



The Herald

11th July 2025

What an exciting week in school! Year 2's performances were amazing, with fantastic acting and wonderful singing.

Just to reassure you, during this hot weather, we are following all of the Department for Education guidance. Next week is looking cooler, but could you ensure that children remain coming to school with sun screen on and named sun hats.

This week we have welcomed Miss Lund back after her maternity leave. The end of the year always means saying goodbye to children and some staff. After 34 years, we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Scrivens. She has touched the lives of thousands of children and will be greatly missed within our school community. We know she will stay in touch and wish her all the best. Miss Espera will be leaving too. It was lovely to have her back to cover the maternity leave and I'm sure we will see her soon. Finally, Mrs Weston will be leaving at the end of term. She has been a brilliant support to the school and children over the last couple of years and I wish her all the best.

Just a reminder for Year R and Year 1 parents, next year's class teachers will be on the bottom playground at 3:15.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Fitz

Early Years

What a hot week we have had! The children have had a wonderful time thinking back and sharing memories of their time this year. In maths they have wowed us with their work on positional language, describing where things are in pictures and in small world scenes. The children have explored the festival of Janmashtami and why it is important to Hindu people, looking at how they celebrate and remember.

Next week the children will think about their favourite memory of the year, making class memory books. In maths, we will be consolidating our learning of number bonds, one more and one less, sharing and grouping and doubling and halving.

Please remember that the teachers will be down on the bottom playground today once they have seen their classes out at 3.15pm, if you would like to meet them before September.

We have collected in library books now so if you still have one at home, please pop it into book bags ready for next week. Please also keep an eye out for any reading books you may have and make sure they are in book bags next week as we will be collecting them in. The children will still be able to read next week in school and at home books will still be available on Oxford Owl using your child's log in in their home learning diaries.

If you haven't seen the project overview for 'Are we Ready?' our current project, please take a look as there is a feedback form inside and we would love to hear from you.

Have a wonderful weekend and we look forward to seeing you next week. Thank you for your continued support.

The Early Years Team

Year 1

First of all, we would like to thank everyone who was able to come to our project outcome on Wednesday. We hope that you enjoyed your time, looking at all of the children's hard work and perhaps making a bug hotel or planting some cress seeds. We would like to thank you for all the donations that you so kindly gave for the plant sale, thank you for taking the seeds home to plant and look after! The children have worked so hard during the project and have really enjoyed all of the hands-on experiences that have come their way.

In maths this week the children have learned about telling the time to the hour and half past the hour. They have learned about the hour and minute hand and have labelled clocks using the correct hands and written the right time next to analogue clocks.

Next week the children will be discussing their favourite memory of the year, drawing and writing about their year, to create a class year book which they will take with them into year 2. This will be an opportunity for children to use their writing skills that they have developed throughout the year. In maths there will be consolidation activities that link to learning that the children have previously completed during the year, for instance adding, subtracting, using arrays and counting in 2, 5 and 10's.

Please can your child bring a named bag into school by Thursday 17th July. We will be gathering together their school work ready to come home.

We hope you have a fantastic weekend, enjoying the wonderful sunshine!

The Year 1 Team

Year 2

We hope you enjoyed Hoodwinked yesterday (and didn't melt if you came in the afternoon)! The children worked so hard and were so excited to perform, I'm sure you will agree that they were brilliant. We have already begun practising in earnest for the Leaver's Assembly next week.

As Fitness Café comes to a close, we are looking forward to seeing you at the project outcome on Tuesday afternoon (2:30pm). The children have put together some simple circuits to demonstrate their understanding of working out different parts of the body. For the adults who take part, you will be rewarded with a fruit kebab and fresh juice!

We have re-capped 2d and 3d shape this week and next week we will re-visit the four functions of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

We are keeping a close eye on the weather at the moment. Our end of project even is on Tuesday afternoon. It is currently forecast at 25 degrees. Should this go up, we will not hold the event as it involves physical activities outside. We will send an email confirming the decision on Tuesday morning. Thank you for your understanding.

Finally Please could your child bring in a carrier bag ready for their books to go home. Thank you.

Have a lovely weekend.

The Year 2 Team

Castle Hill Friends

🎉 A Huge Shoutout from the PTA! 🎉

As the school year wraps up, we want to send a massive thank you to all the amazing parents and friends who've volunteered, baked, cheered, painted faces, ran stalls, and generally been absolute legends at our events this year! 🍰🤗👧🎈

To the families heading off to junior school after July — we'll miss you dearly! ❤️ We hope your little stars keep shining bright in their new adventures. Remember, once a part of our school family, always a part of our school family. ✨

Remember on our website you can purchase your child's house colour PE tops and uniform at any point and feel free to message us on email or Facebook if needing any support through the summer 👍😊

From September we would love some more volunteers and PTA members, so please do get in touch for more info if you think you could be a part of Castle Hill Friends! 👯 Even if it's to wrap some presents, create posters, bake or just throw ideas at us for our children, we'd love as many of you Mums and Dads to be a part of the adventure 😊

Here's to a joyful summer and exciting new chapters ahead! Have a wonderful weekend and thank you for supporting the PTA! 💙

INSET Days

2025/2026

Wednesday 3rd September 2025

Friday 24th October 2025

Friday 13th February 2026

Friday 22nd May 2026

Friday 10th July 2026

Stars of the Week



Molly
Nova
Phoenix
Ivy J
Teddy R
Ava-Sophia
Jaxon



Diary Dates

Tuesday 15th July - Year 2 Fitness Café Project Outcome – 14:30pm – Parents invited

Wednesday 16th July - iRock Concert 9:00am (iRock parents invited to attend)

Friday 18th July - Year 2 - Leaving Assembly – Year 2 Parents invited 9:05am

Monday 21st July - Moving on Morning – Early Years and Year 1

Summer Holiday - Wednesday 23rd July – Wednesday 3rd September

Magna Extended Update

Important Update – Wraparound Care Fees for 2025–26 and Autumn Term 1 (1st September – 24th October 2025) Bookings at CASTLE HILL INFANTS SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we prepare for the new academic year, we would first like to thank you for your ongoing support and for choosing Magna to care for your child. We remain committed to providing high-quality, reliable wraparound care that inspires, captivates, and engages every child who attends.

Over the past year, we have made every effort to maintain our current pricing structure despite increasing pressures. However, **recent changes introduced by the government**, including further increases to the National Minimum Wage and employer National Insurance contributions, alongside rising costs in food, utilities, staffing, and rent payable to schools, have made it no longer viable for us to operate under the current rates.

To ensure we can continue to offer the level of care, staffing, and resources that you expect from us, **we will be updating our fees from September 2025** as follows:

- **Breakfast Club:** £7.00 per session
- **After School Care:** £16.00 per session

This increase reflects the true cost of delivering our service sustainably and responsibly.

We appreciate your understanding and continued partnership as we navigate these changes.

🔔 GENERAL BOOKINGS FOR AUTUMN TERM 1 (1st September – 24th October 2025) EXTENDED SCHOOLS OPENS WEDNESDAY 16TH JULY at 12:00PM

Priority Booking Window:

 Opens: **Wednesday 16th July at 12:00PM**

General bookings AUTUMN TERM 1 (1st September – 24th October 2025)

 Please log in from 12:00PM on **Wednesday 16th July 2025** to book your sessions for **AUTUMN TERM 1** by clicking [clicking here.](#)

HALF TERMLY BOOKINGS

When booking you will be required to:

- Book the same days each week for the Autumn Term in advance to secure the place of your child/ren.
- Maintaining set days each week

To ensure booked session are not withdrawn please note the following:

- All debit/credit card payments will be required within 24hrs of booking.
- Tax-free childcare/ childcare vouchers payments must be processed within 24hrs of booking, with confirmation of transfer sent to info@magnagroups.com.
- All bookings must be settled in advance of child's first sessions.

Please Note: Termly set day bookings only will be permitted during priority booking. Requests for Ad-hoc dates/spaces are unable to accepted during this period and will only be available subject to spaces being available thereafter.

Please click here for our updated 2025 [TERMS AND CONDITIONS](#)

DON'T FORGET TO BOOK YOUR SUMMER 2025 MAGNA CAMPS FROM 23RD JULY – 22 AUGUST 2025 RUNNING LOCALLY [clicking here.](#)