

Dear Parents/Carers

What a busy half term we have had! Firstly we would like to say well done to the Year 6s who took their SATs last week. It is not easy and we are very proud of the hard work you put in. Keep up the good work we still have plenty of learning to complete before the end of term.

There have been trips to Rosemoor Gardens, Exmoor Zoo and The World of Country Life; Bikeability training for Year 4 pupils, Easter Bonnet parade and bake sales as well as the VE Day celebrations, Exmoor Challenge and Wilcombe Wobbler.

We hope everyone has a lovely half term break.

VE DAY CELEBRATIONS



We were delighted to welcome so many families into school to join us for the VE Day celebrations here at Castle. Throughout the morning, children took part in craft activities in their classes which were then on display during the afternoon for everyone to see along with refreshments and games. We hope everyone enjoyed the day as much as we did.

Some pupils represented Castle Primary at the VE Day wreath laying ceremony at People's Park. As always, the children were a real credit to the school.



UPDATE: ONLINE PAYMENT SYSTEM

Due to technical difficulties we very much regret we will be reverting back to cash and cheque payments after half term. We hope this will be for a short duration and do apologise for the disruption.



The MCAS app can still be used for checking lunch balances and messaging. We will contact you as soon as the online payment system glitch has been resolved. Thank you for your patience and understanding.



EXMOOR CHALLENGE

Congratulations to Team Castle who took part in the Exmoor Challenge - a gruelling 16 mile trek across Exmoor.

They did amazingly and came 4th in their category - well done, we are very proud of you all!



CLASS PHOTOS

Tempest Photography will be visiting on Tuesday 10th June to take whole class photos. Please ensure your child is wearing school uniform - if they normally have PE on a Tuesday, please send this in separately for them to change into after their photo has been taken.



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Please note there will be no after school clubs during the first week after half term. All school clubs will start week commencing 9th June.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 10th June - Whole Class Photos

Tuesday 17th June - Sports Day

Wednesday 18th June - EYFS Trip to Tiverton Canal

Thursday 19th June - Sports Day Back Up Day

Tuesday 24th June - Yr 6 Maggie Fasey Challenge

Wednesday 25th June - Year 6 Transition to THS

Thursday 26th June - Year 6 Transition to THS

Friday 27th June - Non Pupil Day

Thursday 10th July - Year 6 Leavers' Event (*more details to follow*)

Wednesday 23rd July - Year 6 Leavers' Assembly - 9.30am

Wednesday 23rd July - Last Day of Term

Term Dates for the academic year September 2025 to July 2026 can be found by visiting the school website at <https://www.castletiverton.school/term-dates/>

WILCOMBE WOBBLER

A huge WELL DONE to all the Castle children who took part in the Wilcombe Wobbler this week. None were put off by the changing weather and each child gave 100% effort in each of their races.



A special congratulations goes to Aurelia in Year 3 who won the Year 3/4 girls race.

There were four separate races across the event with the Year 3/4 races covering roughly three quarters of a mile and the Year 5/6 races covering 1 and a quarter miles.

A big thank you to Wilcombe Primary School for organising this great event each year!



SPORTS DAY - TUESDAY 17TH JUNE

Our annual sports day is due to take place on **Tuesday 17th June**.

Looking back at the successful sports days we have had in the past years, we aim to run the day in a similar way. This means that the KS2 sports will be in the morning, starting at 9.30am and running to approximately 12.00pm and the KS1 sports will be in the afternoon, starting at 1.15pm and running to approximately 3.00pm. Each Key Stage will follow the same programme, a carousel of activities where each child will compete in their class or house group, followed by the year group races.

All parents, friends and family are invited in to the school to support the children as they participate. Spectators will be allowed onto the school grounds 5 minutes before the start time.

Although some of the events may not be in fitting with a traditional sports day, there are some things we can't change which is why would we like the parents to get involved in the battle of the brave for the infamous 'Parent Race' at the end of each KS's event.

On the day children can wear their sports kit into school and we encourage all children to wear a t-shirt the colour of their house if possible. This is to promote teamwork within each team as they fight to be crowned sports day winners and it will also make it easier to locate your child during the event. Each class teacher will let each child know what house they are in if they are unsure.

Drogo –Red

Dartmoor – Green

Lydford –Yellow

Powderham – Blue

We hope the event can take place on the set date but it is dependent on the weather. If it is very warm on the day, please apply sun cream to your child and provide them with a hat and a drinks bottle. If the weather is not favourable (this includes weather we deem to be too hot), the decision will be made to postpone the event to the next suitable day (**Thursday 19th June**) and this, due to the nature of our weather, could be at short notice. Even if the KS2 event is postponed in the morning, it may be possible to go ahead with the KS1 event and vice versa so please check your texts carefully.

We will also be selling refreshments during the day for spectators and would be very grateful for some cake donations so that we can raise a bit of money too! There will also be a Summer Raffle, **so please bring along some cash**.

We are hoping for a nice sunny day and look forward to seeing you all there. Don't forget your running shoes!



Don't forget to check out our Facebook page and website for photos and news of school and class activities.

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