



# Headteacher News



Term 2 2025-2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

What an exciting term. So much going on. We've had trips galore to look at local history, visit local parks, sample food and learn the skills of making it. Post-16 have run their now famed Christmas market in Newbury town centre bringing Christmas joy to all who visited. Once again, with your help, we supported the West Berkshire Food Bank with donations totalling 135.6kg, the equivalent to 284 meals! We have also had visits from pantomime groups as well as our annual treat from Singing Hands and the Rock Choir - all making us all feel a bit more Christmassy.

Of course, there have been many more wonderful things happening in school this term. You can read more in the class newsletters, which can be found here [The Castle School - Class Newsletters \(thecastleschoolnewbury.org.uk\)](https://thecastleschoolnewbury.org.uk)

Other school news can be found here <https://tinyurl.com/ju8hajvw>

Our school safeguarding section on the website can be found here. Please do take a look <https://tinyurl.com/39n7t828>

Please also check out our PSHE section, the World of Work section and also the Pastoral section of our website. The links are to the right.

As we head into the New Year it is very likely that **Flu** will be circulating. Flu can spread very quickly, especially in a school environment and poses a serious risk to the health and safety of our students, especially those who are more vulnerable.

If your child shows any flu symptoms — such as fever or chills, body aches, dry chesty cough, sore throat, headache, stomach pain, diarrhoea, or vomiting — please keep them at home until they are fully recovered. By doing this, you help us reduce the risk of class closures and keep our school community as safe as possible

## Some photos of our learning



Singing Hands visit



Christyamas Market Stall



Getting ready for Christmas



Delivery to the Food Bank

[The Castle School - PSHE](#)

[The Castle School - Pastoral Support](#)

[The Castle School - World of Work](#)

For more information and news please visit us at [www.thecastleschoolnewbury.org.uk](http://www.thecastleschoolnewbury.org.uk)

I would like to wish all our students, staff and parents a lovely Christmas holiday.

Please note that the last day of term is Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December. Students should return to school on **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

Many thanks, Jon Hewitt (Headteacher)