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Dear Parents,

What a busy term we have had! Thank you all for your support during 2024 - we hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and we look forward to seeing all the children in 2025!



[A message from the staff](#)

Thank you for all the kind cards and gifts sent to staff this week. They are very much appreciated.

Mr Hillier and Mrs Lukins leave us today and they would like to thank you all for the kind gifts and words sent to them. They will both be very much missed here at the school and we wish them the very best for the future!

[Singing in the Community](#)

It has been lovely this week to visit the residential care homes and the Memory Café with the children to sing carols. As always, the children were a credit to themselves and the school and all the residents thoroughly enjoyed joining in!

[Starfish Nativity](#)

A wonderful Wriggly Nativity was performed on Tuesday by Starfish class in the church. Thank you to everyone who came to watch and supported the children learning their songs. The children all did fabulously well and as always magical memories were made.

[Christmas Lunch](#)

What a great time we had on Christmas lunch day! Thank you to Piskula our caterers for providing a great meal (the deserts were a particular success!). The day was finished off with a visit from Santa with gifts for every child - he was certainly made to feel very welcome by the children!

[PTFA](#)

Thank you to the PTFA for organising the Christmas Hamper raffle and to yourselves for the donations and the buying of the tickets. The raffle raised a fabulous £624.00 which means we are so much closer to the new climbing frame that the PTFA are fund raising for 😊

[TINK - Tuning into Kids - Emotion Coaching](#)

A six-session parenting course for parents of children aged 3-12 years
Would you like to learn ways to support your child's communication?

- explore different ways to talk with your child

- learn ways to connect with your child
- help your child learn to manage and understand their emotions
- help to tune into your child's behaviour
- teach your child to navigate their way through childhood

Tuning in to Kids® shows you how to help your child develop *emotional intelligence*.

Children with higher emotional intelligence:

- have greater success with making and keeping friends
- have better concentration at school
- are more able to calm down when upset or angry
- tend to have fewer childhood illnesses

The course will be delivered with an informal, relaxed approach where parents have opportunities to explore new ways to support their children's emotions within a small group. There will be refreshments on offer and Maxine and Kelly will offer a friendly face each week as you learn more about emotion coaching together.

If you would like to find out more or register for a place, please email admin.castlecary@acexcellence.co.uk or come into Castle Cary Primary School.

Where: The Market House, Market Place, Castle Cary BA7 7AH

When: Monday 20th January 2025 for six weeks with a break during half term

[Attendance letters](#)

Attendance letters have been sent out this week. If your child's attendance is over 94% you will not have received a letter this time and will not receive them going forward. We are continuing to take attendance very seriously and follow all government guidelines on this issue.

[Key dates for your diary](#)

6.1.25 INSET

7.1.25 School Opens

16.1.25 Year 4 Residential meeting 3:20pm

22.1.25 5/6 Tag Rugby at Ansford

29.1.25 Year 6 Sat meeting at 3:20pm

31.1.25 Bake off competition

13.2.25 PTFA Valentine's Disco

14.2.25 School closes 24.2.25 School opens

4.3.25 PTFA meeting 7:30pm

5.3.25 5/6 Hockey at Ansford

26.3.25 5/6 Netball at Ansford

31.3.25 Bikeability

1.4.25 Bikeability

3.4.25 Easter Bingo

4.4.25 Year 1/2 Easter performance

4.4.25 Easter Bonnet Parade

4.4.25 KS2 Easter Buggy Race

4.4.25 School closes

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