



# We are Castleway.

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Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Dear Families,

December at Castleway really is a special time! Our children walked in to school on Monday to see that the CastleElves had worked their magic! There is so much planned for this magical month, please make sure that all children are in school each and every CastleDay to make sure that they don't miss out! Here's your fabulously festive Friday Update full of the usual news, celebrations and updates. Remember to check the 'dates for your diary' section to check you don't miss out! Here we go...

## Christmas Tree Decorating Assembly

Our special assembly on the first school day in December is now an annual tradition at Castleway and it's something we all really look forward to. Every child makes their own Christmas decoration and it means that our Christmas Trees are personal and are different every year. For the 4<sup>th</sup> year in a row now, hot chocolate was enjoyed, Christmas songs were sung and our trees look fabulous!



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## Castleway's Christmas Markets & Grotto

We loved welcoming our whole community to our first ever Christmas Markets after school on Monday! Thank you to our brilliant stall holders and thanks to everyone who could join us. Also, we loved having Father Christmas visit us too. We know that everyone who was lucky enough to visit him in his grotto had the best time!



**Year 1 – From Leasowe to Liverpool!**

Our Year 1 children had the best day in Liverpool this week as part of their learning about toys. They travelled by train and then spent the day in Liverpool! As always, we were so proud of our children for their brilliant attitudes to learning and their exemplary behaviour. Brilliant!



### Castleway's Christmas Helping Hand

We're delighted to be in a position to offer our #CastlewayHelpingHand to our families this festive season. If you think you'd benefit from a bag of fresh fruit and veg just before the Christmas Break, please fill in the form on School Spider. If you know someone who you think could use one, just let us know! Bags will be ready to collect from 3pm on 19th December.



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### **Book Advent Calendar**

Another one of our Christmas traditions is our 'Book Advent Calendar'. Each day, our Captains deliver some Christmas cheer to our classes in the shape of 'book post'. We've loved seeing our love of reading enhanced by these wonderful festive books!



### **Christmas Community Champion**

It's back again for 2024! Help us celebrate the champions in our community. Is there someone who you know who goes over and above for our community each and every day? Is there someone who is an absolute 'unsung hero' who you'd like to sing about? [Share their details via this google form](#) and let us celebrate them for you!



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Be a light in the darkness. It's okay to fall over. Bring joy to those around you. You don't need permission to sparkle and shine bright. Remember that it's okay to be a little tilted too!



**Christmas Fayre – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December**

After the success of our first ever Christmas Markets this week, remember that everyone is invited to our Christmas Fayre on Thursday 12th December straight after school. We are looking forward to seeing you all there from 3:25pm.



**St. Chad's Tots – Every Thursday from 9:30am**

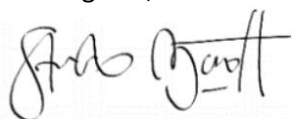
Calling all parents and toddlers! St. Chad's Tots is up and running adding even further to the local offer for our youngest children! We now have CastleTots each Tuesday and **St. Chad's Tots** each Thursday from 9:30am, how fantastic!



The poster features a colorful illustration of a train with a blue engine and a pink carriage, carrying three alphabet blocks labeled 'A', 'B', and 'C'. Below the illustration, the text 'ST CHAD'S TOTS' is written in a playful, multi-colored font. A large pink arrow-shaped banner points to the right, containing the text 'Every Thursday', '9.30 - 11am', and '£1 Donation'. At the bottom left, a teal arrow-shaped banner points to the right, containing the text 'St Chad's Church Hall', 'Twickenham Drive', and 'CH46 IRW'. On the bottom right, there is a circular logo with a white cross on a black background, with the text 'St Chad's Church Leasowe' next to it.

It's been the best start to the festive season at Castleway and as always, there's more to come! Our remaining Christmas events and activities are detailed on the next pages for you. Have a lovely weekend and I'll see you on Monday!

Kind regards,



Mr. S. Mycroft  
Headteacher



**We are feeling festive. We are Castleway.**

**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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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, 16<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Carols at St. Chad's – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December from 1:30pm**

Families are invited to join us at St. Chad's on Monday afternoon to enjoy some festive songs! Families wishing to join us should meet us at the Church. At the end of the service, all children will need to be returned to school, for safeguarding reasons families will not be able to collect from the church. We're excited to be back in St. Chad's at Christmas!

**Christmas CastleTots – Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> 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 – 20<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> December from 9:15am.**
- **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December from 9:15am.**
- **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December from 9:15am.**
- **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December from 9:15am.**





**Winter Fun Day – Early Years Children – Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

Children in Nursery School and F2 are invited to join us for a **Winter Fun Day on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December**. They'll have their own non-uniform day and a day full of winter themed fun. As usual for our 'fun days' in EYFS, this is a children only event.

**Disco Time for Years 1 – 6! Afternoon of Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

We're looking forward to our Winter Discos on the afternoon of **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> December**

We're inviting all children to join us for our **annual festive feast on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024 at the usual times**

**Back to School: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at the usual times**

