

Headteacher News



Term 5 2025-2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you will have seen from the letter sent to all parents and carers earlier this month, the Governing Body has appointed Paul Van Walwyk as the next Headteacher of The Castle School, taking up the post on 1st September 2026.

In their announcement, the governors described Paul as bringing "extensive school leadership experience, enthusiasm and a clear commitment to supporting pupils, staff and families," and I am pleased to echo that message.

Over the next term, Paul will be spending time across all of our sites to support a smooth and well-planned transition. He will have opportunities to meet pupils and staff and gain a clear understanding of the culture and day-to-day life of the school. He will also be working closely with the senior leadership team so that he is fully prepared for September.

As I move into my final term as Headteacher, my focus remains on ensuring stability and continuity. I am confident that Paul's time in school over the coming weeks will support a seamless handover and lay strong foundations for the next chapter in the life of The Castle School.

You can read more in the class newsletters, which can be found here [The Castle School - Class Newsletters](https://www.thecastleschoolnewbury.org.uk) ([thecastleschoolnewbury.org.uk](https://www.thecastleschoolnewbury.org.uk))

Our Friends of Castle (FOC) team continue to work hard to raise money for a new portable sensory room. You can find out more here <https://tinyurl.com/2s4x66sf> Please share around. There is also a QR code to the right for making donations.

Other school news can be found here <https://tinyurl.com/ju8hqjvw>

Some photos of our learning



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 here: [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

I would like to wish all our students, staff and parents a wonderful Half term.

Please note that the last day of term is Friday 22nd May 2026. Students should return to school on **Monday 1st June 2026**

Many thanks, Jon Hewitt (Headteacher)