children whilst fundraising for school supplies. A huge thank you to everyone who supports our PTA and helps make these moments possible. Every bit of support makes a difference! Let's make this term extra special! 🎄
Remembrance – Poppy Day	Next week, we will continue to provide children with the opportunity to purchase poppies and other merchandise to support Remembrance Day and the Poppy Appeal. If your child would like to buy something, the poppy boxes will be coming round in the afternoons until Tuesday.
Coats in School	Could all children please bring a warm coat (named) to school every day – the children go out in the fresh air every day throughout the Autumn and Winter and do require a warm coat so that they can do this. Many thanks
Children in Need	This Friday, we're supporting Children in Need with a "Wear Something Spotty/Mufti" day! Children are encouraged to come in spotty clothing or their favourite mufti outfits and bring in a donation of £1. All contributions will go toward helping children in need across the UK. Thank you for your support!
Wraparound Care	WAC slots for Term 3 will be released Saturday 12th December at 12pm. Please have funds in your account ready, as Term 1 sold out very quickly.
FREE Street Cricket Sessions	Somerset Cricket Foundation provide a free weekly cricket session that's ideal for new players to join to the game, especially those who are not part of a club already. Please see the details of the free activity below and how to register. **STREET CRICKET – AGES 8–12!** Looking for a fun, active and inclusive cricket session for your child? **Street Cricket with Somerset Cricket Foundation** is the perfect opportunity for boys and girls aged **8–12** to get involved, make new friends and enjoy playing cricket in a relaxed and welcoming environment! **What to expect:** Fun cricket games and activities Build confidence and new skills Make new friends Develop teamwork and leadership skills Most importantly – HAVE FUN! **No previous cricket experience is needed!** Whether your child is new to cricket or already loves the game, everyone is welcome. **Weston College – Health and Active Living Skills Centre, Loxton Rd, Weston-super-Mare, BS23 4QU – Thursday's 5pm – 6pm** **Register here** Weston College - https://chancetoshine.my.site.com/s/street-registration-form?language=en_GB&qrc=0018e0000088mnE
Exciting Live Music Opportunity: Film Favourites **with North Somerset Philharmonia**	Looking for a fun family outing? **North Somerset Philharmonia**—a community orchestra thriving for over 30 years—is bringing the magic of music to Weston! • **Event:** Film Music Concert (featuring an exciting programme of movie favorites!) • **When:** Saturday, 28th November • **Where:** The Winter Gardens, Weston-super-Mare

	North Somerset Philharmonia is passionate about introducing young people to the thrill of live orchestral music. To help make this experience accessible for everyone, **special family ticket rates are available**. Bring the whole family for an unforgettable musical journey! For full details and ticket information, visit their website at nsphilharmonia.org.uk.  
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 – Bodhi 1 CPSH - Henry 2 MPGC - Govind 2 LF - Jacob HT - Noah JB - Oliver 3 CDJE - Zain 3 KMJE - Ollie 4 JB – Keeley

	4 KV - Wren 5 RD - Noah 5 JC - Ashton 6 DB - Arijus 6 MAAS - Eleanor
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!	