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Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025

Dear Families,

It has been lovely to welcome everyone back to school today after, what I hope was a lovely Easter break. Our school literally springs back to life the minute our children walk back in to school and we absolutely love it!

As you know, since starting at Castleway I've been passionate about making sure that we give as much notice as possible for the many things that happen at our school. You all being so involved in our school is one of the many things that makes Castleway such a special place. This update gives some key dates and some further information for our Summer Term events.

Many of the events listed were shared in the updates I posted during the Easter break. They're available below if you missed them:

- Easter Update - <https://bit.ly/Castleway20250407>
- Return to School Update - <https://bit.ly/Castleway20250416>

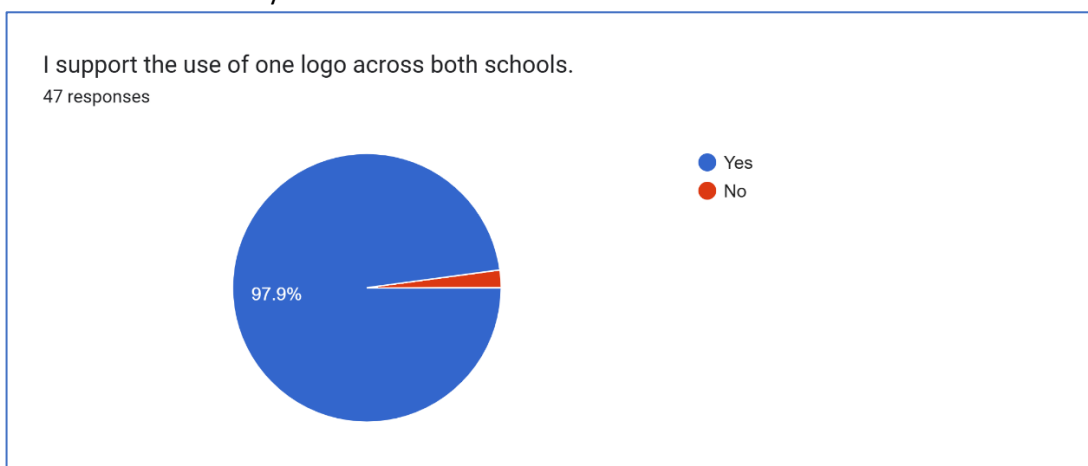
## **School Logo Feedback**

Many thanks to those of you who were able to take part in our survey asking about the use of one consistent logo across both of our schools. The results were overwhelmingly in favour of this, only one of the respondents answered no.

No immediate change is needed and for Primary School families, in fact there is no change at all. Nursery School families are encouraged to get as much use as possible out of the current uniform you have bought. When it comes to buying new uniform for Nursery, you'll have the following choices:

- Plain navy-blue jumper or cardigan.
- Navy-blue jumper or cardigan with CURRENT Nursery School logo.
- Navy-blue jumper or cardigan with the same logo as the Primary School meaning that if your child moves up to F2 with us, there will be no need to buy new uniform. Unless you want to of course!

Hopefully you'll see this as another move to supporting our families and making life at our 'two Castleways' that little bit simpler and streamlined. During the Easter break, I got in touch with Design Stitch (on Tarran Way) to make them aware of the changes. They're ready to go with the amended Primary School logo for all who want to purchase it. The results from our survey are below:



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### Trips & Visits

Trips, enrichments and visits form a rich part of our curriculum offer. Children having real life experiences that we can't provide in the classroom really are invaluable. Particularly when we try to make these as 'real life' as possible with things like taking the train etc.

As you'll know, we do as much as we can to not ask families for contributions and try our best to make things as close to free as we can. You'll be aware that school funding is never far away from the headlines and Castleway is no exception to these challenges. Where we have to ask for contributions, please do your best to make them to allow these visits to go ahead. We do try our best to get these payments live on School Spider with plenty of notice and you can pay by instalments rather than having to make the full payment all at once.

Please be assured that we all understand the challenges of the cost of living, regardless of our roles in school, so please do get in touch if making these contributions may be challenging. We'll always help when we're aware.

Upcoming trips and visits to be aware of:

- 23/04/25 – Y3 Class Trip
- 24/04/25 – Y5 Class Trip
- 25/04/25 – Y4 Class Trip
- 22/05/25 – Y6 Residential
- 26/06/25 – Y2 (and invited Y3) Residential
- 11/07/25 – Y6 Sleepover

### Mini London Marathon

You may remember that Mrs. Kay took part in the London Marathon last year. Because of this, we've been invited to take part in the '**Mini London Marathon for Schools**'. From today and across the next two weeks, all classes (F2 - Y6) will take part in a 2 mile 'mini marathon' run. Don't worry, this will be short manageable chunks of time. We'll then be celebrating with a chance for all children to cross the 'finish line' on Thursday 1st May from 2:30pm. Families are welcome to join us to cheer their children on and pose for photos with their winners afterwards! Don't worry if you can't make it, we'll make sure there are lots of photos posted of our mini Marathon runners! **All children should wear their Castleway PE kit on Thursday 1st May. Remember that our PE kit is considerably cheaper than any branded sports items. If you struggle to get any of our PE kit items, please let us know and we'll be happy to support.**

### Pride Picnic & 'Come As You Are' Day

You'll know that we're proud to be an inclusive, representative and diverse school family. You may also be aware that June is LGBTQ+ Pride Month in the UK. As you'd expect, our curriculum covers all statutory requirements to spread the message of tolerance, acceptance and understanding. We do this because it's the right thing to do, not just because it's statutory.

To mark the end of 'Pride Month', Tuesday, 24th June will be our 4th annual '**Come as You Are**' Day at Castleway where children are encouraged to come in to school wearing whatever they think represents them best. Families are also invited to join us for our annual **Pride Picnic** from 12:00pm. As usual, you need to bring along any picnic items you'd like to enjoy. School dinner for the day will be a picnic lunch of sandwiches, fruit, drink and snack.

### Come Dine with Us

Following feedback from families, we're continuing with a slight variation to our traditional 'Come Dine with Us' format. We have planned in 3 dates for F2 – Y6 with 30 adult places available for each. This is significantly less than we had booked for our Easter meals so we're hoping to have much less queuing! Please only book one of the three sittings to allow all families who want to take part to be able to. This format means that only the children who have an adult with



them will be in the hall at the time. Booking will open on School Spider at 5pm tonight. We have also varied the days All other children will continue their morning as normal.

The three dates are:

- 20/05/25 – 11:30am
- 13/06/25 – 11:30am
- 30/06/25 – 11:30am

Y6 families are invited in to dine with us one final time on 16<sup>th</sup> July at 1:30pm. Booking will open on School Spider at 5pm tonight.

### **Celebration of School Sport**

We're inviting families in to school for our annual 'sports day' events. Details are below:

- Traditional Sports Day for Y1 – Y6, including our very popular parent races, 08/07/25 from 1:30pm
- Nursery School Sports Day & Family Picnic – 10/07/25 at 10:00am
- Nursery School & F2 Sports Day – 10/07/25 at 1:30pm

### **New to F2 Meetings**

It was 'Primary Offer Day' during the Easter break where families found out which school their child had been allocated for September 2025. We are delighted to see so many families choosing Castleway. We've already been contacted by families who are disappointed to have not been allocated Castleway. If you are in this position, we would advise you to contact the admissions team at the Local Authority. We can help you do this but unfortunately we aren't in a position to make any offers to families at this point in time.

The **award-winning** Mr. Smith and the team are already really excited about getting to know your children even better. We'll be sending an email to families with details of how to book on to our transition activities.

- New to F2 Parent Meeting – 17/06/25 – 1:30pm **or** 5:30pm
- Stay and Play Small Group Sessions – 02/07/25 – Times to be confirmed in email to families
- New to F2 Family Lunch – 09/07/25 at 1:30pm **or** 14/07/25 at 1:30pm

### **Transition Day – Staffing Organisation 2025/26**



I know that the school organisation and classes for next year is already a hot topic for many of you at the moment. This is something that the Leadership Team and I are discussing and do reflect on regularly. Please be assured that the decision of which teacher is in which class is based on the experience and skills of our teaching staff and the needs of each cohort of children.

It is still incredibly early for information about next year to be shared, not least due to the fact that the teacher resignation date is 31<sup>st</sup> May for teachers to leave at the end of this academic year. Whilst I don't want any of our teachers to leave, there are progression opportunities available at other schools that teachers may wish to apply for. Also, there are budgetary considerations that cannot be discussed until Mrs. Kay and I meet with the Local Authority bursar team. Whilst the 'new financial year' started in April, Wirral are yet to hold their budget meetings with schools. Whilst this is in the diary and we have a good handle on the finances, there are some decisions which cannot be confirmed until after then. When the final decision is made and information is shared with families, we will also hold our 'reverse parents' evening' meetings to give families the chance to meet and chat with your child's next teacher. Rest assured, putting the children first is what we do at Castleway and preparing for them to move to their next class is no exception!

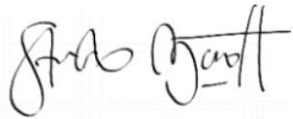
The transition day where children will 'move up for the day' and spend time with their next teacher is Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July. Don't worry, this will not affect Year 2's Curriculum Celebration Afternoon.



I think that's probably enough information for the first day back isn't it! I know that some of you have missed our 'dates for your diary' section since moving to our new format of newsletter so there's a special version of it below for you.

Thank you, as always, for your continued help and support. Like I say, your involvement really is something that makes our school special.

Kind regards,



Mr. S. Mycroft  
Headteacher

### Dates for your Diary

As you'd expect, there's plenty to look forward to this term at Castleway. As usual, some of these dates may be subject to change but we do like to give as much notice as possible as we love having our families involved!

When?	What?	Who?
23/04/25	Y3 Class Trip – Payments and permissions on School Spider	Y3 children
24/04/25	Y5 Class Trip – Payments and permissions on School Spider	Y5 children
25/04/25	Y4 Class Trip – Payments and permissions on School Spider	Y4 children
28/04/25	Y6 Hoodies Available for collection – payment on School Spider	Y6 children
01/05/25	Mini Marathon Celebration Event – 2:30pm on the field	Y1 – Y6 & Families
08/05/25	VE Day Coffee Morning for Families – 9:00am	Families
08/05/25	DRUHM Workshops – F2 – Y6	F2 – Y6 children
08/05/25	VE Day Street Party Lunch for Children (Uniform as normal)	F2 – Y6 children
12/05/25	Spot on Time Challenge Week!	All children
<b>12/05/25</b>	<b>Start of Y6 Assessment Week – SATs Week</b> <b>100% Attendance for all children (not just Y6) is essential</b>	All Y6 children for tests All children for attendance please
16/05/25	SATs All Folks – Year 6 Special Lunch – 'I'm lovin' it!'	All Year 6 children
20/05/25	Come Dine with Us – 1 of 3 – Just book one please	Limited places – just book one event
22/05/25	Year 6 Residential Visit to Gulliver's World	Year 6 children
<b>23/05/25</b>	<b>School Closes – Whitsuntide Half Term Break</b>	<b>All children and staff</b>
<b>02/06/25</b>	<b>Back to School – School reopens</b>	<b>All children and staff</b>
06/06/25	Djembe Drum Workshops – F2 – Y6	F2 – Y6 children
07/06/25	CastleFest 2 – <a href="http://www.bit.ly/CastleFest2025">www.bit.ly/CastleFest2025</a> - 12:00- 6:00pm	Everyone! Tickets selling fast!
13/06/25	Come Dine with Us – 2 of 3 – Just book one please	Limited places – just book one event
17/06/25	Welcome to Team Castleway F2 Class of 2025/26 – Families Meeting – 1:30pm or 5:30pm	New F2 families Booking info to be shared via email
24/06/25	Castleway's 'Come as You Are' Day!	All children and staff
24/06/25	Castleway's Annual Pride Picnic – 12:00pm	All children & families
26/06/25	Y2 (and invited Y3) Residential Permissions and payments on School Spider	Y2 (and invited Y3) children
30/06/25	Come Dine with Us – 3 of 3 – Just book one please	Limited places – just book one event

Of course, there's more! Continued on the next page...



When?	What?	Who?
01/07/25	F2 Curriculum Celebration Afternoon – 2:45pm	F2 families
02/07/25	Transition Day – Spend the day with new teachers!	F2 to Y6 children
02/07/25	New to F2 – Small Group Stay and Play Sessions	New F2 children and families Booking info to be shared via email
02/07/25	Y2 Curriculum Celebration Afternoon – 2:45pm	Y2 families
03/07/25	Y3 Summer Violin Concert – 9:15am	Y3 families
03/07/25	Y1 Curriculum Celebration Afternoon – 2:45pm	Y1 families
04/07/25	Y3 Curriculum Celebration Afternoon – 2:45pm	Y3 families
07/07/25	Y4 Curriculum Celebration Afternoon – 2:45pm	Y5 families
08/07/25	Spirit of the Games – Sports Showcase – Children only	Y1 -Y6 children
08/07/25	Traditional School Sports Day – Families Invited at 1:30pm	Y1 – Y6 children and families
09/07/25	Whole Class & Leavers’ Photographs	All children
09/07/25	Y5 Curriculum Celebration Afternoon – 2:45pm	Y5 families
09/07/25	New F2 Class – Family Lunch – 1 of 2 – 1:30pm	<b>New</b> F2 families Booking info to be shared via email
10/07/25	Nursery School Sports Day & Family Picnic – 10:00am	Nursery School families
10/07/25	Nursery & Reception Class Sports Day & Family Picnic – 1:30pm	Nursery School & F2 families
14/07/25	New F2 Class – Family Lunch – 2 of 2 - 1:30pm	<b>New</b> F2 families Booking info to be shared via email
11/07/25	Annual Reports out to Families	All children
11/07/25	Community Summer Fayre – 3:25pm	Everyone!
11/07/25	Year 6 Annual Sleepover – Return to School at 7:00pm	Y6 children
15/07/25	Y6 Leavers’ Disco – 5:30pm	Y6 children
16/07/25	Come Dine with Y6 – One Last Dine! – 1:30pm	Y6 families
16/07/25	Y6 Curriculum Celebration Afternoon – 2:15pm	Y6 families
17/07/25	Summer Discos – During the School Day	All children
18/07/25	Year 6 Leavers’ Assembly – 9:30am	Year 6 children and families
<b>18/07/25</b>	<b>School’s Out for Summer! Finishing at the usual times.</b>	<b>All children, staff and families</b>
<b>03/09/24</b>	<b>Back to School!</b>	<b>All children, staff and families</b>

- [2025/26 Term Dates are available on our website or by clicking here.](#)

