



Castle Cary Primary School
Castle Cary Primary School, Park Street, Castle Cary, Somerset
BA7 7EH
Email: admin.castlecary@acexcellence.co.uk
Headteacher: Sarah Martin B.Ed. (Hons)

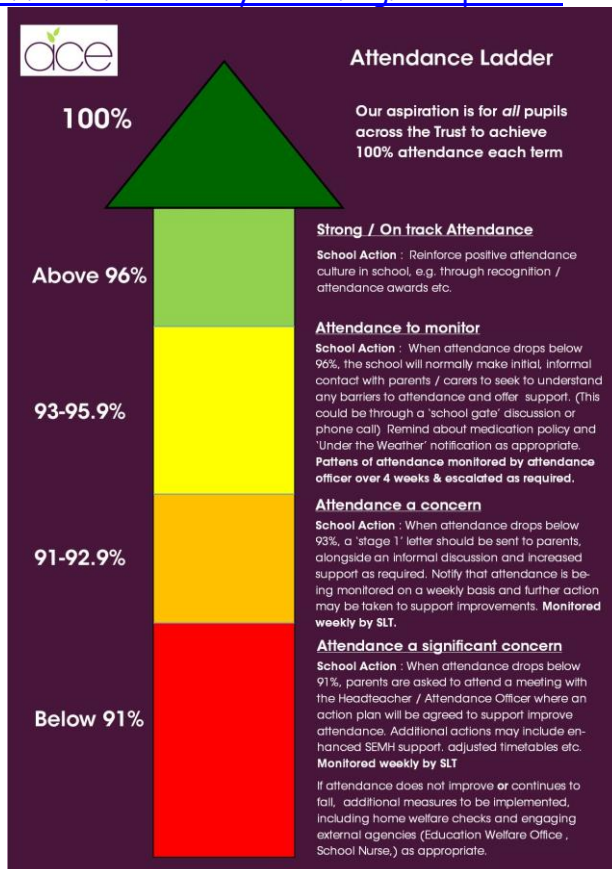
Newsletter: Autumn 4
Friday 27th September

Dear Parents,

Thank you to everyone who continue to hear their children read on a regular basis and encourage the reading of our older children. Developing a love of reading is so important and not reading at the expected levels puts children at an increased risk of experiencing unemployment and poor health as adults. Technology can provide a route into reading for reluctant less engaged readers. As we are not setting any home learning this term, we would like to see ALL children recording their reading at least 3 times a week in their reading record books and we would really appreciate your support with this. Strong reading skills have been shown to improve children's academic attainment across all subjects and it is important our children strive to be the best they can be academically.

Attendance

Our current attendance is 96.7%. However, we already have 3 children who have very low attendance (less than 91%) which is a great concern to us. We will be following up all attendance thoroughly again this year. Please can I draw your attention to the school's Attendance Policy as there have been some changes to penalty notices, which have increased <https://www.castlecaryschool.org/our-policies>



Football Tournament

A big well done to the football team who competed in a tournament at Ansford this week losing in the final 1 - 0 to Countess Gytha. The conditions were most unpleasant but each and every child did their very best in all the matches.

Changes to governance in school

There have been some changes to governance in the school starting from September 2024 but please do not worry, we still have our Governors and they still are fully committed to the school! The governors will now be known as Local Advocates and the Governing Board will now be known as the Local Advocate Board. The Local Advocate Board will continue to support the Trust Board in safeguarding, SEND and inclusion, monitoring standards and engaging with the community.

School Uniform

Thank you for ensuring that your children are wearing the correct uniform to school. Please can I remind you that we do expect all children to be in uniform and have PE kits in school. We will not be making phone calls home for PE kit or swimming kit this year and children will be supplied with PE kit if they do not have it and school jumpers.

Lockdown

We had to carry out a Lockdown drill this week and the children were absolutely brilliant! It happened at lunchtime as a member of the public had reported seeing a child from our school in the street without an adult during the school day. We sent all children back to class and registered them. As it was, it turned out to be a child returning from an appointment and hiding from their Mum but it showed for us the importance of having a good lockdown drill so we could check we had all the children safely in school (which we did!!)

PTFA

The PTFA held their AGM this week, thank you to all that attended. They have lots of events planned for the year!

Ways you can support the PTFA and your children:

1. Join the school lottery. Tickets cost just £1 per week and there is a weekly cash prize as well as a monthly draw with a bigger prize. Please register at www.yourschoollottery.co.uk to play and support the school. For every ticket purchased 74.2% comes back to the school! A great way to support the PTFA with little effort!
2. Shop using Easy Fundraising. You can register with Easy Fundraising and earn money for the school as you shop. There are 7000 brands who donate to the school every time you shop. You simply need to register then start to shop from the Easy fundraiser site or app and that then turns into a donation for the school. www.easyfundraiser.org.uk

Colour Run

The next PTFA fundraising event is on Monday 30th September and it is the first Colour Run the school has held. We will make a decision on the event going ahead on Monday morning and if it does, please do come and watch from 2:30pm. Please remember to send your child with old shoes, old clothes and a white T-shirt! The children will be able to go home straight after the event! If your child is attending an after school club or the Hive we will get them changed back into their PE kits/ school uniform! Only those children who have paid in advance will be taking part. All other children will be allowed to watch.

EYFS

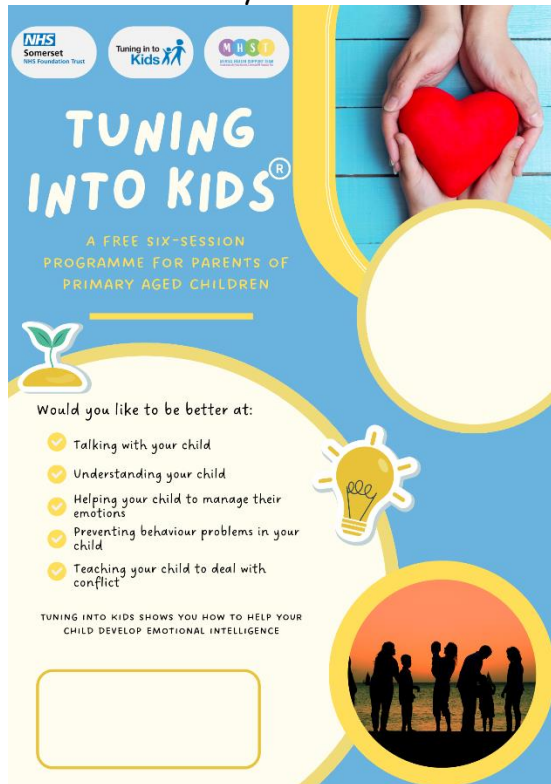
There are going to be developments happening with the outdoor area of Starfish class and we are looking for 3 or 4 volunteers to paint the tyres in that area. If you are willing to help us, please speak to Miss Butt in the school office 😊

Reading and phonics workshop

Mrs Whitehead would like to invite Starfish parents to a Reading and Phonics workshop on Wednesday 9th October either at 9:00am or at 2:50pm. The purpose of the workshop is to explain how we are teaching phonics and reading to your children and how you can support them at home. This will be the first of a number of sessions that Mrs Whitehead will run over the year. You do not need to sign up for it, just drop in at one of the sessions (there will be tea/ coffee and biscuits too!!!)

Tuning into Kids

We still have spaces available on our 6 week Tuning into Kids course which starts on 1st October at 1:15pm until 3:15pm. This is a great course to complete and really supportive! Please let the office know if you would like to book a space.



Mental Health Support



Calling all Parents & Carers!

The MHST (Mental Health Support Team) are offering a series of free helpful webinars this Autumn.

- Supporting your child's mental health & wellbeing
- Supporting your child's big feelings
- Understanding & supporting anxiety & low mood

Find out more & register here: <https://bit.ly/mhstwebinars2024>

Things happening in our community

MINI ATHLETICS Winning the gold medal for children's sports classes

We take what children love to do the most (running super fast, jumping high and throwing far) and mix it with imaginative themes, learning to follow instructions, making friends, developing skills and burning energy!

Teeny Athletes Walking - 2 Years

Didee Athletes 2 - 3½ Years

Little Athletes 3½ - 5 Years

Mini Athletes 5 - 7 Years

Your local weekly classes:

Wincanton
Saturday mornings
Contact: **Nicola Small**
E: nsmall@miniathletics.com T: 07917 044468

www.miniathletics.com

Tasters Available

GET INTO NETBALL

CAMPS

WED 30TH OCTOBER

9am - 3pm | £30 per child
Early drop off & late pick up available
Sexey's Sports Hall
Cole Rd, Bruton, BA10 0DF
BOOK NOW - 07841 136844
getintonetballcamps@gmail.com
* Limited spaces available *

AGES 6 - 11

ALL ABILITIES WELCOME, FUN & INCLUSIVE

Key dates for your diary

- 30.9.24 PTFA Colour Run
- 30.9.24 No YTFC club
- 1.10.24 Tuning into Kids 1:30pm
- 7.10 .24 Open Day - new parents September 2025
- 8.10.24 Individual and Family Photos
- 8.10.24 Tuning into Kids 1:30pm
- 9.10.24 Year 5/6 Basketball tournament at Ansford
- 15.10.24 Year 2 Multi sports Festival at Ansford
- 15.10.24 Tuning into Kids 1:30pm
- 15.10.24 PTFA Disco
- 22.10.24 Tuning into Kids 1:30pm
- 22.10.24 Parents Evening
- 23.10.24 Parents Evening
- 24.10.24 School closes
- 25.10.24 INSET



Starfish - Isabelle Wigham
Sea Otter - Constance Silvester
Turtle - Harry Prill
Dolphin - Amelie South
Octopus - Eva Whitehead
Swordfish - Oakley Messenger
Jellyfish - Reuben Wenglorz
Head teacher's award - Dawson Pepler

Sarah Martin

Please remember to use this notification if your child is feeling under the weather when you bring them to school so we can keep an eye on them!

