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Newsletter – July 2025

Dear Parents,

As I seem to say most years... this has been a great year for Castlefield School!

- Statutorily measured outcomes for pupils are higher than they have ever been and are some of the strongest by comparison to other schools both locally and nationally (see below).
- The breadth and depth of your children's learning is very strong across the curriculum and the range of additional opportunities we offer your children is effective, well planned and growing.
- While other schools are struggling, our well managed finances ensure we can continue to invest in and prioritise the right areas for our pupils.

Thank you for all your support over this year and we look forward to continuing our success in 2025/2026!

But don't just take my word for it...

		Castlefield School Outcomes for 2024/2025 (unvalidated data)	How does this compare (comparison is to 2023/2024 data as 2025 has not been published yet)
Early Years Outcomes		55%	Although significantly below the National Average (2024 = 67.7%), this is the highest results the school has ever had and represents huge rates of progress from the children's starting points.
Y1 Phonics check		94.7%	The National Average for 2024 was 81% This is the 5th year in a row we have exceeded 90% Reading is the single most important subject. If children can read well, they will be able to access all other subjects.
KS2 Tests (end of Y6)	Expected Standard	Reading: 94%	<u>At the Expected Standard</u> Reading: The National Average in 2024 was 74% Writing: The National Average in 2024 was 72% SPaG: The National Average in 2024 was 73% Maths: The National Average in 2024 was 73% In all areas, Castlefield School has significantly exceeded the National Average
		Writing: 86%	
		SPaG: 94%	
		Maths: 92%	
	Greater Depth	Reading: 60%	<u>At Greater Depth</u> Reading: The National Average in 2024 was 28% Writing: The National Average in 2024 was 13% SPaG: The National Average in 2024 was 31% Maths: The National Average in 2024 was 23% In all areas, Castlefield School has significantly exceeded the National Average
		Writing: 30%	
		SPaG: 68%	
		Maths: 64%	

These outcomes are the strongest the school has ever achieved

National Recognition:

Earlier this term, Mrs Walker (Upper Phase Leader and Science Co-ordinator) won the Nationally coveted '[Primary Science Teachers Award 2025](#)'! This highly competitive award recognises the outstanding curriculum we have in place and Mrs Walker's innovative practice and exceptional dedication to primary science teaching.

How should I help my child?

All the hard work your children and the school have put in will be for nothing, unless children **continue to read daily throughout the holidays and work on the targets in their reports**. We know that 6 weeks without learning, practising and reinforcing knowledge just means children will forget what they have learnt (and they do forget things far quicker than they learn them).

Over the summer, support your child by listening to them read every day and talk to them about their book.

Help them to complete the reading challenge and the holiday packs.

Goodbyes

It is with sadness that we say goodbye to Mrs Sheehan who is taking on an exciting opportunity at a different school in High Wycombe. She will be missed by all and has made a really significant contribution to the school. She has been instrumental in leading our house competitions and sports provision and leaves a legacy of wonderful practice at Castlefield School.

We also say goodbye to our Year 6 children. They have been such a lovely group of children, full of character and enthusiasm. We will miss the role models they have become and the good examples their leadership has shown their peers and younger children across the school. We wish them the very best for their futures, wherever it may take them and know they leave us ready for their next steps!

Uniform

All school uniforms are now supplied by PMG Schoolwear, they have a shop in the High Wycombe Eden Centre where you can buy the uniform or you can order it online for delivery or collection

<https://pmgschoolwear.co.uk/school/castlefieldschool>

Please remember, the only branded uniform your child requires (only available at PMG) is a school jumper/cardigan, the rest is available from other local supermarkets/suppliers.

PE Kit Reminder:

Our PE kit is a plain kit consisting of:

- **Plain** royal blue shorts or navy-blue tracksuit bottoms (plain navy-blue leggings may be worn if they are changed from leggings worn as part of the full school uniform);
- **Plain** royal blue crew neck t-shirt;
- **Plain** navy-blue tracksuit top, hoodie or sweatshirt;
- **Plain** white or black trainers.

Please note, the following will **not be acceptable**:

- Branded clothes (e.g. Nike/adidas), except trainers
- Football kits
- Clothes in other colours

Our PE kit does not need to have the school logo on (unless you want it to) and will be widely available from a range of local retailers. In line with DfE policy, we are actively pursuing uniform options at the lowest possible cost to our families.

This half term in picture!



Musical Theatre

Their production at Wycombe Abbey was fantastic!



Y6 Residential Trip

Just 'hanging around' before archery! Followed by hot chocolates and campfires after long days of climbing, shelter building, team building games... the list of fun goes on!



Swimming Pool:

The pool was a huge success. Approximately 200 children had swimming lessons this half term



Year 4 Wetland plant project

Investigating plant and animal life at the Iver Environmental Centre



STEM Day at Wycombe High School

A wonderful day of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths at Wycombe High School



Y3 Trip to the Roald Dahl Museum

It was *splendiferous* to see the children *gobble* up Dahl's delights!



Upper Phase Sports Day



Lower Phase Sports Day



Reception Sports Day



Nursery Sports Day

The weather just about held for all of our Sports days. There was a great atmosphere of support, competition and fun!

Wishing you all a lovely summer holiday and we look forward to seeing your children on **Friday 5th September**.

Andrew Kann
(Headteacher)

Important Dates

Thursday 24th July – Thursday 4th September	Summer Holidays
Wednesday 3 rd & Thursday 4 th September	11:00am – 3:30pm School office open
Friday 5th September	Children return to school
Monday 8 th September	
Tuesday 9 th September	11+ Practice Test 2:55pm Year 3 Parents welcome meeting
Wednesday 10 th September	2:55pm Year 4 Parents welcome meeting
Thursday 11 th September	11+ Transfer Tests 2:55pm Year 6 Parents welcome meeting
Friday 12 th September	2:55pm Year 5 Parents welcome meeting
Monday 15 th September	2:55pm Nursery Parents welcome meeting
Wednesday 17 th September	2:55pm Year 2 Parents welcome meeting
Thursday 18 th September	2:55pm Year R Parents welcome meeting
Friday 19 th September	2:55pm Year 1 Parents welcome meeting
Tuesday 7 th October	9:00-9:30am Maths Workshop for Reception & Year 1 parents
Wednesday 8 th October	9:00-9:30am Maths Workshop for Year 2 parents
Thursday 9 th October	9:00-9:30am Maths Workshop for Years 3 & 4 parents Flu vaccinations for Years R-6
Friday 10 th October	9:00-9:30am Maths Workshop for Years 5 & 6 parents
Monday 13 th October	Flu vaccinations for Years R-6
Wednesday 15 th October	3:00-3:30pm Year 2 Open Afternoon
Wednesday 22 nd October	10:00-10:30am Lower Phase Harvest Assembly
Monday 27th October – Friday 31th October	Autumn half term holiday
Friday 21 st November	Target Setting Meetings – No school for children
Monday 24 th November	INSET day – No school for children
Monday 15 th December	EY Nativity production for parents
Friday 20 th December	1:00pm term ends
Monday 22nd December – Monday 5th January	Christmas Holidays
Tuesday 6 th January	Children return to school
Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February	Spring half term holiday
Monday 30th March – Friday 10th April	Easter Holidays

Keep checking the website for any changes and new activities going on in school!

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If you **follow us on Facebook (Castlefield School, High Wycombe)**, you will see additional photographs and posts about the learning and fun activities that happen around the school.