



The Herald

5th September 2025

Welcome back to the new school year. The children in Key Stage 1 have had a great start and are very enthusiastic about their new projects. We look forward to welcoming our new Early Years children next week.

In the year group information below, staff have put the dates of project outcomes where parents have been invited, this was a suggestion from the parent survey last year. Also in response to the survey, we will be having 'open door' afternoons where you can come and look through your child's books and have an informal chat with the teachers. The dates of these are: Wednesday 1st October, Tuesday 27th January and Tuesday 21st July, all will run from 3:15 to 5:00pm. We will also be holding our more traditional parents' evenings in between these.

A big thank you to Mr Whistler. What an amazing job he has done around the school grounds over the summer. We have had a new Early Years fence, but he is repurposing parts of the old fence to make an allotment area and fence off Forest School. He has removed rotten seating and replaced it with sleepers and bench seating. He has also removed the ball walls. I hope you agree that the bottom playground is looking much better.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Fitz

Early Years

Welcome to the first newsletter of the academic year. In the Early Years' section each week we will put important reminders, what has been going on in school and what will be happening the following week.

It has been lovely seeing so many of you this week and we look forward to visiting the rest of you on Monday. Please refer to your important date sheet for next week's arrangements.

We are excited to start our first project 'Marvellous Me' next week where we will start to get to know each other, routines and our classrooms.

Please see below our project outcome dates for the year ahead, where we will share everything we have been learning:

Marvellous Me - Wednesday 22nd October 2.45pm

The Great Outdoors – Friday 28th November 2.45pm

The Magic Ride – Monday 9th February 2.45pm

Step Into a Story – Thursday 21st May 2.30pm

When I Grow Up - Friday 3rd July 2.45pm

Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you next week!

The Early Years Team

Year 1

Welcome back to school! We hope you enjoyed your summer and we are excited to welcome you all to Year 1. The children have settled in well and have enjoyed getting to know their teachers and new classmates.

Over the past two days we have started our first project 'Getting to Know You!' The children have written some simple sentences about themselves, their families and some of their favourite things. Next week we will be extending their writing further, using the conjunction 'and' to join these simple sentences. We will also be doing some science lessons on our bodies and senses.

In maths we have started by focusing on place value. The children were tasked with sorting a range of objects in lots of different ways e.g. based on their colour, shape and size. We then moved onto practicing their counting, encouraging them to work out how many objects are in each group.

Our P.E days will be **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays**, just a reminder to bring in P.E kits if you have not already.

We would like to invite all the parents to join us for our Year 1 Welcome Meeting on **Thursday 11th September at 2:45pm** where you can learn more about what to expect throughout the year!

Lastly, please find below all our project outcome dates for the year ahead where parents are invited:

Stanley Saves the Seas- Thursday 16th October 2:45pm

Fire! Fire!- Thursday 4th December 2:45pm

Showtime- Wednesday 11th February 9:00am

Wonderful Winklebury- Tuesday 24th March 2:30pm

Meet the Author- Thursday 4th June 9:00am

Professor Poppy's Plant Problem- Tuesday 14th July 2:30pm

Have a great weekend!

The Year 1 Team

Year 2

Welcome back! We hope you have had a wonderful summer break. We have started our new project of The Day the Crayons Quit. This week we have looked at different emotions and why we might be feeling this. In maths, we have recapped our number knowledge to 20.

Next week, in our project we will recap the use of conjunctions in sentences such as 'and' 'because' as well as 'but'.

In maths, we will be developing number knowledge on place value up to 100.

Reading will begin next week. Children will independently choose their own books to take home according to the colour reading band.

Our **P.E days** will be **Mondays** and **Wednesdays**. If there is any change, we will put it in the newsletter.

Just a reminder, Year 2 have their project outcome and parents are invited to the Welcome Meeting on the 17th of September at 2.30pm. Parents are invited to find out more about what will happen across the year and ask any questions you may have.

Some dates for your diary for project outcomes for the year ahead where parents are invited:

Journey Home- Thursday 23rd October 9.05 am

Land of the Long White Cloud- Wednesday 10th December 2.45pm

Titanic – Wednesday 11th February 2.30pm

Creature Comforts- Friday 27th March 2.30pm

Fitness Café- Thursday 9th July 2.30pm

Have a lovely weekend.

The Year 2 Team

Castle Hill Friends

INSET Days

2025/2026

Friday 24th October 2025

Friday 13th February 2026

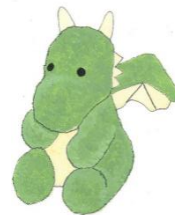
Friday 22nd May 2026

Friday 10th July 2026

Thought of the Week

Support Each Other

(This links with our Community Value)



Diary Dates

Tuesday 9th September – Early Years Stay and Play 9:00 – 11:00

Early Years Coffee Morning for parents 10:00 – 11:00

Wednesday 10th September – Early Years Stay Play 8:45 – 12pm

Thursday 11th September – Year 1 Welcome meeting for parents 2:45pm