

Spring Edition

January 2025

Dear Families

Happy New Year! We hope you have had a good Winter break and are ready to continue our journey to ensure that all children can achieve their highest potential. As a learning community, we share the responsibility for our children's education and working together is the best way to ensure that they succeed and develop in a safe and happy environment. There are lots of exciting opportunities for our children this term – we look forward to continually working closely with you to achieve the best possible outcomes.

The Year 5/6 Team

Calendar dates:

**School starts again for children:
Monday 6th January**

**Individual Class Photos:
Thursday 16th January**

**Term Ends:
Friday 14th February**

**February Half Term
Monday 17th February
- Friday 21st February**

**School starts again for children:
Monday 24th February**

**Parents Evenings:
Tuesday 1st April &
Thursday 3rd April**

**End of Term for the children:
Friday 4th April
1:30pm Finish**

**School starts again for children:
Tuesday 22nd April**

English This term, our English lessons will feature *Hidden Figures*, *Suffragettes*, *Freedom Bird* and *Beowulf*. These engaging books will inspire the children to explore a variety of genres and enhance their creativity in writing.

Reading This term, students will be diving into reading with a focus on using all the strategies they have been learning and applying them to the texts they read.

Maths Multiplying and dividing fractions, decimals; area, perimeter and volume and fractions, percentages and decimals.

Number facts / times tables By year 5/6, the expectation is that your child knows all of their time tables up to 12 x.

Science: Properties of materials and animals including humans.

History: The Vikings.

Geography: Europe – A Study of the Alpine Region

Art: Print Activism.

DT: Programming pioneers.

PSHE: Dreams & Goals and Healthy Me.

ICT: Word processing and 3D modelling.

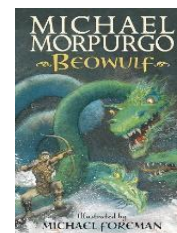
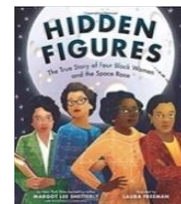
Expressing – If God is everywhere, why go to a place of worship?

PE: Spring 1 Outdoor: Hockey Indoor: OAA. Communications and tactics.

Spring 2 Outdoor: Cricket Indoor: Dance.

French: Spring 1 Quelle heure est-il?

Music: Spring 2 Happy.



Upcoming Events in Year 5/6

Trips this term

Unicorn theatre – Pig
Heart Boy
February 5th 2025

Parliament visit:
25th February Y5/6AO

26th February Y5/6B

27th February Y5/6J

Assemblies

KS2 Rights Respecting
Schools assembly
Tuesday mornings

KS2 singing assembly,
Thursday morning

Achievements
Assembly
every 3rd week.



Year Group Photo



Miss
Annansingh



Miss
Obinkwo



Mr
Jameson



Miss
Bonsu

Home and school partnership

We ask that you guide and support your child's learning by ensuring that they:

- Arrive at school on time, the gates open at 8.40am. Registration is at 8.50am.
- Read daily to develop a love for reading and to improve fluency and comprehension skills.
- Share their school experiences with you so that you are aware of their school life.

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Attendance and Punctuality

Do ensure that your child comes to school every day unless they are really ill. Even one day off means missing many lessons and it can be hard to catch up.

(Please remember that if your child has vomited or suffered from diarrhoea, they should stay off for 48 hours to avoid passing on any bugs).

Arriving in school on time is also vital!

PE days: Y5/6 PE days are as follows:

Y5/6B – Thursday (indoor) and Friday (outdoor)

Y5/6J – Monday (indoor) and Thursday (outdoor)

Y5/6AO – Wednesday (indoor) and Friday (outdoor)

When a class has swimming, it will always be on a Thursday and replaces the outdoor PE session. Once swimming is complete, the normal PE session day will resume.

Swimming times:

5/6J 9th January – 27th February 2025

Children will return to school by 3:30pm on their swimming day.

UNIFORM PROCEDURES

Wear your Castilion School uniform with pride.

- Children are no longer required to wear white shirts, they can now wear white polo tops. Children can continue to wear the shirts they have until they are ready to be replaced.
- Children are no longer required to wear ties.

All children should wear clothing that is in keeping with a purposeful learning ethos and is based on the following principles:

- Promotes a sense of pride amongst the children in the school
- Engenders a feeling of community and belonging
- Is practical and smart
- Identifies the children with the school
- Is not distracting in class (as fashion clothes might be)
- Makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance
- Is regarded as suitable, and good value for money, by most parents
- Has been designed with health and safety in mind.
- Impacts positively on attitudes to learning



Please note that it is not compulsory to purchase logo items of school uniform, you may purchase plain uniform items from a shop of your choice - something that we actively encourage you to do.

Second-hand uniforms can benefit all parents, particularly those on low incomes. In addition, by extending the life of garments, it is more sustainable.

Boys	Girls
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Grey trousers ▪ Grey shorts in the summer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Grey skirt/tunic/trousers ▪ Green & white check dress in the summer ▪ Grey shorts in the summer
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ White polo shirt 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ White polo shirt
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Grey socks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ White/grey socks/tights
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bottle green pullover or school sweatshirt 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bottle green cardigan or school sweatshirt
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Black school shoes ▪ No <i>trainers or the equivalent</i> ▪ <i>Children are not allowed to wear boots</i> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Please note: Shoes should not have flashing lights.</i> Sandals and other open footwear are not allowed at any time of the year</p>	
<p>PE - children should come into school wearing their PE kit on days they have PE lessons</p>	
<p>Indoor PE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Black shorts ▪ White T-Shirt ▪ Bare feet ▪ Black leotards are acceptable for Junior Girls (if they can change in and out of these quickly) 	<p>Outdoor PE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Black shorts ▪ White T-Shirt ▪ Black plimsolls or training shoes ▪ Socks ONLY - No tights
<p>In colder weather (the following is allowed):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Children may wear a green fleece (with or without a school logo) or a plain black tracksuit top / fleece / hoodie with black jogging bottoms over their PE kit. 	

<p>Water Bottles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please provide your child with a clear plastic, push-up top water bottle 	<p>Jewellery</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For health and safety reasons, please do not send your child to school wearing jewellery. If your child has already had his/her ears pierced, they may only wear plain studs, with no stones.
<p>Watches</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children may only wear plain, small, watches that only tell the time and do not allow any other activity to be accessed. 	
<p>Hair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children should come to school with sensible haircuts. Skin-head, Mohican, motif haircuts, dyed hair and coloured extensions are not permitted. Children may wear plain beads but these must be tied back. Hair accessories should only be worn in order to keep hair tied back, they should be discreet and plain coloured (black/white/green). Children may wear plain beads but these must be tied back. Hair accessories should only be worn in order to keep hair tied back, they should be discreet and plain coloured (black/white/green). Nail varnish and make-up MUST NOT be worn. 	
<p>Bookbags</p> <p>Children need a green, flat book bag – no backpacks please. These should be clearly named on the outside. School book bags are available on the Mapac website: https://www.mapac.com/education/parents/uniform/castilionprimaryschoolse288qa</p>	

Nut Free School

As we have several children in school who suffer from severe nut allergies, we have made the decision to continue forward as a 'Nut-Free School'. If your child has **any** serious allergy, please inform our Senior Administrator, via the school office and their teacher as soon as possible. Although we are now striving to be a nut-free school, it will be impossible to provide an absolute guarantee that no nuts will be brought onto the premises.



Please record all daily reading in the children's reading record books.

Teachers will be checking these and signing them regularly.

Reading records and reading books should be brought to school every day to support progress.

Your child may bring a healthy snack to eat at playtime such as fresh / dried fruit or healthy cereal bars.

You can order milk for your child if you wish to do so from: <https://customers.coolmilk.com/V2/register/>

Please supply your child with a re-usable, clear, plastic water bottle with a flip up, non-spill lid.

Thank you for your support.