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Friday, 14th February 2025

Dear Families,

Happy Valentine's Day!

Can you believe that we're at the end of another half term already and what a half term it's been! We've welcomed new families to Castleway, we've made memories and we've got big plans to do it all again next half term too. Here's your Friday Update celebrating the final week of the first half term of 2025...

Year 6 – Fun in the Forest

Year 6 crammed a lot into their Forest School session this week. Team building, shelter building, tree climbing, creating a kitchen drum kit and setting up a 'Dubai Chocolate' factory in the mud kitchen!



Headteacher: Mr. S. Mycroft

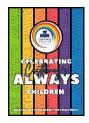
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Cool to be Kind in EYFS

EYFS have been thinking about kindness this week. Yesterday they decorated biscuits for their friends, and made cards and pictures for each other because #ThatsTheCastleWay.





Celebrating our 'Always Children'

As you know, we're all about celebrating our children's achievements and those special moments at Castleway. Starting today, we've introduced a brand-new award to celebrate our 'always children' too. Each week, our teachers will choose an 'always child' from their class and they'll be first in to lunch with a friend of their choice each Friday... chip day! The first 'always children' were celebrated today and got to take a friend to lunch and be first in the queue!

A Right Royal Assembly!

We were thrilled to welcome Captain Hugh B Daglish LVO JP RN to Castleway on Monday. We thoroughly enjoyed learning about King Charles III and about the importance of communities across the UK





There ain't no party like a Castleway party...

We started the week in true Castleway style... with a disco! There were some funky moves thrown, some memories made and lots of laughter too.



Goodbye (again) Mr. Smith

You'll remember that Mr. Smith (Key Stage 2 Mr. Smith not F2 Mr. Smith) left us at the end of Summer term to pursue other career paths. You'll have noticed that he's been back with us recently on a temporary basis to support with teaching and learning across school. Well, he's leaving us again today as he now has a start date for his new career path. It's been lovely to have Mr. Smith back with us for a short time but we are very excited for him as he finally starts his brand-new journey. We're sure we'll see Mr. Smith again soon... just in a very different uniform this time!



What's Happening in Week 1? WB: 24/02/25

- Swimming who needs their kit?
 - Every day Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6
- Forest School
 - Monday F2 and 3S
 - Tuesday 4D
 - Wednesday 3W
 - Thursday 2R
 - Friday 1P
- Come Dine with Us
 - Year 2 28/02/25 11:30am

What's Happening in Week 2? WB: 03/03/25

- Swimming who needs their kit?
 - Every day F2, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 6
 - Forest School
 - Monday F2 and 3S
 - o Tuesday 4D
 - o Wednesday 3W
 - o Thursday 2R
 - Friday 1P
 - Come Dine with Us
 - Year 3 07/03/25 12:00pm

What's Happening in Week 3? WB: 10/03/25

- Swimming who needs their kit?
 - Every day Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6
- Forest School
 - Monday F2 and 3S
 - Tuesday 4D
 - o Wednesday 3W
 - \circ Thursday 2R
 - Friday 1P
- Come Dine with Us
 - Year 4 14/03/25 12:00pm

As always, there's always so much to celebrate and much more than I can pack in to a Friday Update. Remember that we do our best to keep our social media up to date with all of the latest Castleway fabulousness. You can find us on Facebook, Instagram, X (Twitter) and Bluesky as @WeAreCastleway.

Have a lovely weekend and I'll see you all, safe and well, when we're back to school on Monday 24th February 2025 at the usual times.

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?
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
24/02/25	Our swimming pool returns!	F2 – Y6
<mark>28/02/25</mark>	Come Dine with Y2 – 11:30am	Y2 children and families
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
<mark>07/03/25</mark>	Come Dine with Y3 – 12:00pm	Y3 children and families
<mark>14/03/25</mark>	Come Dine with Y4 – 12:00pm	Y4 children and families
19/03/25	Spring Term Parents' Evening – 3:30 – 6:30pm	All families
	Booking to be available on School Spider soon.	
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<mark>21/03/25</mark>	Comic Relief Non-Uniform Day & CastleYey Comedy Show	All children & staff
<mark>21/03/25</mark>	Come Dine with Y5 – 12:00pm	Y5 children and families
<mark>24/03/25</mark>	Y6 Curriculum Celebration Afternoon – 2:45pm	Y6 children and families
<mark>25/03/25</mark>	F2 Curriculum Celebration Afternoon – 2:45pm	F2 children and families
<mark>27/03/25</mark>	Y1 Curriculum Celebration Afternoon – 2:45pm	Y1 children and families
<mark>28/03/25</mark>	Come Dine with Y6 – 12:00pm	Y6 children and families
<mark>31/03/25</mark>	Y2 Curriculum Celebration Afternoon – 2:45pm	Y2 children and families
<mark>01/04/25</mark>	Y1 Curriculum Celebration Afternoon – 2:45pm	Y1 children and families
<mark>02/04/25</mark>	Y3 Curriculum Celebration Afternoon – 2:45pm	Y3 children and families
<mark>03/04/25</mark>	Y5 Curriculum Celebration Afternoon – 2:45pm	Y5 children and families

