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## Newsletter – December 2025

Dear Parents,

As we reach the end of another calm and highly productive term, it is nice to reflect back on the achievements and highlights of the year so far.

- Our end of KS2 data has now been validated and is publicly available, I would strongly urge you to have a look at how we compare to other schools locally and nationally! Our results put us in the top 11% of the country!
- These last few weeks have been filled with lovely Christmas and festive spirit, with the choir carolling in the Eden centre and at an old people's home, the Early Years Nativity and PTA Christmas Fayre.
- We have had many exciting trips and experiences that have really enhanced and brought to life the children's learning and understanding, with many more to follow later on the year.

On behalf of all the staff at Castlefield, thank you for the cards and gifts your children have brought in, your generosity at this time of year is very kind and greatly appreciated.

### Arbor



Well done and thank you to all parents for logging into Arbor and setting up your accounts. Moving forward, almost all of our services will be available to you under this program. To start with, you can:

- Order hot lunches
- Pay for/consent to trips
- Update information the school holds about your child/contact details/address/doctor etc
- Inform the school of your child's absence
- Receive school communications

### How should I help my child?

Reading, Reading, Reading! Please do not underestimate the importance of this.

Reading everyday:

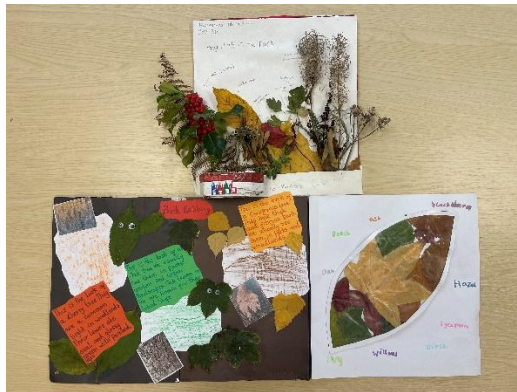
- Builds your child's vocabulary and understanding
- Grows their interest and imagination
- Helps them to access all other subjects and learning



Children should be reading at home every day, either by themselves, reading to an adult (or a pet) and they could even listen to audio books. They are never too old or young to have a story read to them!

### **Holiday Homework:**

We design our holiday homework to encourage activities that are cost free and provide a wealth of learning and enrichment. Please take part in the activities and encourage your children to produce a piece of work showing what they have discovered... you never know you might have fun doing it!



A collection of work from the half term's woodland walks.

This holiday's homework is baking gingerbread! I hope they turn out well!

Thank you for your continuing support and have a wonderful Christmas holiday and a happy New Year.

Andrew Kann  
(Headteacher)

Follow us on Facebook/Instagram for additional photographs and posts about the learning and fun activities that happen around the school.



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### Important Dates

<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>1:00pm term ends</b>
<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Christmas holiday</b>
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>INSET – No school for children</b>
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Children return to school
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 6 North America Day
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 4 Roman Day Year 6 Knife Crime workshop
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 2 Trip to Windsor Castle
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Year 3 Ancient Egyptian Day
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 6 visit from a Magistrate <b>3:20pm half term ends</b>
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Spring half term holiday</b>
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Children return to school
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 6 trip to RAF Hendon
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Target Setting Day</b>
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3 trip to the Natural History Museum (returning 4:30pm)
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>1:00pm term ends</b>
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Easter holiday</b>
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	Children return to school
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>May half term holiday</b>
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	<b>INSET – No school for children</b>
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Children return to school
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	1:00pm Last day of Year
<b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	<b>Summer holidays</b>