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Friday, 20th December 2024

Dear Families,

That's it, the final Castle Day of 2024. What a year this has been! Castleway continues to go from strength to strength and the commitment from our families is a huge part of that. Thank you all for an amazing 2024 and here's to, what I know will be, an incredible 2025. The final Friday Update of 2024 is feeling fabulously festive is ready and raring to go...

Breakfast with Santa

We have absolutely loved welcoming our families in to have Breakfast with Santa this week. These events really have been magical and we've thoroughly enjoyed sharing the joy of Christmas with you all. Thank you to our amazing team for pulling these events together and to Father Christmas himself for making time in his busy schedule to spend with us all. We're already looking forward to next year!



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Castleway Christmas Community Champion Awards 2024

We have loved celebrating those amazing individuals in our community who go over and above for our community on a daily basis. This is the second year of our 'Community Champion Awards' and we couldn't be prouder of the recipients! Thank you to all of you who nominated these amazing individuals for these special recognition awards.



Early Years Winter Fun Day

Nursery School and Reception Class children thoroughly enjoyed their Winter Fund Day this week. They got to wear their most festive outfits and enjoyed a wide range of winter themed fun. There was, of course, a disco too!





Christmas Dinner 2024

We were treated to another wonderful festive feast from our talented kitchen staff. Children thoroughly enjoyed their Christmas Dinner. The joys of the delicious meal were only overshadowed by the party hats and 'bad jokes' from the 220 crackers that were pulled! Memories made, crackers pulled, jokes shared... that's the Castle Way!



Choir at Tesco

Some of our Year 3 choir members headed to Tesco on Wednesday to spread some Christmas cheer! Our children performed beautifully and had shoppers of all ages stopping in the aisles to watch and even join in. One kind shopper even bought all children a selection box as their singing really brightened her day!





Forest School

Forest School is a huge part of our offer at Castleway. As always, we constantly review our timetable to ensure that as many children as possible benefit from time in our magical forest. Please see the timetable for whole class sessions for the Spring Term. Where children are involved in our small group sessions, families will be informed separately.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
F2 & 2R	3S	5C	3W	1P

PE Timetable

Please see the timetable below for when children need to wear their Castleway kits to school.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3S & 3W		F2, 5C, 1P & 2R	2R & 4D	4D & 6K

Winter Disco

Would it be the end of term without the chance to dance like no one's watching? Our children loved their Winter Disco on Tuesday. Fun, friendship and some amazing dance moves too. What's not to love!







Glow in the Dark Dodgeball - Save the Date

Now, we know we've not finished for Christmas yet but save the date for Glow Dodgeball on Friday 10th January 2025! What better way to start the new academic year than with some glow in the dark dodgeball!



Carol Singing at St. Chad's

We loved starting the week at St. Chad's. Singing Christmas songs with our friends, families and Rev. Jonny too. This is the first of many events where we'll be back at St. Chad's. It really was a special afternoon!





A wonderful end to the most incredible term at Castleway. Thank you all so much for your continued help and support for the wonderful things that you all continue to say about us in the community.

However you choose to celebrate, have the best Christmas and New Year and we'll see you all in 2025!

Initial dates for your diary are on the following page. Feel free to leave looking at them until next year if you like.

Kind regards,

Mr. S. Mycroft Headteacher



Dates for your Diary – 2025

Please see our initial plans for 2025 below. As always, there will be more to come!

When?	What?	Who?	
20/12/24	School Closes for Christmas at the Usual Times	All children, staff and families	
06/01/25	Back to school! Happy New Year!	All children, staff and families	
08/01/25	Reading Café – Year 3 – 2:45pm	Y3 children and families	
10/01/25	Glow Dodgeball Day	F2 – Year 6	
14/01/25	Campfire Stories – Years 3 & 4 – 4:15 – 4:45pm	Year 3 & 4 children	
14/01/25	Campfire Stories – Years 5 & 6 – 4:45 – 5:15pm	Year 3 & 4 children	
16/01/25	'A Taste of the Wild West' – Special Themed Lunch	All children & staff	
17/01/25	Whole School Trip to the Zoo	F2 – Year 6	
22/01/25	Reading Café – Year 3 – 2:45pm	Year 3 children and families	
29/01/25	Reading Café – Year 3 – 2:45pm	Year 3 children and families	
05/02/25	Reading Café – Year 3 – 2:45pm	Year 3 children and families	
10/02/25	EYFS Cool to be Kind Theme Day	Nursery School & E2 children	
	Non-uniform day for Nursery School and F2	Nursery School & F2 children	
10/02/25	Valentine's Disco – Years 1 – 6 (during school day)	Years 1 – 6 children	
	Uniform as normal. Bring party clothes to change in to.		
12/02/25	Reading Café – Year 3 – 2:45pm	Year 3 children and families	
14/02/25	Close for February Half Term at usual times	All children, families and staff	
24/02/25	Back to School at the usual times	All children, families and staff	
24/02/35	Our swimming pool returns! Details to follow in due course.	F2 – Y6	
02/03/25	Years 4 & 5 Residential Visit (02/03/24 – 05/03/24)	Year 4 & 5 children	
06/03/25	World Book Day – Details to follow in due course.	All children, families and staff	
06/03/25	World Book Day – Special Themed Lunch	All children & staff	
19/03/25	Spring Term Parents' Evening – 3:30 – 6:30pm	All families	
	Booking to be available on School Spider soon.		
10/02/25	Spring Term Parents' Evening – 3:30 – 5:00pm All families		
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