

Headteacher News



Term : Term 1 2022-2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

It seems like only yesterday that it was the beginning of the term. How time flies! This has been a very busy and exciting term with so much going on. We have started to see many more visits out of school, which is wonderful. Covid stopped this for a long time, but now our students can venture out and develop their learning within the local community. This has included trips to Thatcham Lakes, local woodland walks, shopping for ingredients in town and even a canal boat training on the Kennet and Avon!

We have seen the opening of our new provision, Castle @ Theale in temporary accommodation. This is very exciting as it helps to meet the need of children with social, emotional and mental health difficulties in our area. We are now excited about the building renovation starting and look forward to our brand new environment, which will be ready to welcome our new Castle @ Theale students in September 2023 ☺

I would like to remind everyone that winter illness are with us again. It is important that we all work together, especially as Covid is also in the mix. I have put together some advice to help keep us all safe. It can be found by clicking [The Castle School - Covid and general illness guidance](https://thecastleschoolnewbury.org.uk/the-castle-school-covid-and-general-illness-guidance) (thecastleschoolnewbury.org.uk)

You can read all about what individual classes have done by going to the Class Newsletter page of the website [The Castle School - Class Newsletters](https://thecastleschoolnewbury.org.uk/the-castle-school-class-newsletters) (thecastleschoolnewbury.org.uk)

Some photos of our learning



Boating on the canal



Agricultural Challenge



Remembering Queen Elizabeth II



Castle collecting for West Berkshire Food Bank

For more information and other news please visit us at www.thecastleschoolnewbury.org.uk

I wish all our pupils, staff and parents a lovely half-term break. Please note that the last day of term is **Friday 21st October** and pupils return to school on **Monday 31st October 2022**

Term dates for next year can be found here [The Castle School - Term Dates](https://thecastleschoolnewbury.org.uk/the-castle-school-term-dates) (thecastleschoolnewbury.org.uk)

Many thanks, Jon Hewitt (Headteacher)