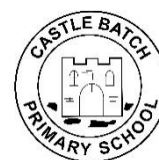


Castle Batch Primary School



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Issue 3

Week Commencing 28th September 2026

Happy, Confident Children, Learning to Learn

Notes for the week: 28th 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

We've had a fantastic week at Castle Batch, filled with exciting opportunities to inspire and enrich learning across every year group. Our Little Learners have been exploring the concept of home, while Reception celebrated their first full week at school by reflecting on what makes each of them unique. In Key Stage 1, Year 1 turned their attention outward to investigate "What is around me?", and Year 2 asked big questions about nature: "What helps living things grow and thrive?"

Moving into Key Stage 2, Year 3 delved into "How has electricity improved life?", Year 4 travelled back in time to examine "How did the Roman invasion change life in Britain?", Year 5 looked at human history through the lens of "Why do people invade and settle?", and Year 6 engaged in thoughtful reflection on the question "Why must we remember?"

In our assembly this week, we gathered to reflect on our school vision of *Happy, confident children learning to learn*, discussing practical ways we can live this out every day through our actions, kindness, and approach to new challenges.

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

FOCB

The Friends of Castle Batch committee met last week for our Annual General Meeting to plan for the upcoming school year!

Our New PTA Committee

We are pleased to announce our newly voted core team:

- **Chair:** Tanya
- **Treasurer:** Helen
- **Secretary:** Danielle
- **Grants & Sponsorship Officer:** Carrie Ann
- **Communications Lead:** Jessica

A big thank you to Helen for also offering to help voluntarily with sorting school lost property and uniform!

Upcoming Save the Dates & Activities

Keep an eye out for more details on these fun upcoming events:

- **Autumnal Pumpkin Trail:** Week commencing 19th October
- **Funky Hair & Non-Uniform Day:** Friday, 23rd October
- **Fireworks Disco:** Friday, 6th November

We are also planning some wonderful festive activities for later in the term, including a Christmas bauble decorating competition, a Rule Breaker Day, and a Christmas Fair/Disco.

Our next meeting will be at the end of October to finalise our Christmas plans. Thank you all for your ongoing support!

Wear Yellow for YoungMinds –

On Friday 9th October, our school is taking part in Wear Yellow Day to show our support for YoungMinds, a wonderful charity dedicated to children's mental health.

Friday 9th October	We invite all children to come to school wearing yellow clothing (or a splash of yellow!) and bring a £1 donation to help raise funds for this important cause. Thank you in advance for your support!
Staffing	We are saying a fond farewell to Mrs. Nicol, who left us this week. We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to her for all the incredible support she has provided to our children during her time with us. Please join us in wishing her the absolute best of luck in her next chapter!
Main Gate	A quick reminder for everyone using the pedestrian gate: please allow the gate to close on its own rather than pushing or forcing it shut. The gate is fitted with an automatic closure mechanism, and pushing it manually can damage the fitting. If you'd like to make sure it's securely latched, simply wait a brief moment until you hear the magnet connect, and then give it a gentle pull to check. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our school grounds safe and well-maintained!
School Start Times	Just a reminder that for the main 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. Speech and Language Base: Please note that our Base gates open at 8:30 AM and close at 8:40 AM. Any arrivals after 8:45 AM will be recorded as late. Operating on this earlier schedule allows us to safely manage taxi arrivals and provides a calmer, quieter start to the school day for children with sensory needs. We appreciate your cooperation in ensuring your child arrives on time to make the most of their school day.
Harvest	For Harvest this year we will be collecting for the food bank so if you could donate anything from the list below that would be very much appreciated. • Cereal • Soup • Pasta • Rice • Tinned tomatoes/ pasta sauce • Lentils, beans and pulses • Tinned meat • Tinned vegetables • Tea/coffee • Tinned fruit • Biscuits • UHT milk • Fruit juice
School Photos – Friday 20th November	We are excited to let you know that school photos will be taken on Friday 20th November by Tulip Photography. This will be individual photos and sibling photos if the child is also in the school. Please ensure your child comes to school in full uniform and is ready for their close-up! More details about ordering photos will follow after the session.
Flu Vaccinations	On Wednesday we had the Winter Flu Vaccinations in school. If you did not access the link and give consent and would like your child vaccinated then please contact your doctors surgery so they can administer the vaccine.
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.

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
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Family Breakfast for Prospective Parents
Saturday 10th October
Breakfast starts at 9.30am Tour starts at 10.00am

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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

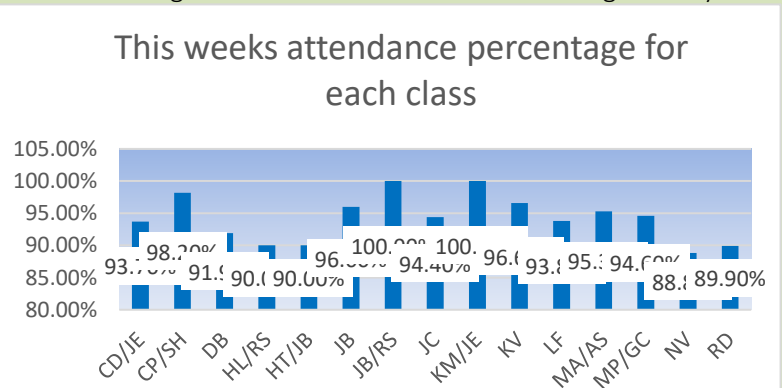
Important

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 - Olivia 1 CPSH - Brooke 2 MPGC - Oliver 2 LF - Gloria HT - Jack JB - Olivia 3 CDJE - Freddie 3 KMJE - Roman 4 JB - Sophie 4 KV - Lydia 5 RD - Marian 5 JC - Noah 6 DB - Noelle 6 MAAS - Linc
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!	



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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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