



# We are Castleway.

Be kind. Be confident. Be your best.



Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Dear Families,

We can hear the summer holidays calling but there's still so much going on at Castleway. This week alone we've had a visit from Miss Dalby's new puppy, a violin concert and transition day too! As always, here's your Friday Update packed full of news, celebrations and updates. Here we go for the antepenultimate Friday Update of this academic year...

## Transition Day 2024

The children had a wonderful day at Castleway on Wednesday, meeting their new teachers and spending time in their new classrooms. One of our Transition Day activities was to create our very own wooden people to represent everyone in our school! Next year these 'Little People with Big Dreams' will make a wonderfully diverse display of Team Castleway!



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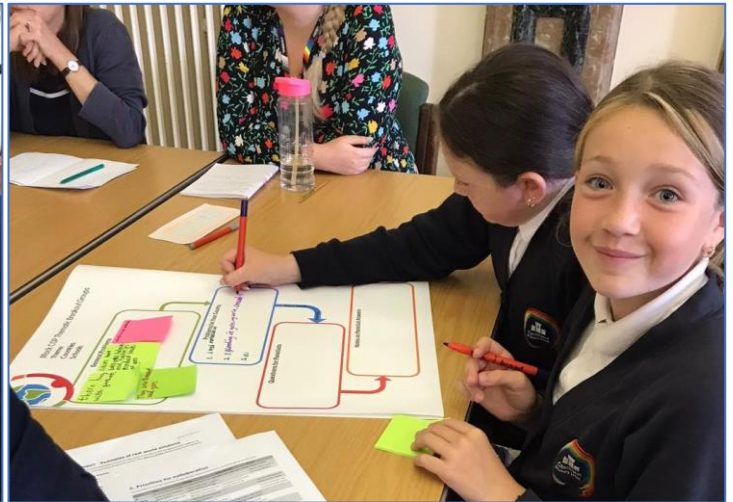
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### Year 5 Climate Change Ambassadors

We're very proud of our Year 5 representatives for taking part in the #COP29 event at Birkenhead Town Hall on Wednesday. Our Climate Ambassadors spent the day learning about Climate Change alongside pupils from other schools and invited guests. We were so proud of our children's maturity and how well they represented our school.



### Blue Tuesday

Our #BlueTuesday uniform and kitchen cupboard essentials sale was a huge success this week. We loved the positive feedback from our families and we love that we were able to help in this way. We only got one photo (which isn't like us) so that shows how busy our stalls were! It was lovely to see members of the community who aren't Castleway families too! That's what we're all about. **Due to popular demand, we'll be doing it all again this coming Tuesday!**



### Year 3 & 4 Violin Concert

Years 3 and 4 loved welcoming their families to enjoy their violin concert yesterday morning. It was amazing to see the progress they have made in their violin sessions this year and we were very impressed with their confidence and talent in their performance!



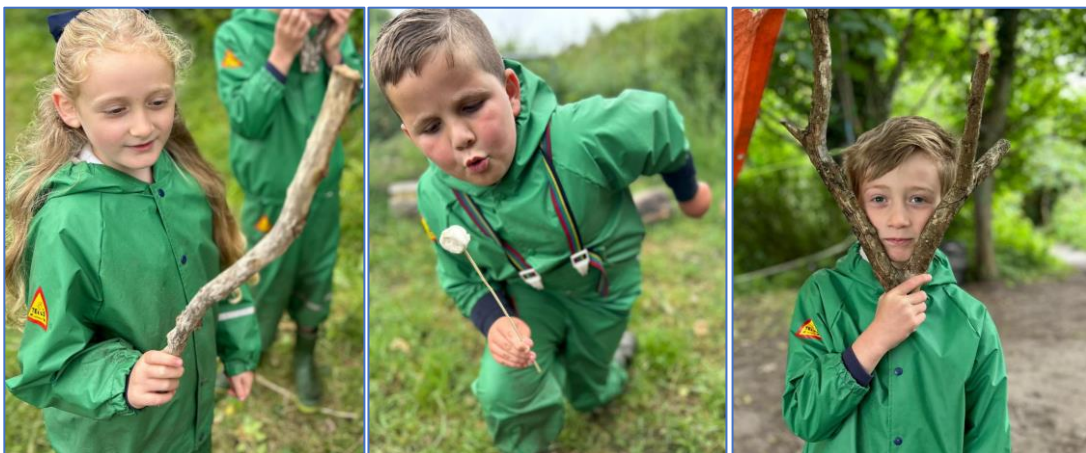
### Nice to meet you, Jessie!

Miss Dalby brought a very special visitor to school earlier this week. Once Mrs. Raine let Jessie out of the office, she was able to pop in to Year 1! I'm sure you'll agree that Jessie is adorable and she'll always be welcome to pop back in to visit.



### What's brown and sticky? A stick!

It's been all about sticks this week in Forest School. The children were challenged to find a stick and spot something unusual about it which they could then use to identify it. They were asked not to lose their stick for the whole session, and rewarded with marshmallows for successfully looking after their stick.

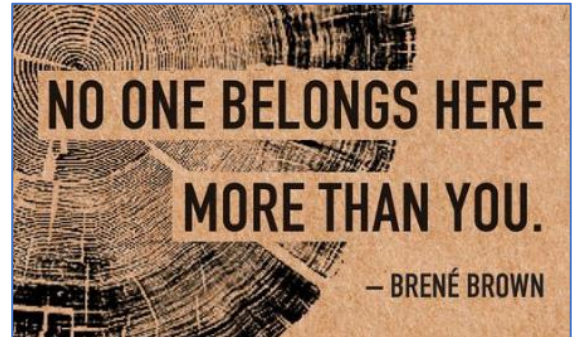


## **Uniform Policy**

Following feedback from families (and from the absolute bargains we had on sale at our #BlueTuesday event), we've made some changes to our [Uniform Policy](#) in a bid to keep our uniform accessible and affordable for families.

Uniform for 2024/25 is as follows:

- White polo shirt (school logo is optional)
- Navy blue sweatshirt or cardigan (school logo is optional)
- Black, charcoal grey trousers or navy blue, skirt or pinafore
- Black waterproof shoes or plain black trainers
- (Velcro fasteners are preferred for children in F2 and Y1)
- Black, navy, white or grey tights
- Black, navy, grey or white socks



Or agreed PE kit is as follows:

- Plain white round neck t-shirt (logo optional)
- Plain black or navy blue zipped hooded top **or their usual school jumper or cardigan.**
- Plain black or navy jogging bottoms
- Suitable trainers for school sport (these can be your child's usual trainers, there is no expectation for parents to buy an additional pair of trainers for school sport)

More information about why uniform is important to us at Castleway is below.

### **Why do we wear school uniform?**

During the last three years, we have worked very hard on our school identity and the feeling of belonging at Castleway. Our insistence on school uniform is a small, but important, part of who we are. Our school identity is one reason for why we ask our families to adhere to our affordable and accessible uniform policy but there are other reasons too.

- **Equality and Inclusivity**

When everyone is wearing the same clothing, it eliminates the pressure on families for children to wear expensive and trendy clothing to fit in with their peers. This promotes a sense of community and inclusivity, as everyone is part of the same team.

- **Improved Academic Performance**

Studies have shown that school uniforms can lead to improved academic performance. When children are dressed in the same clothing, it reduces the pressure to conform to fashion trends and can help them focus on their learning. It can also improve their sense of belonging and create a more positive school environment. This is definitely what we have seen at Castleway since my arrival in April 2021.

- **Time and Money Savings**

School uniforms can also save families time and money. Instead of spending time each morning trying to decide what to wear, students can simply put on their uniforms and be ready for school. Additionally, uniforms are less expensive than trendy clothing, and they can often be purchased in bulk or handed down from older siblings. We have worked hard on our uniform policy, including the recent changes, to ensure it is affordable and accessible.

Please don't forget that we are here to help with regards to school uniform. If you need any help or support, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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### Primary School Sports Day

At Castleway, Sports Day is a whole day of sporting and physical activity fun and games. This morning, Years 1 – 6 took part in our annual 'School Sports Showcase' where they get to apply the skills that they have been mastering over the year. This afternoon saw us all take part in our 'traditional' sports day with all of the races and activities we remember from back in the day! Thank you to all who could join us this afternoon and an even bigger thanks to those who took part in the grown-up races too... you're braver than I am! Early Years Sports Day is next week (10/07/24).



### Young Gentlemen Project

Yesterday our Year 5 boys marked the completion of the Young Gentleman's Project with a presentation and celebration for their families. It was wonderful to hear the impact this project has had on their confidence and how it and has encouraged them each week how to embody our school motto: Be kind. Be confident. Be your best. Thank you to everyone who could join us to celebrate our children being awarded their 'gentlemen's tie'.



## Year 2's Curriculum Celebration Afternoon

A big thank you to everyone who made it to Year 2's Curriculum Celebration Afternoon yesterday! There was lots of enthusiasm during the quiz, and the children loved sharing all the things they've learned this year with their families and friends. We love that our families are so involved with all aspects of life at Castleway.



Details of the remaining Curriculum Celebration Afternoons can be found below:

- Reception Class (F2) – 08/07/24 – 2:30pm
- Year 1 – 09/07/24 – 2:30pm
- Year 3 – 15/07/24 – 2:30pm
- Year 4 – 10/07/24 – 2:30pm
- Year 5 – 12/07/24 – 2:30pm
- Year 6 – 16/07/24 – 2:30pm

## Come Dine with Year 5

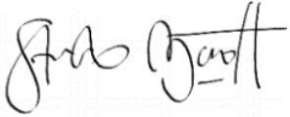
We loved welcoming our Year 5 families to 'Come Dine with Us' today! Huge thanks to all who could join us for the Year 5's final 'Come Dine' before they start Year 6! Special thanks, as always, to our wonderful kitchen team for another delicious meal!



It has been yet another fabulous week at Castleway! There have been so many opportunities for our families to be involved in school life this week and, as this is Castleway, there are even more still to come. The dates for your diary for the final two weeks of term are on the next page.

Thank you, as always, for your continued help and support.

Kind regards,



Mr. S. Mycroft  
Headteacher



## Dates for your Diary

We've added a colour code to help you differentiate between year groups. There's a plain version on the next page.

Nursery School	Reception	EYFS (Nursery & Reception)	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Primary School	Everyone!
When?	What?									Who?
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09/07/24	New Reception Class – Family Lunch – 1:30pm – <a href="#">Book Here</a>									New Reception Class families
09/07/24	Year 1 Curriculum Celebration Afternoon – 2:30pm									Year 1 families
09/07/24	Year 2 Residential Visit									Year 2 children
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10/07/24	Year 4 Curriculum Celebration Afternoon – 2:30pm									Year 4 families
11/07/24	Rocksteady Concert for Families – 10:00am									Rocksteady families
12/07/24	Year 5 Curriculum Celebration Afternoon – 2:30pm									Year 5 families
12/07/24	Year 6 Annual Sleepover – Return to School at 7:00pm									Year 6 children
12/07/24	Annual Reports out to Parents									All children
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16/07/24	Year 6 Curriculum Celebration Afternoon – 2:30pm									Year 6 families
17/07/24	Year 6 Leavers' Disco – 5:30pm									Year 6 children
18/07/24	Come Dine with Year 6 – One Last Dine! 11:30am									Year 6 families
19/07/24	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly – 9:30am									Year 6 children and families
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And for those who prefer the plain version...

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