



The Herald

12th September 2025

What a great first full week back. It has been great to have our new Early Years in school full time. They have settled in so well and so quickly.

Can I remind you all that, if your child is unwell, please ring the office by 9:15 to let us know. If we don't hear from you we will ring. If we are unable to contact you, we will then ring the other adults on your child's contact list.

Can I do the usual start of year plea? Please make sure that all of your child's uniform is labelled so we can reunite any lost property with their owner!!

Thank you for all of your support and please talk to your child's class teacher, Mrs Cameron or myself if you have any queries or concerns.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Fitz

Class Stars of the Week



Theo A
Larry-John
Eesa
Leo



Mrs Fitz's Star of the Week



Franco

Early Years

Welcome to the New School Year!

We are so pleased with how well the children have settled into their first few days of school. They've made a fantastic start – already beginning to understand new routines, respecting boundaries, and forming new friendships.

Thank you for your continued support in helping your child feel comfortable and confident as they begin this exciting journey. Your involvement plays a huge part in making these early days such a positive experience.

This week we've been tuning into the different sounds around us in both our indoor and outdoor learning environments. The children have shown wonderful listening skills and curiosity during these sessions.

We also welcomed a special new member to our classroom – Cosmo the Community Dragon! As part of our community value, the children are beginning to explore what it means to collaborate. Working together as a team and supporting each other.

A few gentle reminders:

- Please ensure all personal belongings are clearly labelled
- Your child's water bottle should contain water only, to keep them hydrated throughout the day
- As the weather can be unpredictable, please send your child in with a waterproof coat

We look forward to welcoming you to our welcome meeting on **Thursday 18th September at 2:45pm**. Please come to the office and we will be in the hall.

On Monday, look out for the parent overview for our new project, Marvellous Me!

Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to more fun next week.

The Early Years Team

Year 1

The children have had a great first full week back! We have been continuing with our 'Getting to Know You' project, writing sentences about themselves using the conjunction 'and' to extend their sentences. We also did some science lessons to explore different body parts and the five senses. The children really enjoyed finding out about how we use our senses!

In maths this week we have been carrying on with the place value topic. The children used a tens frame and counters to represent different amounts up to 10. We also begun learning how to recognise numbers as their words e.g. one, two, three... Next week we move onto working out one more and one less and exploring the symbols from greater than, less than and the same as.

We are very excited to begin our new project 'Stanley Saves the Seas' next week! The Parent Overview will be sent out next week with all the information about this project. Please may we ask you to bring in any recycling you find at home for junk modelling.

Thank you to all the parents who joined us for the welcome meeting on Thursday, if you were unable to make it and have any questions about the school year, please feel free to talk to your class teacher.

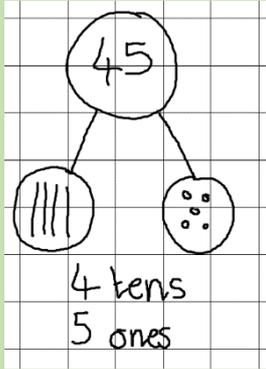
Have a great weekend,

The Year 1 Team

Year 2

We have had a fantastic first week back! The children have really impressed us with how well they have settled in. This week they have been writing sentences about the crayons from the book 'The Day the Crayons Quit'. They have been using prior learning by constructing their sentences with the conjunctions and, because and but. Next week we will finish this project by writing a letter to the crayons from Duncan.

In maths this week the children have revisited partitioning using their knowledge of tens and ones. They have worked hard to partition numbers to 100 and used pictorial dienes to represent this. The children have also been learning to write numbers in words. Below are some examples of this week's work:



In words, 2 tens is **twenty**.

In words, 2 ones is **two**.

The number in words is **twenty two**.

Next week we look forward to our project outcome and welcome meeting on **Wednesday 17th September at 2:30pm**, where we will share some important information about our learning and routines in Year 2.

Also look out for the next parent overview at the end of next week, to find out all about our exciting new project!

Have a lovely weekend.

The Year 2 Team

Castle Hill Friends

Welcome back to all of our amazing students and families and a huge shoutout to our brand-new Early Years crew!

We can't wait for all the fun ahead; we have some very exciting things to share soon!.

Halloween Disco – 23rd October 2025

SAVE THE DATE! Get your costumes ready and dancing shoes on, tickets are now live on our website!

Let's Rebuild Our Volunteer Vibes

We're refreshing our WhatsApp group for anyone who can lend a hand—big or small! Whether it's helping / chaperoning at events or taking on tasks (Baking, crafting, decorating etc) in your spare time, we'd love to have you on board ❤️ You'll only say "yes" if something comes up and you're free. We couldn't do the events without our amazing volunteer base ☐ Please message us on Facebook or email us at castlehillfriends@outlook.com if you'd like to support

Website below

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/chf-castlehillfriends/>

Have a wonderful weekend and thank you for supporting the PTA!

INSET Days

2025/2026

- Friday 24th October 2025
- Friday 13th February 2026
- Friday 22nd May 2026
- Friday 10th July 2026

Thought of the Week

Appreciate your grown-ups and friends

(This links with our Appreciation Value)



Diary Dates

Wednesday 17th September – Year 2 project outcome and Parents Welcome meeting 2:30 – 3:15pm

Thursday 18th September – Early Years Welcome meeting 2:45 – 3:15pm

Tuesday 23rd September – Cauliflower Cards sent home