

**Spring Edition**

**January 2026**

**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 3/4 Team**

**ClassDojo is a platform to keep our families up to date with key school information and a way for you to communicate with your child's class teacher. Please ensure you have access and regularly check for any school or class updates.**

**Calendar dates:**

**School starts again for children:  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January**

**Term Ends:  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February  
(Inset day Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February - no children in school)**

**February Half Term  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February  
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February**

**School starts again for children:  
Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February**

**Parents evening  
Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March  
and Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March  
(3:45 – 6:45pm)**

**End of Term for children:  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March  
1:30pm Finish**

**English**

This term we will be reading *The Pied Piper of Hamelin*, *Escape from Pompeii*, *Cloud Tea Monkeys*, and *Nen and the Lonely Fisherman*. These books will give the children many opportunities to get creative with their writing.

**Reading**

The children will continue to develop their vocabulary, by asking questions about a text and making connections with other books read. They will summarise a text, retrieve key facts from the text and make inferences. The children will continue to develop reading fluency.

**Maths**

Multiplication and division, length and perimeter, fractions, mass and capacity.

**Number facts / times tables**

By year 3/4, the expectation is that your child knows all of their time tables up to 12 x. The children should be accessing Times table Rockstars to embed their multiplication knowledge.

**Science:** Fossils, Soil and Light.

**History:** History: The Bronze Age and the Iron Age: Which was more impressive – the Bronze Age or the Iron Age?

**Geography:** Our World: Where on Earth are we?

**Art:** Painting: Working with shape and colour

**DT:** British inventions

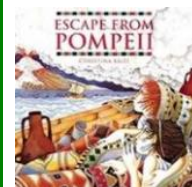
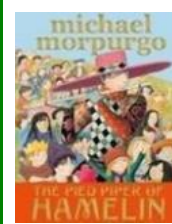
**PSHE:** Dreams and goals, healthy me

**Computing:** Writing for different audiences and animation.

**RE:** Expressing: Why do people pray?

**PE:** Outdoor: Hockey and Cricket

Indoor: OAA Communication & Tactics and Inclusive games: Boccia



## Upcoming Events in Year 3/4

### Trips this term

#### Mosque visit

**Assemblies**  
KS2 Rights Respecting  
School assembly  
Tuesday mornings

**Achievements  
Assembly  
every 3<sup>rd</sup> week.**



### Year Group Photo



**Mrs  
Simms**



**Mr  
Cummins**



**Mrs Cakir**

### **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.

Year 3/4 team

### **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!*

### **Y3/4 PE days are as follows:**

**Y3/4 Simms/Cakir – Tuesday (indoor) and Wednesday (outdoor)**

**Y3/4 Cummins – Tuesday (indoor) and Wednesday (outdoor)**

## **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"> <li>■ Grey trousers</li> <li>■ Grey shorts in the summer</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Grey skirt/tunic/trousers</li> <li>■ Green &amp; white check dress in the summer</li> <li>■ Grey shorts in the summer</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ White polo shirt</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ White polo shirt</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Grey socks</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ White/grey socks/tights</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Bottle green pullover or school sweatshirt</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Bottle green cardigan or school sweatshirt</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Black school shoes</li> <li>■ No <i>trainers or the equivalent</i></li> <li>■ <i>Children are not allowed to wear boots</i></li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Please note: Shoes should not have flashing lights. Sandals and other open footwear are not allowed at any time of the year.</b></p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">PE - children should come into school wearing their PE kit on days they have PE lessons</p>	
<p><b>Indoor PE:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Black shorts</li> <li>■ White T-Shirt</li> <li>■ Bare feet</li> </ul>	<p><b>Outdoor PE:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Black shorts</li> <li>■ White T-Shirt</li> <li>■ Trainers or Black plimsolls</li> <li>■ Socks ONLY - No tights</li> </ul>
<p><b>In colder weather (the following is allowed):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Children may wear a <b>green fleece</b> (with or without a school logo) or a plain black tracksuit with matching hoodie / fleece and black jogging bottoms over their shorts and t shirt.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Water Bottles</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Please provide your child with a clear plastic, push-up top water bottle</li> </ul>	<p><b>Jewellery</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 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.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Watches</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Children may only wear plain, small, watches that only tell the time and do not allow any other activity to be accessed.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Hair</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Children should come to school with sensible haircuts. Skin-head, Mohican, motif haircuts, dyed hair and coloured extensions are not permitted.</li> <li>■ Children may wear plain beads but these must be tied back.</li> <li>■ Hair accessories should only be worn in order to keep hair tied back, they should be discreet and plain coloured (black/white/green).</li> <li>■ Children may wear plain beads but these must be tied back.</li> <li>■ Hair accessories should only be worn in order to keep hair tied back, they should be discreet and plain coloured (black/white/green).</li> <li>■ Nail varnish and make-up <b><u>MUST NOT</u></b> be worn.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Bookbags</b> Children need a green, flat book bag – <b>no backpacks please</b>. These should be clearly named on the outside. School book bags are available on the Mapac website: <a href="https://www.mapac.com/education/parents/uniform/castilionprimaryschoolse288qa">https://www.mapac.com/education/parents/uniform/castilionprimaryschoolse288qa</a></p>	

### **Nut Free School**

As we have several children in school who suffer from severe nut allergies, we have made the decision to continue forwards 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.

*Thank you for your support.*