



# The Herald

21<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Thank you for all your support throughout this half-term.

I hope you all enjoy a restful break and have the opportunity to make the most of the lovely weather.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026.

Mrs Fitz

## National Year of Reading



Part of the  
National Year of Reading 2026

**GO  
ALL  
IN.**

## Class Book Worms of the week Challenge

Well done to everyone who has read at home at least 3 times.

Please help your child by reading at least 3 times at home with them and recording this in their home reading diaries.

**This week's Book Worms of the Week are:**

### **Birch Class**

Class percentages for the week:

Fir Class	36%
Ash Class	21%
Rowan Class	38%
Birch Class	41%
Sycamore Class	32%
Maple Class	14%



## Library

As we have INSET day tomorrow the library will not be open. I look forward to seeing you at library sessions after half term. Have a great half term and happy reading!

Mrs Cameron

## **Up-coming events:**

Friday Library Opening– 3.15pm – 4pm every Friday (visit with your child)  
Class Book Worms of the week Challenge



## Early Years

What a wonderful celebration of our project work on Wednesday! Thank you to all of you who attended and for the wonderful home learning you did with your children. This week we have been rounding off our project learning and talking about what we have enjoyed most.

After half term we are excited to start our new project, 'When I Grow Up'. Please remember to contact us if you have some free time and would like to come in and talk about your job with the children.

Over the half term it would be great if you could keep working on the sounds in the zippy wallets and reading with your child. Any counting and number bonds to 5 and 10 recall would be a great support. This is pairs of numbers that when added together make 5 and 10. E.g. 4 and 1, 3 and 2, 5 and 5, 6 and 4 etc. A great resource for this is the White Rose 1 Minute Maths app which is free to use via the app store on your devices. This is an optional resource and is not necessary to be able to do number bonds work, but is available should you wish to explore it.

We hope you have a lovely half term and thank you for your continued support.

The Early Years Team

## Year 1

We've had a fantastic start to the summer term this half term! The children have loved completing the final parts of their book and we are so pleased with how they look when put together. The children have worked really hard to create these and they have showed great pride in their work. We hope you enjoyed taking part in creating your own acrostic poem and hearing all about what the children have been up to at the project outcome!

When we come back in June, we will start our new project 'Professor Poppy's Plant Problem' and more information will be sent out in the parent overview on the first day back!

In maths this week we have been learning about fractions focusing on halves and quarters. At the start of the week the children were further practicing splitting shapes into halves and quarters, we then moved onto splitting quantities in the same way. There will be some resources available on Purple Mash over half term to help the children's understanding of this if you wish to explore it.

We are also sending home some phonics booklets and it would be helpful if you and your child could give this a go. Phonics screening will be soon after half term so any practise you can squeeze in would be great!

Thank you for your continued support and have a fantastic half term!

The Year 1 Team

## Year 2

What an amazing half term Year 2 have had! The children have loved writing their own endings to *The Dragon Snatcher* story and showed such creativity and imagination. They also really enjoyed making their dragon eyes, which all looked so beautiful and unique. Another highlight was designing and creating vehicles for their dragon eggs – they looked incredibly practical!

Next half term, we are excited to begin our new project, *Fitness Café*. The children will be creating fitness circuits and learning about healthy diets, as well as understanding why exercise is important for our bodies. Please can we ask that P.E. kits remain in school, as some lessons will require the children to get

changed in order to take part in creating their fitness circuits, alongside our normal P.E. lessons. Our P.E. days next half term will be **Monday** and **Tuesday**.

In maths, we will continue learning about time and ensure the children are confident telling the time to 5 minutes before moving on to statistics, where they will explore tally charts and pictograms.

We hope you all have a lovely half term and look forward to seeing everyone on Monday 1st June.

Have a lovely half term!

The Year 2 Team

### **Forest School**

Please find below the Forest school sessions that will take place the week after half term

Tuesday – Rowan

Wednesday – Sycamore (Last session)

Thank you,  
Mrs Fulbrook



### **Castle Hill Friends**

Well done to all of the children who raised sponsorships by doing their hop last week! 🥰 We hope they all enjoyed themselves 😊

On Friday 12th June we will be holding our annual summer fayre between 4pm-6:30pm! It is free entry for under 16s and 50p per adult. We are in full swing of planning for this to be a great afternoon for the whole family ☺ This is open to the whole community, so spread the message to family and friends! There will be plenty for everyone to enjoy 😊

If you or anyone you know has any time to spare to help with covering a stall at the summer fair, please get in touch! We appreciate any help we can get, even half an hour goes a long way 😊

### **INSET Days**

#### **2025/2026**

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2026

#### **2026/2027**

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2026

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2026

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2027

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2027

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2027

### **Office Notices**

#### **Fraser Portraits Deadline**

The photo order deadline is Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May. Please ensure that you order your photos on time to avoid any additional costs. Orders received after Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May will be charged postage.

**Diary Dates**

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May - **INSET DAY**- School closed to children

**Half-Term**

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May