



The Herald

3rd October 2025

I can't believe we are already in October. After half term there will be several clubs running after school that children in KS1 can join (Early Years will be able to join some of them later in the year). These are:

Club	Day	Timing	Run by
Board Games	Thursday	3:15 – 4:00	Mrs Crane
Recorders	Wednesday	3:15 – 4:00	Mrs Fitz
Choir	Wednesday	3:15 – 4:00	Mrs Cameron
Art	Thursday	3:15 – 4:15	Miss Tripp and Miss Skinner
Gardening	Tuesday	3:15 – 4:00	Miss Gomes

Letters for each club will be sent home on Monday with children who express an interest in them.

Next week we have Harvest festival. Thank you for the donations we have received for the food bank and we will be accepting more donations until the end of Monday.

Several parents have approached me about some near misses with bikes just outside the school gates. It is lovely that the children ride and scoot to school (we will be putting in another new bike rack soon) but please can you encourage them to be alert to others. For KS1, we will be doing scooter training in the summer term.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Fitz

Class Stars of the Week



Theo F
Aaron D
Tony
Alanna
Anashe
Ivy P



Mrs Fitz's Star of the Week



Emony



Early Years

This week, the children have begun to learn the phonic sounds **s, a, t, p**. We have been so impressed by their enthusiasm and excitement to learn new sounds. **In your child's bookbag, please find a zippy wallet filled with the sounds we have learnt so far, these will be updated with new sounds each week.** The sounds are there for your child to practise with you at home, if you are unsure on how to pronounce them, please look at the Early Years page on our website for some handy videos.

The children have also been exploring the word **unique**, and our similarities and differences. From how we look, to what we like to do, eat and how our families are constructed. In maths, we have been looking at pairs, matching and differences.

Next week we will be exploring family trees and discussing our families, using our time to talk books. We will be learning the sounds **i, m, n, d**. In maths, we will be looking at measuring and comparing length.

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

The Early Years Team

Year 1

The children thoroughly enjoyed our trip to QMC earlier this week! Following our exciting trip, we have spent a lot of time experimenting with different types of bags particularly with their properties of strength, waterproof, absorbent and stiff/stretchy. We have looked at what predicting means and carrying out a fair test. The children have recorded their results in a range of ways.

In maths we have been using part whole models to explore different ways of adding parts to get the whole. We have begun looking at writing number sentences and will continue with this next week. Any practise with addition at home would be appreciated.

As we approach the end of our project can we please remind parents that home learning is due in next week. We have loved seeing what the children have made so far and look forward to displaying the rest!

Another reminder, if you have your child's reading diary from last year, please put it in their bookbag. We have noticed that lots of children are missing them and cannot provide any until new ones have been delivered.

Thank you and have a great weekend!

The Year 1 Team

Year 2

This week, the children have enjoyed researching and writing their fact files on pandas. They wrote notes as a class which they then used to write sentences for their fact file. The children have also plotted the next part of the journey that the animals have taken in our class story 'The Journey Home' using geographical language. Next week they will continue their learning journey as we travel to Indonesia and find out all about orangutans.

In maths this week, the children have been recapping bonds to 10 and using this knowledge to find bonds to 20. They have also worked on fact families for example:

$$13 + 4 = 17$$

$$4 + 13 = 17$$

$$17 - 4 = 13$$

$$17 - 13 = 4$$

Next week, they will be adding and subtracting 10s and 1s and using their number bonds to solve problems.

Just a reminder that P.E days are **Mondays** and **Wednesday**. We try to go outside as much as possible and please make sure children have warmer clothes. Forest School is every **Thursday afternoon**.

Please can you check you have named all children's clothes so we can make sure items go back home with the right children.

Have a wonderful weekend,

The Year 2 Team.

Forest School

We had another week of warm autumn weather this week for the Forest School sessions! On Wednesday the children in year 1 enjoyed making stick men and getting creative in the mud kitchen. On Thursday we finished making our medals with the palm drill and made some leaf glitter.

Please remember to bring in Forest School clothes on your child's forest school day. The most important items at the moment are a pair of boots or old trainers, trousers and a waterproof coat. As the weather changes the children will need extra layers of clothing, as we will go out in most weathers!

Thank you

Mrs Fulbrook



Castle Hill Friends

🔔 WE ARE MOVING 🔔

Hey lovely Castle Hill Infants families! Just a quick heads-up — we've decided to stop posting updates on the current Facebook page. Instead, we'll be using it just for Facebook Messenger communications 💬

But don't worry — we're not disappearing! We're simply moving over to a **private group** so we can offer you more security, privacy, and a better space to get involved and share with us if you want to 😊

🌟 Come join us at "Castle Hill Friends PTA - Parents" 🌟 It's our new VIP lounge — and yes, you'll need to answer a couple of quick security questions to get in. We're keeping it safe, friendly, and fabulous! 💙

🎄 CAULIFLOWER CARDS 🧑🏻

This week you would have been sent home some Christmas art work with a form and this is for our Christmas cards known as CAULIFLOWER CARDS! For those that aren't familiar with what this is...

Cauliflower Cards are a company we use to make the children's Christmas art (that they do in school) into cards / gifts for you to buy.

This is a lovely sentimental thing for parents but also helps the PTA as we get a percentage of every purchase 🌟

Here's what you need to do ...

- Decide if you would like to make a purchase
- Log onto Cauliflower Cards website and input the code that's on your child's design
- Make your purchase
- Send back the artwork so we can send it away to be made into a digital print.

Artwork MUST be back with the school by **Monday 6th October at the latest (we will remind you)



Purchases will come to the school and be sent home in November so you have plenty of time to get them sent to any international relatives ✈

Any questions please ask

<https://www.cauliflowercards.co.uk>

Have a good weekend and thank you for supporting the PTA ❤

Office Notices

Individual Photos

Please note that on Tuesday 14th October the school photographer will be in school to take individual photos of the children.

INSET Days

2025/2026

Friday 24th October 2025

Friday 13th February 2026

Friday 22nd May 2026

Friday 10th July 2026

Thought of the Week

Keep trying when you find things difficult

(This links with our Learning Value)



Diary Dates

Tuesday 14th October – Individual Photos

Wednesday 15th October – Great Athlete Visit

Thursday 16th October – Year 1 Project Outcome – 2:45pm (Parents Invited)

Wednesday 22nd October – Early Years Project Outcome – 2:45pm (Parents Invited)

Thursday 23rd October - Year 2 Project Outcome – 9:05am (Parents Invited)

Thursday 23rd October – Castle Hill Friends Disco

Early Years - 4:00 – 4:45pm

Year 1 and 2 – 5:00 – 5:45pm