



Castle Park Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Friday 3rd October 2025

What's been happening?

A huge congratulations to our STEM winners who received very exciting prizes, sponsored by Pfizer, for their vaccine inventions. The children won a hand held microscope and special NYC pen! Huge thanks again to parent Mike Lamb who has contributed so much to our children's excitement for STEM learning.



Reminders

Remember to ensure children are looking their best for school photos on Wednesday!

Need to Know

We have updated our attendance policy to be in line with our cluster schools and other Monmouthshire schools. There are some important changes to be aware of.

Holidays in term time are discouraged. Every moment in school counts and is important for your child.

If you are booking a holiday:

Before booking your holiday you must complete a form (please email cas.primary@monmouthshire.gov.uk and you will be sent one). It's important that you state the reason you are requesting a holiday.

School will consider holiday requests on an individual basis. The form will be returned with you within 5 school days stating whether the holiday will be authorised or unauthorised. You are then able to make an informed decision as to whether to proceed with the holiday or not.

Holidays will not be authorised unless there are special circumstances that warrant it.

Friends of Castle Park

The Friends of Castle Park had a very successful AGM on Thursday. Thankyou to everyone who came, it was nice to welcome some new faces onto our committee.

We are looking forward to working with the school to get some forest school storage and equipment.

Our events calendar is looking healthy. We are already thinking about our Xmas Fete and gift shop.

Our current project is Xmas Card designs. Please return your children's artwork by Friday 10th October if you'd like to participate. Spare sheets are available from the office.



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Dates to remember

Wednesday 8th October – Individual school Photographs

Wednesday 8th October - Y2 start Kerbcraft (and every Wednesday after that until further notice)

Wednesday 8th October - Y6 to Caldicot Comp for author visit

Wednesday 15th October - Reception Class Rhyme Challenge Parent Event

Thursday 16th October at 4pm - Open day for prospective Reception parents

Friday 17th October - Cross Country event at leisure centre (parents of children attending will be contacted)

Friday 17th October at 10am - Open day for prospective Reception parents

Friday 17th October - drop in coffee afternoon with school leaders 2.30 - 3.30 in the Cwtsh

Wednesday 22nd October – Oak Class (Y6) Round Robins Football and Netball tournament at Caldicot Comp

Tuesday 21st October – Hazel Class Parent/Teacher Meetings

Wednesday 22nd October – Parent/Teacher meetings

Thursday 23rd October – Parent/Teacher meetings (not Hazel class)