



The Herald

17th October 2025

We are nearly at half term and I can't believe how quickly it has gone. Next week is looking busy with more project outcomes and the Halloween Disco. Can I remind you that there is an INSET day next Friday so the last school day for children is Thursday. We have the Hampshire PE team coming in to work with staff to enhance our knowledge.

Please can I ask that over half term, all items of clothing coming into school are named. We already have a huge box of lost property which is not named or where the name is too faded to read. After the final PE session of the half term, PE bags will be sent home, please could you check that there has not been a mix up in kit.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Fitz

Class Stars of the Week



Oscar
Isabella
Micah
Paisley
Enzo
Eva T



Mrs Fitz's Star of the Week



Raynar



Early Years

Early years have had a very busy week! We have spent the week discussing the role of grandparents, what they do in a family and how important they are. We also have revisited our previous learning about community and how we all belong to a community (our family, school, class, clubs) and why. In maths, we have been exploring the number one and how it is formed. We have started to look at the number two and will continue to investigate and link amounts to numerals next week.

Next week, we will be exploring the festival of Diwali, learning the story of Rama and Sita and how Hindus celebrate Diwali. There will also be a focus upon **Astro the Appreciation Dragon**. We ask that you discuss with your child why we show appreciation and gratitude and how we could put it into practice both at home and school.

We have been very busy getting ready for our project outcome next week (**Wednesday 22nd October at 2:45pm**) and the children are very excited to share with you all their hard work! We look forward to seeing you there.

Thank you for all your support and have a lovely weekend,

The Early Years Team

Year 1

We have had a very exciting week in Year 1 with the children creating their very own kites made from plastic bags, just like the one in 'Somebody Swallowed Stanley'! The children evaluated which materials would work best and explored different joining techniques to create their kites. It was lovely seeing so many of you join us on Thursday and we hope you enjoyed seeing lots of what your child has been learning as well as testing out their kites.

In maths, we have continued with addition number sentences and the children were introduced to rekenrek as a resource to help them. We have now moved onto subtraction and how to write subtraction number sentences, which we will be continuing next week.

Next week we will be starting our new project 'Fire! Fire!' all about the Great Fire of London! We will be sending home the project overview on Monday which will contain all the information you need to know.

Just to remind you there is no forest school next Wednesday, but it will be starting up again after half term.

Have a lovely weekend,

The Year 1 Team

Year 2

This week, the children have taken an exciting trip to Kenya and Mauritius, enhancing their geographical language. The children found out that the temperature of these countries is very hot because they are near the equator. Next week, the children will write a recount of the journey in our key story, 'The Journey Home', using time adverbials such as 'later on' 'after that', 'finally'.

In maths, the children are adding 10 more and subtracting 10 less, taking away 1-digit numbers from 2-digit numbers across a ten. E.g. $24 - 8 = 16$. We have reinforced bonds to 10 to help them solve the problems crossing tens, please could you practice bonds to 10 at home including addition and subtraction. E.g. $10 - 7 = 3$ $7 + 3 = 10$

You are invited to our Take Action Now! event, on **Thursday at 9.05 am** where the children will

showcase their learning about endangered animals and raise awareness of the crisis that the animal world is facing. Join us in our fundraising event to help support and adopt one! As a year group, we have been looking at the WWF website. We would love to adopt one of the animals the children have been learning about and we are asking for a voluntary donation at our project outcome of £1 to help us with this cause.

A quick reminder that there is no forest school next week.

Have a wonderful weekend,

The Year 2 Team.

Forest School

Just a reminder that our Forest School sessions will restart after half term. We have decided to make Forest school sessions longer to give the children more opportunities to take part in activities and extend their play.

This means that the sessions will run every other week for the classes.

The next sessions will be:

Wednesday 5th November: Birch

Thursday 6th November: Maple

Wednesday 12th November: Rowan

Thursday 13th November: Sycamore

Thank you

Mrs Fulbrook



Castle Hill Friends

👻 Halloween Disco Alert – 23rd October! 🎃

1 WEEK TO GO! Get your kids costumes ready and their dancing shoes on—tickets are now live on our website! 📺👧👦 Link is on our socials & below also for you and more detail on timings etc is there too!

👴 Santas grotto - 21st November! 🎁

Book your time slot now they're filling fast 🧑🏻

👴🧡 Step into the magic of Christmas at Castle Hill Infant School's Santa's Grotto! Santa will be joining us at the Christmas Fayre on Friday 21st November 2025, and he can't wait to meet your little ones. To avoid disappointment, we recommend booking your 5-minute time slot online — spaces are limited and filling fast! 🎁

Children under 2 go free and do not need to be booked online — just turn up on the day. For children aged 2 and over, entry is £2.50, which includes a special gift from Santa himself. Visits can be booked for individual children or multiples (the website allows a maximum of 2 per time slot.) If you'd like to bring more than two children simply book a slot for 2 then add the additional costs (£2.50 pp) onto the booking with a "one off donation" finally send Castle Hill Friends a message with the names of the additional children. ❄️

To make the experience extra magical, please answer the booking prompt with what your child would love this Christmas — Santa will do his best to drop these prompts into conversation! 🎄

Have a wonderful weekend and Thank you for supporting the PTA! 💙

Office Notices

Diwali – Monday 20th October

On Monday we will be having a change of menu to celebrate Diwali, please see the menu attached to the newsletter. The children will also have the choice of pasta with tomato sauce.

Uniform Reminder

A gentle reminder to please ensure that all items of school uniform are clearly named. This helps us greatly in returning lost items to the correct children and keeps our lost property to a minimum.

INSET Days

2025/2026

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

Great Athlete Event

We had Luke Delahunty, who took part in the Invictus games, come to our school on the 15th October. He encouraged children to take part in a fitness circuit. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves, taking part enthusiastically and were interested in hearing Luke's story.

Sponsorship forms are due back the week after the event on the 22/10/25. Well done to the children who have raised money so far. The money will be spent on our P.E equipment.

Thought of the Week

Listen carefully to others

(This links with our Community Value)



Diary Dates

Tuesday 21st October – NSPCC Assembly for Year 1 and Year 2 children, delivered by Mrs Cameron and Miss Gomes
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
Friday 24th October - INSET Day (school closed)

Monday 27th October – Friday 31st October – Half-Term