



Dear Parents/ Carers,

We have reached the end of the academic year already - it always amazes me how quickly time passes.

I would like to share with you some news about our end of year outcomes data.

## **Reception**

### **GLD**

GLD stands for 'Good Level of Development'. A child is considered to have reached GLD if they achieve at least the "expected" level in the prime areas of learning (Personal, Social and Emotional Development; Physical Development; Communication and Language) and the specific areas of Literacy and Mathematics.

Castilion Primary School's Reception children's GLD has increased from 48% in 2024 to 64% in 2025.

## **KS1 (Y2) & KS2 (Y6)**

### **Combined**

Combined refers to the percentage of pupils who have met the expected standard in reading, writing, and mathematics (RWM) as a combined measure. It essentially shows the proportion of children who have achieved the expected standard in all three core subjects.

### **KS1**

Castilion Primary School's KS1 Optional SATs end of year outcomes, have increased significantly from 43% in 2024 to 90% in 2025.

### **KS2**

Castilion Primary School's KS2 SATs end of year outcomes, have increased from 47% in 2024 to 51% in 2025.



## Rights Respecting Schools

We are continuing our journey as a Rights Respecting School. Please see our timeline of achievements below:

**November 2022:** Award (RRSA), Bronze: rights committed.

**April 2024:** Award (RRSA) Silver: children's rights are learned, taught, practised, respected, protected and promoted.

**June 2025:** the children, school adults and supporting parents, were all involved in presenting their thoughtful contributions to support our application for the Gold Rights Respecting award, the highest level of the Rights Respecting Schools Award possible, we all have our fingers crossed for a positive outcome. We may have to wait until September for that outcome.

As we look forward to the summer break, I wish you all a happy holiday, and hope that whether you stay at home or go away, that you have the chance to make good memories with your children.

We will see you again on **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September**, so until then, on behalf of the staff and governors of Castilion Primary School, thank you for your continued support which enables us all to give your children the education they deserve.

Kind regards,

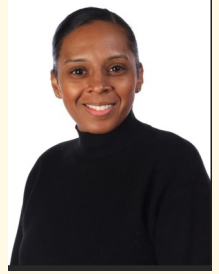
Mrs Y Bishop

Principal Castilion Primary School



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# Safeguarding



Miss Annansingh Lead DSL

School holiday breaks can be excellent fun for kids and families. They get enough time to spend together, go to parks, play games, or go for a family vacation. However, this period comes with its set of challenges. For the most part, parents work during this period, and the kids are left alone without an adult taking care of them.

Children are playful, curious, and love trying new things. Often these traits lead to injuries, damages, and in the worst scenarios – getting into things they shouldn't. Therefore, whether you're leaving your kids at home, or travelling with them, their safety should always be a priority.

Summer holidays – Parents guide to help keep children safe online

## School's out for summer!

It's always best to be prepared

During the summer holidays, without the distraction of school, internet usage for many young people can increase all the way up to September. This guide is designed to help parents with a realistic approach to help keep their children safe when using the internet, social media and playing online games. Please click on each image below for more information.




**A Parent's Guide to Social Media**



**A Parent's Guide to Sharing Pictures**



**A Parent's Guide to Gaming**



**A Parent's Guide to Live Streaming**



**A Parent's Guide to Online Grooming**



**A Parent's Guide to Online Influencers**



**A Parent's Guide to Fake News**



**A Parent's Guide to Privacy Settings**

Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

Parents please contact your school if you would like to attend a parents internet safety workshop or have any concerns.

Schools please [contact us](#) if you would like a SKIPS Safety Net session delivered to your parent groups or staff.

Skips Educational  
 Web: [www.skipssafetynet.org](http://www.skipssafetynet.org) 142 Newton Road  
 Email: [info@skips.com](mailto:info@skips.com) Great Barr  
 Tel: +44 121 227 1941 Birmingham B43 6BT

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

Developed in partnership with





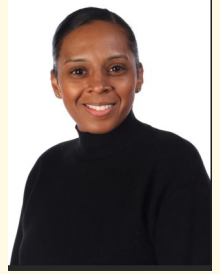
**Skips**

Keeping children safe online [www.skipssafetynet.org](http://www.skipssafetynet.org)



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### Key Features

- Record & review calls and texts
- Data controls
- Block unknown or withheld numbers
- Word alerts and new correspondent notifications
- Time-based restrictions
- Optional OTP blocking
- Ultra-Secure Mode

Watch on YouTube

As we approach year-end, ParentShield's Support team has updated the resources available to Schools and Parents.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y1BEGxpGCr0>



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## A message from our SENDCO, Mrs Whittaker



### EMOTIONAL BASED SCHOOL AVOIDANCE (EBSA) PARENT/CARER SUPPORT GROUP

To take place on: **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> July 12.30pm-2pm**

Venue: **Bexleyheath Library – Dickens Room**



*Bexley Educational Psychologists are providing parent/carers the space to share their experiences, hear from others and gain support as part of a network for those supporting children and young people who are experiencing anxiety-related difficulties around attending school (including Emotional Based School Avoidance).*

If you are interested in joining this group, please email: [parentebsasupport@bexley.gov.uk](mailto:parentebsasupport@bexley.gov.uk)

Free

## Multi Sport

Ages  
5-25

# Festival

in partnership with Access Sport and Peabody

Saturday  
26th July  
14:00-16:00

Sporting Club  
Thamesmead,  
SE28 8NJ

A Fun and Inclusive Opportunity for Children to Play and Make New Friends!

This is a welcoming event open to children of all abilities and disabilities.

Activities include...

Archery	Boccia
Zumba	Football
Dance	Sensory area

...and more!

Scan the QR code to register



Alternatively you can register here:  
<https://tinyurl.com/ThamesmeadInclusiveSport25>

020 7993 9883

[Disability.Inclusion@AccessSport.org.uk](mailto:Disability.Inclusion@AccessSport.org.uk)



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Story Garden will start on Saturday 5 July and will run all through the summer until Saturday 6 September 2025.

The Challenge will run in all Bexley Libraries and is open to children of all ages and reading abilities.

This year's theme for the Summer Reading Challenge is Story Garden. Join The Reading Agency and libraries across the UK in summer 2025 as we inspire children to tap into a world of imagination through reading and to celebrate adventure, fantasy and storytelling through nature and the great outdoors.

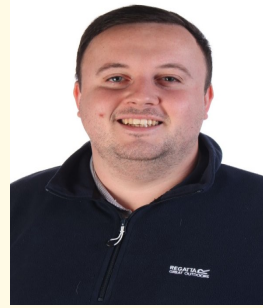
Children read 6 books of their choice over the summer holidays, collect cards and rewards along the way, and receive a medal and certificate when they complete the challenge.

There will be lots of fun activities to take part in too.

Visit: <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>



## A message from our PE lead—Mr Cummins



This term has been full of exciting activities promoting fitness and fun across the school.

- **4th June** – KS2 enjoyed a **Kin-Ball taster day**, learning teamwork through this fast-paced sport.
- **13th June** – **New playground equipment** was installed, offering more opportunities for active play.
- **24th–27th June** – We held successful **Sports Days** for Reception, KS1, and KS2, with great participation and energy from all pupils.
- **3rd July** – An Olympic **athlete** visited, inspiring pupils with their story and promoting active lifestyles.

- **7th July** – KS2 tried out **Archery** in a fun taster session.

- **10th July** – Reception to Year 4 experienced **Skateboarding and Scooter-ing** sessions.

- **17th July** – Pupils enjoyed a **Golf taster day**, developing new skills and coordination.

Throughout the term, **lunchtime clubs** led by older pupils supported structured activities, and the **Daily Mile** and **Skip2bFit** continued to help every child reach 60 minutes of daily activity.

# Kingswood 2025

Children in years 6, 5 and 4 took part in the 2025 residential trip to Kingswood. It was a fantastic experience as children were pushed to their limits.



# Kinaswood 2025



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Building friendship

Problem solving

Team work



resilience



# The Vikings theatre production

Year 5/6 had the Shooting Stars theatre company do a live performance of the show The Vikings. This was an exciting way to bring together all the children's learning in



# Year 1/2 Green Chain Riverside and Playground Trip

On Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July, all three year 1/2 classes went to the river and park along the Green Chain Walk. We explored our local environment looking for creatures and plants that linked with our topic on life cycles and rivers. We walked to the canal and looked at which habitats we could spot and answered questions related to this. We then went on to get a nice view of the River Thames and spotted some noisy seagulls and a tow boat pulling a heavy load of containers.

We ended our trip by having some time to play in the playground, before heading back to school, just in time for home time!



# Y6 Graduation

Congratulations to our Y6 who graduated from Castilion. We wish them well in their next chapter



# YR Graduation

Congratulations to our youngest children—reception who graduated from EYFS this term. They are all excited to joining Y1 in September .



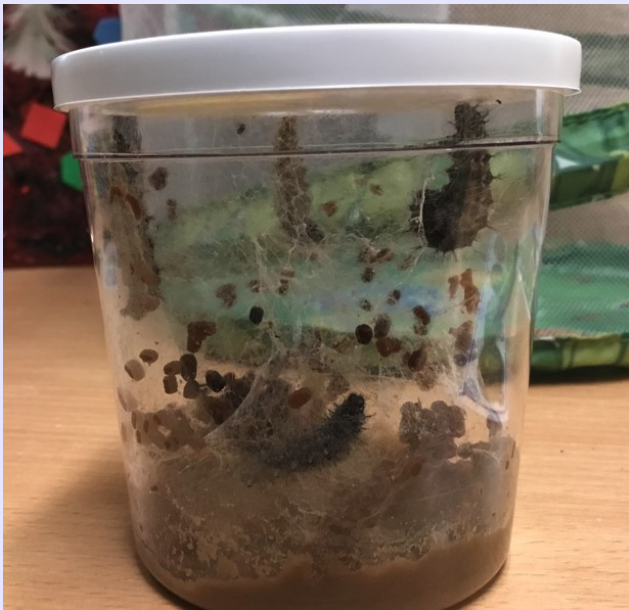


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# Learning at Castilion this term

## Reception

This term the children have been learning about different habitats. The children have particularly enjoyed creating their own pond habitats, going on minibeast hunts and creating art work inspired by nature. We were also lucky enough to observe the Lifecycle of butterflies with our own class caterpillars which were able to watch grow into beautiful butterflies and release into the wild! We have also completed our sports day and graduation celebrations.





# Learning at Castilion this term

## Year 1/2

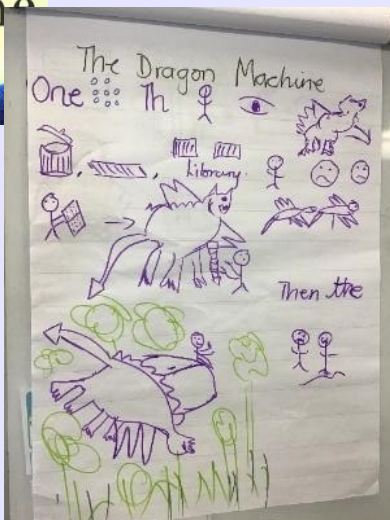
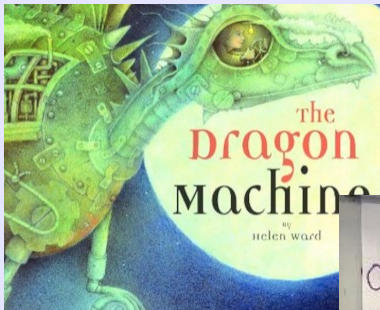
### Maths:

In one of our topics this term we looked at days of the week, routines and events with the focus to sequence and put them in order. Children worked in pairs to discuss the order in which the events happen and ordered them accordingly



### English

We have been reading the book 'The Dragon Machine' and children recalled events in the story to create a whole class story map with relevant actions to help retell the story. Then, they used this to retell the story in sequence using the actions created. This was to get them ready for planning and writing the story with a twist as they choose in their sets.





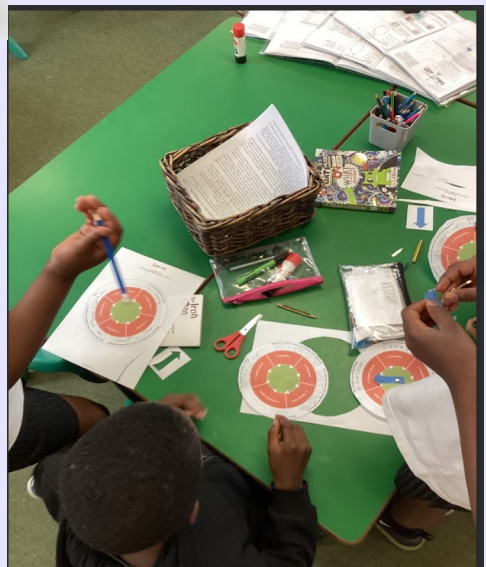
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# Learning at Castilion this term

## Year 3/4

In DT, we have been looking at Seasonal Food, Food Hygiene and how to prepare for cooking. The children enjoyed making cup cakes and following the food hygiene rules they have been taught.

In PSHE, we have been looking at what changes we could make about ourselves to make us happier, calmer and positive.





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# Learning at Castilion this term

## Y5/6

In PE., the children have been doing rounders and tennis. Whilst playing rounders, it was important for the fielding team to be Communicating with each other as players took their turns.



In English, whilst learning about the story **A Beautiful Lie**, the children had an opportunity to perform a monologue as the protagonist Bilal.



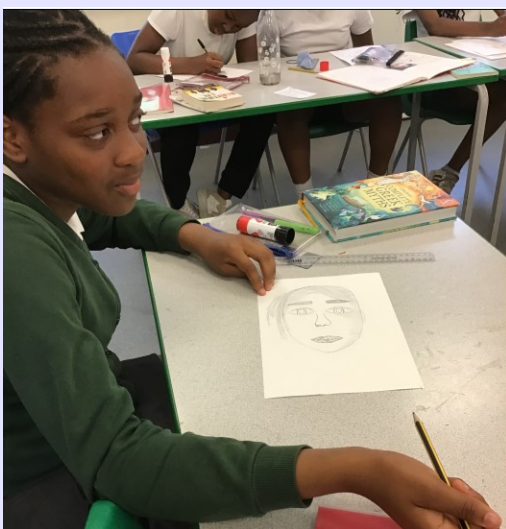
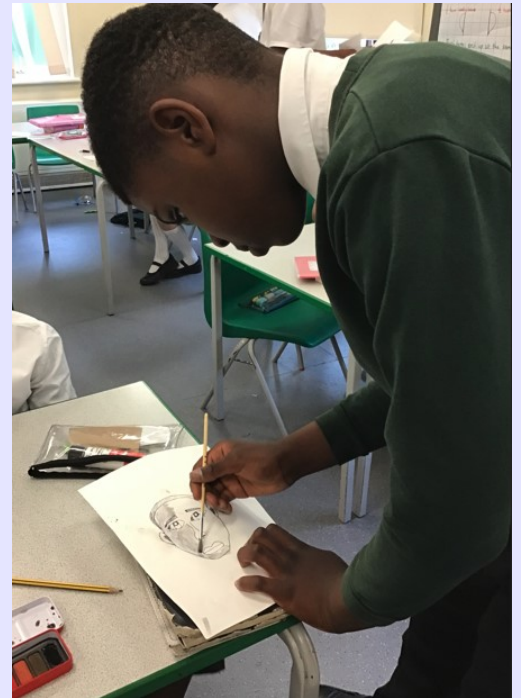


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# Learning at Castilion this term

## Y5/6

The children have been honing their artistic skills by drawing portraits of themselves and each other. They have been learning how artists use portraiture to explore their identity. They have created a piece of art inspired by the work of Michael Barrett, to create layers and textures, revealing how complex our own identities can be.





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# Rights Respecting Award

## Reception



Congratulations to our Rights Respecting Citizens for Summer 2



**Amadeus**  
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# Rights Respecting Award

Year 1/2



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# Rights Respecting Award

Year 3/4



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# Rights Respecting Award

Year 5/6



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Amadeus  
Primary Academies Trust

# Uniform

At Castilion, we encourage our children to wear their school uniform with pride.  
Here is a reminder of the Castilion uniform:

- ◆ White polo shirt
- ◆ Green jumper, cardigan or fleece (if you wish to purchase a top with the school logo, these can be purchased at [www.mapac.com](http://www.mapac.com))
- ◆ Grey trousers, skirt, pinafore or shorts
- ◆ Grey or white socks



Our full uniform policy can be found on our website;  
<https://www.castilion.apat.org.uk/uniform>



# Attendance



Under the new national framework, all schools will be required to consider a fine when a child has missed 10 or more sessions (5 days) for unauthorised reasons. From August 2024, the fine for school absences across the country will be £80 if paid within 21 days, or £160 if paid within 28 days.

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2024/02/29/fines-for-parents-for-taking-children-out-of-school-what-you-need-to-know/>

Attendance below 90% is classed as persistent absence and this means **your child missing 19 or more days during the academic year**. This is roughly equivalent to your child missing 1 day or more every 2 weeks, or around 6 days each term.

Arriving a couple of minutes late we might be tempted to think “well it’s just a couple of minutes” but over an academic year regular late arrival can look like this:





# Attendance

## Attendance explained:

When schools talk about attendance they tend to do this in terms of percentages. This can be really confusing as, for instance, if someone scored 80% in a test that would be a great score. However, these percentages look very different when we talk about attendance:

	100%	OUTSTANDING
4 SCHOOL DAYS MISSED	98%	VERY GOOD
7 SCHOOL DAYS MISSED	96%	GOOD
10 SCHOOL DAYS MISSED	95%	ALMOST THERE
11 SCHOOL DAYS MISSED	94%	IMPROVEMENT NEEDED
20 SCHOOL DAYS MISSED	90%	CONCERNED
29 SCHOOL DAYS MISSED	85%	VERY CONCERNED
38 SCHOOL DAYS MISSED	80%	SERIOUSLY CONCERNED
48 SCHOOL DAYS MISSED	75%	EXTREMELY CONCERNED
67 SCHOOL DAYS MISSED	65%	EXTREMELY CONCERNED
95 SCHOOL DAYS MISSED	50%	EXTREMELY CONCERNED

The same can be said about punctuality and lateness, when we arrive a couple of minutes late we might be tempted to think "well it's just a couple of minutes" but over an academic year regular late arrival can look like this:



We always understand that there are some situations that are outside of your control, and in these circumstances, we always advise parents/carers to contact the school to discuss.

We ask for your continued support with regards to attendance and punctuality and that you discuss the importance of good attendance and punctuality with your children to enable them to make the most of every opportunity to reach their personal and academic potential.



# Attendance

Please do see the percentage of overall attendance by class for the second half of the summer term

Class	attendance
YR	93.43
Y1/2H	89.21
Y1/2K	95.42
Y1/2T	95.03
Y3/4 Ca	97.22
Y3/4Cu	95.79
Y3/4I	93.34
Y5/6B	96.35
Y5/6J	94.76
Y5/6AO	94.27



We are so proud of each and every one of the children who have achieved a good record of attendance during the months of November and December. AWESOME JOB! KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!



We would like to remind all parents and carers that it is important that all children come to school every day and on time. As a school, we take attendance very seriously, and regularly monitor this.



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# Packed lunches

If you provide your child with a packed lunch please remember we are a nut free school due to severe nut allergies. This includes products such as peanut butter and hazelnut spreads.

As the weather gets warmer you may wish to consider using an insulated lunch bag and where possible adding a frozen cold pack to prevent food going off.

If you wish to change your child to school dinners please contact the school office.

Our full packed lunch policy can be found on our website;

<https://www.castilion.apat.org.uk/catering>

