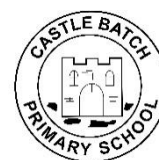


Castle Batch Primary School



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Issue 2

Week Commencing 21st September 2026

Happy, Confident Children, Learning to Learn

Notes for the week: 21st September 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

Headteacher Information

The children are settling in beautifully and are already immersing themselves in their learning. It has been wonderful to see them engaging so enthusiastically with their new routines, making new friends, and embracing everything the school day has to offer.

This week, the children particularly enjoyed their PE sessions, displaying fantastic energy, sportsmanship, and teamwork. I also had the absolute pleasure of dropping in on our Little Learners. It was brilliant to watch our youngest pupils learning through play—whether they were building, exploring, or creating, their curiosity and imagination were a joy to see.

In our school assembly, our focus was on kindness, one of our core values. It has been heartwarming to watch the children embrace this message so naturally throughout the week. Many pupils have even come up to me in the playground to ask how my day was going—a simple gesture, but a powerful reminder of the thoughtful and caring atmosphere that makes our school community so special.

Clubs

Monday- Per4mance Theatre – Hall

Foundations in Football - Years 4, 5 & 6 starts 21/09/26

Tuesday- Foundations in Football - Years 1, 2 & 3 starts **29/09/26**

Wednesday- Choir - Lunchtime – 12.10pm - 12.45pm

Thursday- Dance Club with Martha - Year 3, 4, 5, & 6 starts 24/09/26

Staffing

We are delighted to welcome Amy Jones to the Castle Batch Community! Amy is joining us as our new Business Administrator, taking over for Lyndsay Daw in the school office. Amy brings fantastic energy and a warm smile to our front desk. Please feel free to pop by the office to introduce yourself and say hello when you are next on site.

Wrap around care

Reminder - wrap around care bookings close 24 hours in advance, unfortunately we are no longer able to add children to breakfast club or castle club on the day so please plan child care in advance.

Please cancel wrap around care if no longer needed. We have limited spaces, with lots of parents who are in need of sessions. If you longer need a space, please cancel to give other parents the opportunity to book on.

Reception Open days

We are excited to announce a series of Open Days for prospective Foundation/Reception families! If you have a child due to start school next September - or know family, friends, and neighbours who do - we would love to show them around. Come and see our wonderful provision, meet our dedicated team, and get a feel for our welcoming school community. Please contact the school office to book a slot or find out more!

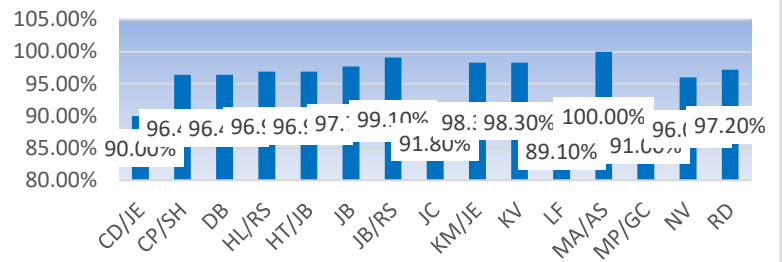
Dates & Times: At the bottom of the page

	To book an appointment slot please email mailbox@cbpsa.theplt.org.uk with the following; Your name and contact number, number of visitors in your group, preferred appointment time. Only 2 adults per child please.	
Absence	Last year, our overall attendance was in line with the national figure of 94.7%. I am really pleased to share that so far this year our attendance stands at 95.1%, which is above the national average. This is a fantastic start, and I am keen for us to keep it this high – or even improve further – as we move through the year. Thank you for your continued support in making sure children are in school every day, ready to learn. Remember:	
School Start times	Just a reminder that the school gates will now open at 8:35 AM, with the school day starting promptly at 8:45 AM. Please note that registers will close at 9:20 AM. We appreciate your cooperation in ensuring that your child arrives on time to make the most of their school day.	
Lateness and Absence	If your child is unwell or you think you will be arriving late, can you please call the school office and leave a voicemail to report your child's absence. Please also include the reason why they will be absent. We ask if your child requires more than one day off, that you call each day. Our contact number is 01934 514552 We operate a first day of absence phone call to parents if they have not contacted us. If we do not receive a response, we phone all contacts on the list to establish the whereabouts of the pupil. Thank you	
Parents evening	A date for your Diary; On Tuesday 20th October and Thursday 22nd October, we will be holding our Autumn Parents Evening. Information on how to book will come out later this term.	
2027 Admissions Process – Reception or Yr7	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.
Term Dates	Please find below the term dates and INSET days for the upcoming academic year. We recommend bookmarking these dates or saving them to your calendar to help plan your family holidays around the school terms. Term 1 • Starts: Thursday 3rd September 2026 • Ends: Friday 23rd October 2026 • Important: Thursday 3rd September and Friday 4th September 2026 are INSET days—school is closed to students. Term 2 • Starts: Monday 2nd November 2026 • Ends: Friday 18th December 2026 • Important: Monday 2nd November 2026 is an INSET day—school is closed to students. Term 3 • Starts: Monday 4th January 2027 • Ends: Friday 12th February 2027 • Important: Monday 4th January 2027 is an INSET day—school is closed to students. Term 4 • Starts: Monday 22nd February 2027 • Ends: Thursday 25th March 2027 Term 5 • Starts: Monday 12th April 2027 • Ends: Friday 28th May 2027 • Important: Monday 12th April 2027 is an INSET day—school is closed to students. Term 6 • Starts: Monday 7th June 2027 • Ends: Friday 23rd July 2027 • Important: Monday 7th June 2027 is an INSET day—school is closed to students. Summary of INSET Days (School Closed to Students) • Thursday 3rd September 2026 • Friday 4th September 2026 • Monday 2nd November 2026 • Monday 4th January 2027 • Monday 12th April 2027 • Monday 7th June 2027
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.

This weeks attendance percentage for each class



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**
- 1 CPSH - **Oscar**
- 2 MPGC - **Ellis**
- 2 LF - **Joey**
- HT - **Lexi**
- JB - **Junior**
- 3 CDJE - **Meda**
- 3 KMJE - **Margot**
- 4 JB - **Ezra**
- 4 KV - **Benji**
- 5 RD - **Lily**
- 5 JC - **Mya**
- 6 DB - **Theo**
- 6 MAAS - **Albie**

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!



CASTLE BATCH PRIMARY SCHOOL

OPEN DAYS Reception

September 2027



We are inviting new families to book an appointment for 2027/2028 Reception intake with us to find out more about Castle Batch!

Thursday 24 th September	2.00pm - 3.00pm
Friday 25 th September	9.30am - 10.30am
Thursday 1 st October	9.30am - 10.30am
Friday 2 nd October	2.00pm - 3.00pm
Friday 2 nd October	4.30pm - 5.30pm

Family Breakfast for Prospective Parents

Saturday 10th October

Breakfast starts at 9.30am

Tour starts at 10.00am

To book an appointment slot please email mailbox@cbpsa.theplt.org.uk with the following;

Your name and contact number, number of visitors in your group, preferred appointment time.

Only 2 adults per child please.

The Family Support Fayre

Discover, Learn & Connect at Our FREE SEND Event

Resources and Information for families supporting children 0 - 25 years with additional needs and/or disabilities

21st October 2026

One Event
3 supportive spaces
Connect • Learn • Explore
The Royal Hotel
Winter Gardens
Sovereign Centre

FREE expert-led SEND training
Including Autism, sensory, masking & eating difficulties sessions

5 Inspiring Keynote speakers
Sharing professional and lived experience perspectives

Local SEND Updates & support information

Understanding medically complex needs

Over 70+ Exhibitors
Ranging across Health, Educational and Support services

A Welcoming space for families, carers & professionals

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Together we make a difference