



The Herald

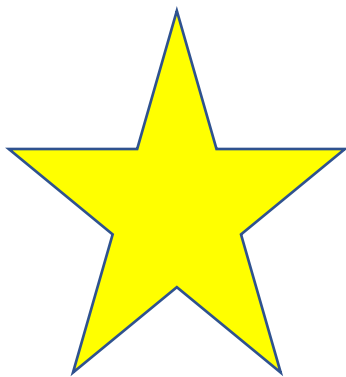
5th June 2026

Welcome back to the last half term – I can't believe how quickly the year has flown by! There are always lots of events at this time of year, particularly for Year 2.

Over the half term break, we have completed some upgrades around the school. Maple has a new carpet and lino, Sycamore a new carpet and Fir has a new wet area. Mr Whistler has fenced in Forest School (reusing the old Early Years fence).

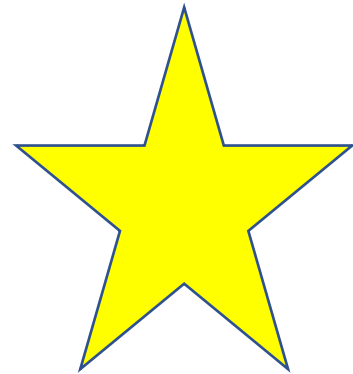
Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Fitz



Stars of the week

Rocco
Phoebe
Melia
Brody
Gurnaaz
Isabella



Mrs Fitz star of the week

Gracie-May

National Year of Reading



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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:

Ash Class

Class percentages for the week:

Fir Class	33.3%
Ash Class	35.7%
Rowan Class	14%
Birch Class	28%
Sycamore Class	28.5%
Maple Class	10%



Library

Remember, library sessions every Friday from 3.15pm to 4pm. Entry to the library can be made through the school office once you have picked up your child. I look forward to seeing you there!

Please note the library will be closed on Friday 3rd July.

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

We have had such a busy first week back and have been excited to start our new project 'When I grow up'. The children have been talking about jobs they do in the classroom. We then looked at the jobs adults do at school and generated some questions about them. We were very lucky to have a visit from Mrs Fitz, Mr Whistler and Mrs Yerbury this week. They answered all of our questions and we now have a better understanding of what they do. Today the children went looking for where in the school they work and plotted them on an aerial map. They had great fun hunting for them and describing where they found them.

Next week we will begin to look at jobs that we might have within our families, like washing up or making the bed. We will also think about jobs that our familiar adults have and would love to have some visitors in to talk about their jobs. Please get in contact if you are able to help us with this.

In handwriting we are looking at letters that we find a little tricky to form and in maths we will be exploring taking away.

We hope that you have a brilliant weekend and look forward to a fun packed week exploring more jobs!

The Early Years Team

Year 1

This week in Year 1 the children were introduced to our new project by a very special guest; Professor Poppy. She told us all about different seeds and what they need to grow but sadly tripped and spilt all her seeds! The children agreed to help her figure out which was which by taking a seed home to plant and reporting back what grows from it. Please help your child to plant and monitor the seed they have brought home; we are looking forward to hearing all about what they have grown over the next few weeks! **If your seed does not grow at all after two weeks, please see Miss Tripp for a new one.**

In our other project lessons this week we have been exploring if seeds and plants are living things, identifying garden and wild plants, labelling parts of a flower and beginning to write instructions on how to grow a flower. The children have loved sharing their knowledge on this topic so far!

In maths we have been exploring position and direction. The children have worked hard to describe directional turns, used left and right to describe movements and have used ordinal numbers such as 'first, second, third...' to order objects. We have also been describing positions using above and below, forwards and backwards.

With phonics screening beginning next week, it would be great if the children could do a bit of extra practise reading over the weekend. We are already so pleased with how far they have come as readers this year!

Just a reminder that our P.E. days are staying as **Wednesday** and **Thursday**.

Have a fantastic weekend,

The Year 1 Team

Year 2

What a fantastic start to the summer term! As part of our hook, the children were welcomed back in on Monday by Miss Donnelly and Miss Bird as Mrs Newman and Miss Lund had overslept and had been very unhealthy! The children began their Fitness Café project which is all about being healthy, how and why it is important.

In maths this week we have finished our time unit – the children have worked very hard on telling the time to 5 minutes. We have now moved on to statistics in which the children will learn about tally charts, bar graphs and pictograms.

Just a reminder that our PE days are **Monday and Tuesday**. Please could you remind your child to bring their PE kits in.

Have a lovely weekend!

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 – Maple

Thank you,
Mrs Fulbrook



Castle Hill Friends

On the 12th June we will be holding our annual summer fair, 4pm-6:30pm! It is free entry for under 16s and 50p per adult. Entry and exit will be through the main front gate only. 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 ☺

INSET Days

2025/2026

Friday 10th July 2026

2026/2027

Tuesday 1st September 2026

Wednesday 2nd September 2026

Monday 4th January 2027

Thursday 25th March 2027
Friday 9th July 2027

Diary Dates

Wb 8th June – Year 1 phonic screening week

Wednesday 10th June – New parents welcome evening 18:00 – 19:00pm

Friday 12th June – Summer Fayre 16:00 – 18:30pm

Monday 15th June – CHPS – P.E session 13:30 – 14:30pm

Wednesday 17th June – Sports day 9:15 – 10:45am – weather permitting