



Castlethorpe First School NEWSLETTER

Summer Term 2 2026



Welcome back!

It's hard to believe we are in the final half term of the year. To look back to September, all of the children have grown and learnt so much. While we only have 7 weeks left, we won't be scrimping on learning and have a jam packed half term ahead before the summer holidays begin.

Year 2 are off to the MK Music Festival, we have our own school Sports Day and the children are all invited to sing at the Cherry Fayre in Olney. On top of that, you'll see we're learning about Oceans and Seas which will come with an exciting visit to the Cotswold Wildlife Park.

We will be absolutely making the most of the final weeks of this school year with new learning as well as recalling topics from earlier this year and revisiting and practicing skills.

Our value this half term: Truth and Truthfulness

This term will be teaching the children about the importance of truth and truthfulness. Through actions, stories and discussions we'll be explaining why it's so important to tell the truth. Please do support us by reinforcing this at home.

This terms topic: Oceans and Seas

We will be learning all about the Oceans and Seas this half term. Be it writing postcards or retelling stories about the sea in English, making clay sea rocks in art or learning about



the great explorers Grace Darling and Christopher Columbus in History – there is a lot of exciting things that we will be covering. Please do bring in anything you would be happy for us to look at or display on our Oceans inspiration table – be it books, nets, boats, shells, photos or ornaments we would welcome them all as we bring the topic to life for all the children. Please see Parentmail for our exciting trip information.



FOCS BOX

Our last update of the term – where has our year gone?!

We've really enjoyed getting to know you all and thank you so much for supporting our events – it really means a lot. Below are some key dates for the next few weeks:

14th June: Castlethorpe Duck Race 1-5pm: come and visit the FOCS stalls and play some games 😊

10th July: Non-uniform day: in exchange for tombola gifts.

12th July: Summer Fete 12-3pm: we're back in school this year and will be looking for volunteers to help out – keep an eye on facebook and class dojo for updates.

17th July: Starters and Leavers Party: Come and celebrate with us on the sports field after school – further details tbc. Best wishes to you all! Anna, Polly, Heather and Ruth xx



Health and Fitness Week 2026

Thank you for supporting our Health and Fitness week. We enjoyed seeing you all in the morning taking part in our **Wake Up Shake up** and enjoying a free PT session with **Corinne Edwards**. The children enjoyed taking part in



the free tennis session, kindly given by **Peter Tolani of Wolverton Tennis Club**. In addition, the year 1 and 2 children took part in the VSF Interschool Striking and Catching competition. Year 2 also met with other schools in the local area at the Haversham Sports Festival. Super work everyone!

End of Year Reporting

Thank you for taking the time to respond to our recent consultation on how we report to you at the end of the academic year. We are looking forward to an extra parent/teacher meeting at the end of this term to discuss your child's year in school together with a new and concise written report.



Sports Day

Sports Day will be taking place at 2pm, Thursday 9th July at Castlethorpe Sports Field. The afternoon will begin with team activities using the skills learnt and practiced in PE this year and finish with some races.

Cherry Fayre–singing & toy stall



We hope you can join us to sing together, 12.30pm at The Glebe, Olney for this summer tradition. The VSF will also run a toy and book stall to support our link school in Newton, Sierra Leone. Please bring any donations in to school.

Sunny Days

With the sun making a more regular appearance, please don't forget to send the children into school with sun cream already applied, a hat and a fresh water bottle.



Dates for your diary

Year 1 Phonics screening week- **w/c 8th June**

MK Music Festival – **Wed 17th June**

Cherry Fayre Singing - **Sun 28th June**

Sports Day – **Thurs 9th July @ 2pm**

Parent Consultations Year 2 - **Mon 6th July**

Parent Consultations Year 1 – **Tues 7th July**

Parent Consultations Ladybirds – **Wed 8th July**

Non-school uniform day - **Fri 10th July**

School Fete – **Sun 12th July**

Whole School Trip, Cotswold Wildlife Park – **Tues 14th July**

Leaver's Assembly- **Fri 17th July @9.30am**

End of Term – **Fri 17th July @ 1pm**

School returns – **Wednesday 2nd September**

A note from Mrs Wallace



This half term is always an emotional one. Not only is it the end of a long school year, but it is also always hard to say goodbye to our children and families as they move on to pastures new. Thank you for all your help and support, our village schools thrive because of the support of parents – be it through fundraising efforts, talks to widen the children's horizons or supporting visits. We couldn't do it without you and it makes a world of difference to the children.

Our values provide our children in good stead for life beyond school, creating an understanding of core principles. This half term our value is truth and truthfulness and we will be focusing on this through stories and interactions.

We wish our children moving on to new schools in September the very best of luck. We will miss you but hope the solid and caring foundation the VSF has provided you will remain with you for life. You will always be greeted back warmly.