



We are Castleway.

Be kind. Be confident. Be your best.



Friday, 15th November 2024

Dear Families,

We're already at the end of another wonderful Castleway week. Once again there has been so much to celebrate at the Castle! Earlier this week, I shared a letter giving details of all the upcoming festive events at Castleway. We are looking at our busiest Christmas period yet and I know our children and families are going to love it. If you missed the letter, [you can find it here](#).

Anyway, on with the celebrations. Here's your Friday Update...

The Castle Way...

One of the many things that makes Castleway special is the fact that we embrace and encourage individuality and authenticity at all levels. Why follow the trends when you can set them? When we say we live by our motto, we mean it. Be kind. Be confident. Be your best. That's what we say, that's what we do because That's the Castle Way.



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Year 2 and their ticket to ride!

Year 2 had a wonderful visit to The Beatles Museum this week. From travelling by train, navigating Liverpool's underground train station system and making memories at The Albert Dock, they really did us proud. Learning, laughter and making memories with friends, that really is The Castle Way.



Non-Uniform Day for Children in Need

We love how our community always comes together for a good cause. We've loved seeing the variety of outfits today to celebrate Children in Need day. Thank you for your continued help and support, it really does make all the difference!



Come Dine with Year 5

We've been inviting families to #ComeDineWithUs for over 3 years now and it's always something that we all look forward to at Castleway! This week we opened the doors to welcome our Year 5 families. Huge thanks to everyone who could join us and even bigger thanks, as always, to our fabulous kitchen team for another delicious meal!



KS2 Author Visit – Martyn Harvey

We're thrilled to share that the brilliant author, [Martyn Harvey](#), will be joining us next week! He'll be sharing some of his stories with Years 3 - 6 before joining our Reading Café with Years 4 & 5 and their families. Martyn will be holding a special book signing after school too if you'd like to buy copies of his books!

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19TH NOVEMBER

AUTHOR VISIT & BOOK SIGNING EVENT

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Forest School

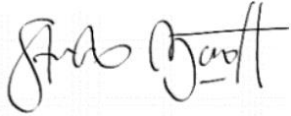
One of our Forest School groups had great fun exploring bubbles this week. They made bubble solution and used wands made from sticks to produce lots of bubbles. Taking big calming breaths and using different facial muscles to blow the bubbles was lots of fun!



Again, this is just a snapshot of what's happened at Castleway this week. We're always looking forward to what coming next at Castleway so I've copied the dates that were shared on our recent update on the next few pages for you.

I hope you all have the best weekend and we'll see you all, safe and well, on Monday at the usual times.

Kind regards,



Mr. S. Mycroft
Headteacher



I can do things you
cannot, you can do things
I cannot; together we
can do great things.

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What's coming up this half term?

Books at Bedtime – Nursery School, F2 & Years 1 & 2

Our annual tradition for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 is back and this time Nursery children are invited too! Books at Bedtime has proved to be a hit each year and we know it'll be even bigger and better this year. 'Save the date' for Tuesday 26th November at 5pm. There'll be brews for adults in the hall while our children enjoy some reading fun!

- **Nursery, Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 – Tuesday 26th November at 5pm**

Christmas Markets & Grotto – Community Event!

Please remember that we're holding our first 'Christmas Markets' event this year. We'll also be inviting a very special guest to our Castleway Grotto! **Our whole community are invited to join us from 3:25pm on Monday 2nd December.** All guests will receive a token for you to redeem a free hot chocolate from our elves! We hope to see you there.

Key Stage 2 Christmas Concert – Years 3 - 6

Families of children in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 are invited to join us for a festive sing song on **Friday 6th December at 9:30am or 2:30pm.** Whilst there will be no charge for this, we will be asking families to book their seat via School Spider.

Songs Around the Christmas Tree – Nursery School & F2

Families of children in Early Years (Nursery School and F2) are invited to join us on **Wednesday 11th December at 9:30am or 2:30pm.** Whilst there will be no charge for this, we will be asking families to book their seat via School Spider.

Christmas Jumper Day – 12/12/24

Christmas Jumper Day is taking place on Thursday 12th December. If you have any unwanted Christmas Jumpers for our 'swap shop' please send them in to school to be shared within our school community. We will not charge families for your donated jumpers.

Christmas Fayre – Whole Community Event – 12/12/24

Our annual Christmas Fayre is back again. We're inviting all of our community to join us on **Thursday 12th December from 3:25pm.** This is an event that has grown year on year and we always ensure that there are bargains for our community too! We hope to see you all there.

Year 3 Violin Concert – 12/12/24

Our Year 3 children are inviting their families to join us for a festive showcase of the skills they've been learning in their weekly violin tuition. We look forward to seeing you on **Thursday 12th December at 9:30am.**

Birkenhead Lions Community Parade – Starting at Castleway – 16/12/24 from 4:30pm

After the huge success of last year, we're delighted that Birkenhead Lions will be starting their Christmas Parade at Castleway. Join us on **Monday, 16th December from 4:30pm** for a free hot chocolate, some festive cheer and get to see Father Christmas himself before he heads out around the estate. We loved to see so many families at this event last year and hope to see even more this year!

Christmas Nativity – Years 1 & 2 – Friday 13th December

This year, our Year 1 & 2 children will be taking charge of the Christmas Nativity. We're inviting families in to enjoy their performance on **Friday 13th December at 9:30am or 1:30pm.** Whilst there will be no charge for this, we will be asking families to book their seat via School Spider.



Christmas CastleTots – Tuesday 17th December from 9:30am

Our weekly Parent and Toddler Session will feel particularly festive and will have a very special visitor! We're inviting all of our community and their youngest children to join us for a very special CastleTots session. We ho, ho hope to see you there!

Breakfast with Santa – 16 – 20th December

This year, we're welcoming Father Christmas back to Castleway and he's excited to meet you all for Breakfast. All Castleway children free with their paying adult. Booking will be open via School Spider soon.

- **Monday 16th December from 9:15am.**
- **Wednesday 18th December from 9:15am.**
- **Thursday 19th December from 9:15am.**
- **Friday 20th December from 9:15am.**

Winter Fun Day – Early Years Children – Tuesday 17th December

Children in Nursery School and F2 are invited to join us for a **Winter Fun Day on Tuesday 17th December**. They'll have their own non-uniform day and a day full of winter themed fun.

Disco Time for Years 1 – 6! Afternoon of Tuesday 17th December

We're looking forward to our Winter Discos on the afternoon of **Tuesday 17th December**. Children in all classes can bring their party clothes to change in to before we dance the afternoon away!

Christmas Dinner Day with a Very Special Guest – Wednesday 18th December

We're inviting all children to join us for our **annual festive feast on Wednesday 18th December**. You may be able to guess who but we're going to be joined, once again, by a very special guest! All children will get the chance to see our special guest if they're here for Christmas Dinner day! If you usually pay for your child's lunches, please book your festive feast via School Spider.

Whole School Party Day – Friday 20th December

There ain't no party like a Castleway party! We're inviting all children to join us for our **Christmas party day on Friday 20th December**. The day will be full of festive fun and games and is a non-uniform day for all children and staff!

Finish for Christmas: Friday 20th December 2024 at the usual times

Back to School: Monday 6th January 2025 at the usual times

