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Dear Parents,
Staffing

I am pleased to tell you that Miss Jessica Bartlett and Mr Ben Prosser will be joining the teaching team in January 2025. Miss Bartlett will be teaching Dolphin class and Mr Prosser will be teaching Jellyfish class. Both are experienced teachers. They will be coming in during December to meet their classes and the current teachers. We are looking forward to welcoming them to the Cary family.

Dolphin class and South Cary Care home

What a wonderful morning Dolphin class had on Thursday! Residents for South Cary House came to visit the children with lovely thank you letters and bracelets following their learning experience earlier this term. It was fabulous to see the generations laughing and smiling together. We will be working with South Cary House on different projects in the new year.

Jellyfish class F1 cars

Thank you to all the parents who came in to see Jellyfish class and their F1 cars this morning. What a great way to learn about forces! It has been really lovely following them in this learning experience and seeing how much they have enjoyed it.

PTFA Coffee Morning

The PTFA and Hive coffee morning will be next Saturday at the Market House. There will be tea, coffee, cakes and bacon rolls. Please do pop down to support them and please can any donations of cakes for the coffee morning be dropped into school on Friday. Thank you 😊

Clubs

Thank you for your responses to clubs. Payments are now available on ParentMail and will need to be completed by 2nd December. Any places not paid for after this time will be offered to children on the waiting lists.

Swordfish class will be swimming in the Spring term for 10 weeks and payment is available for this now. Payments need to be made by 10th January. Payments can be made in 2 instalments.

Wellies

Thank you to everyone who has sent wellies into school this week - it has been great to use the field for those children. Please can I ask that if your child does not already have wellies in school, they are sent in with some next week so we can have the field in use for more children.

Sea Otter and Turtle Learning exhibition

Year 1 and 2 parents (Turtle and Sea Otter class) are invited to our end of learning experience exhibit to share and celebrate your child's learning this term. This will take place on Wednesday 18th December 3:30 - 4:00. Mrs Crosby and Mrs Hemmett look forward to seeing you!

Collections

£197.70 was raised last Friday for Children in Need by the children and £151.70 was donated to the Poppy Appeal. Thank you for supporting these causes.

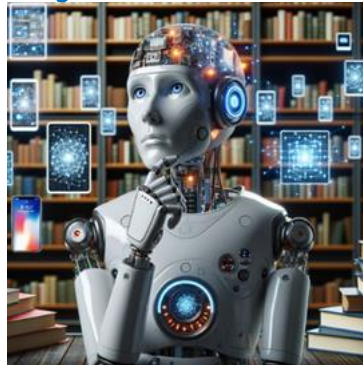
The Hive

If your child attends the Hive and they no longer need a space, please let the office know as we have a waiting list for every session, morning and evening. It is not fair to

sit on spaces if you are not using them. Please can we also remind you that payments need to be made at the end of each month otherwise the place will not be available the following month.

There has been some interest in Breakfast provision for Friday mornings after Christmas. If this would interest you, please let Miss Butt know in the office.

[Parents' Guide to Artificial Intelligence](#)



You might have heard about Artificial Intelligence, but we know that Computers can't think. So, what exactly is AI, and how does it affect your family? Whether it's helping with homework, creating art, or answering questions, generative AI may already be a part of your children's lives. Common Sense Media have produced this new guide, which helps parents and carers understand generative AI and make good choices for their families.

It covers key information, such as:

What is Generative AI?

Uses and Examples

Good and Bad Points

Advice for Parents

Future of Generative AI

Read the full guide at: <https://www.common sense media.org/articles/parents-ultimate-guide-to-generative-ai>

[Attendance](#)

We have increasing numbers of children being late for school which is not acceptable. Children need to be in school for the register at 9:00am and they need to be collected at 3:20pm. We will no longer be allowing early pickups unless it is for exceptional circumstances.

10 tips to help you and your child get ready for school each day

1. Help your child get their school bag ready the night before and leave it with their shoes.

2. Make sure uniforms are washed and out ready to put on especially after the holidays or the weekend.

3. Make sure your child is in bed early on school evenings

4. Set your family alarm clock to allow plenty of time to get ready for school and eat breakfast each morning.

Doors open at 8:50am and the register is taken at 9:00am

5. Punctuality is important—allow enough time to walk to school each morning.

6. Make an appointment with your child's teacher or Mrs. Martin if you have any worries or concerns about your child's learning, health or any changes to your family circumstances.

**MISS SCHOOL.
MISS OUT.**

7. Talk to your child about what they do at school each day.

Christmas Holiday Club

Christmas Holidays - Inspired Camps Castle Cary

30th, 31st December & - 2nd, 3rd January

- Castle Cary Primary School
- Active Camps (Multi-sports)

Medals for all

Presentation ceremony on the final day

£20 Per day

10% Whole week discount

15% Sibling discount

Inspired Schools
01278 550945
hello@inspiredschools.co.uk
inspiredschools.co.uk/parents

<https://inspiredschools.schoolgap.co.uk/>

Happy Healthy Holidays FREE Places

Bookable on 18th November

Register for our community now

Limited free places available for children on benefit related free school meals

For paid places

SCAN ME

Things happening in our community

Messy Church will be taking place on Saturday 30th November at 3:30pm. The theme will be "Looking forward to Christmas"

ANSFORD ACADEMY'S

DESIGN A CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

TO ENTER PLEASE SEND AN A4 DESIGN USING ANY MATERIALS YOU WISH.

WRITE YOUR NAME, YEAR GROUP AND SCHOOL ON THE BACK AND SEND TO :

MRS REDDICK
ANSFORD ACADEMY
MACCS LANE
CASTLE CARY BA7 7JJ

DEADLINE FRIDAY 29TH NOVEMBER!

LOT OF PRIZES TO BE WON

Key dates for your diary

25.11.24 Assessment week

26.11.24 Year 5 Dance Festival at Ansford

29.11.24 Cricket

30.11.24 PTFA Coffee Morning at the Market House

4.12.24 Cross Country at Ansford

6.12.24 Cricket
6.12.24 Mufti Day - PTFA Christmas hampers
12.12.24 Cary's Christmas
13.12.24 Final cricket (and cricket club)
13.12.24 PTFA Hamper draw
17.12.24 Starfish Nativity 2pm
18.12.24 Memory Café
18.12.24 Christmas Lunch/ Christmas jumper day
18.12.24 Sea Otter and Turtle exhibition
20.12.24 Carol Service 2pm
20.12.24 School Closes
6.1.25 INSET



Starfish - Lily Clarke
Sea Otter - Harvey Wells
Turtle - Elsie Whitehead
Dolphin - Rhubeus Touzel
Octopus - Raia Archer
Swordfish - Leo Lock
Jellyfish - Flo Boon
Head teacher's award - Eliana - Mae Duke

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!

