

Spring Edition

January 2026

Dear Families,

On behalf of The Year 1/2 Team at Castilion Primary School we are happy to welcome you back in to the new year and hope you have had a wonderful and restful break! We are looking forward to continuing a productive partnership with you to ensure our children can achieve the highest potential. As a learning community, we share the responsibility for our children's success and want you to know that we will do our very best to carry out our responsibilities. There are lots of exciting opportunities and changes for our children this year, our plan is to aim high and work closely with you to achieve the best possible outcomes.

The Year 1/2 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 5th January**

**Term Ends:
Thursday 12th February (inset day)
Friday 13th February – no children in school)**

**February Half Term
Monday 16th February -
Friday 20th February**

**School starts again for children:
Monday 23rd February**

**Parents Evening
Tuesday 24th March
and Thursday 26th March
(3:45 - 6:45pm)**

**End of Term for children:
Friday 27th March
1:30pm Finish**

Subject Coverage

English: This term we will be reading Astro Girl, 'I want my hat back' and Billy the Beast.

Maths: Number: Place value: within 20

Science: Materials: Explore materials

Geography: People and their Communities
Where in the world do these people live?

Art: Painting: Exploring Watercolour. The artists we will be studying are: Paul Klee, Emma Burleigh

PSHE: Dreams and Goals

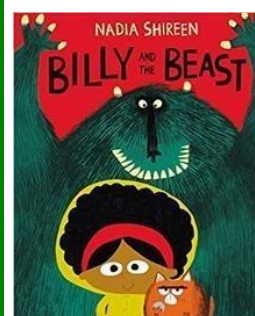
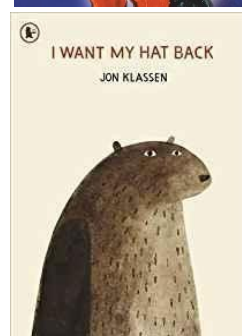
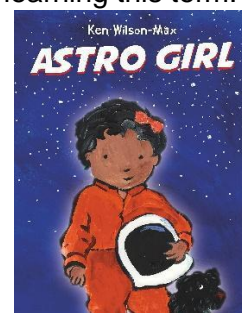
ICT: Information Technology: Animated Story Books

RE: Expressing: What makes some places sacred? **Christians and Jewish people**

PE: Gymnastics: Body Parts
Outdoors: Ball Skills: Feet 1

Music: In the Groove: How does music make the world a better place?
Skills focus: Introducing tempo and dynamics

Please discuss these texts with your child to support their learning this term.



Upcoming Events in Year 1/2

Trips this term

To be confirmed.

Assemblies

KS1 Rights Respecting School Assembly
Monday morning

KS1 Singing Assembly
Thursday morning

Achievements Assembly
every half term



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. After 8.50am children must enter through the office and will receive a late mark.
- Read daily to develop a love for reading and to improve fluency and literacy skills.
- Share their school experiences with you so that you are aware of their school life.

Mrs Islam and Mrs Taiwo

Staff in Year 1/2:

Mrs Islam
Mrs Taiwo



Mrs Islam



Mrs Taiwo

Attendance and Punctuality

Do encourage your child to come to school every day unless they are really ill. Every day off means 8 missed lessons! Remember frequent absences can seriously hinder your child's education. Arriving in school on time is also vital, as lessons start at 8.50am prompt!!

Reading Books

Reading for pleasure: Books will be changed weekly (Thursday). Please read with your child and write a comment about their reading in the Record Book. This will enable us to note what they can do well.

Read Write Inc Phonics: Books will be changed every Monday. Children need to return the previous book to get the next Read Write Inc book.

Read Write Inc Bookmarks: Bookmarks will be sent home on Mondays.

Belongings and PE

Please make sure that your child's belongings (uniform, PE kit, lunch box) are clearly marked with their name, and are brought to school every day.

PE days are as follows:
OT: Monday (outdoor) & Tuesday (indoor)
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Please wear correct PE kit to school on these days.
Please ensure your child has footwear (trainers) when appropriate that they can manage independently during PE lessons.

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></p> <p style="text-align: center;">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 	<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). Nail varnish and make-up <u>MUST NOT</u> 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 a severe nut allergy, we have made the decision to continue forwards as a 'Nut-Free School' If your child has a nut allergy could you 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 weekly.

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.