



The Herald

23rd October 2025

What a brilliant first half term we have had! It has been lovely to see how well our Early Years children have settled in and I am so impressed by the progress that children in Year 1 and 2 have made. Their work looks amazing and I know the teachers are looking forward to sharing this with you at Parents Evening.

I know that most parents have booked appointments via Arbor, but if you need some help, please give the office a ring or send them an email.

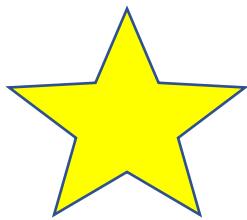
Thank you for your support this morning with the path being closed off. We have informed Hampshire about the tree and asked them to come and check all of the trees, particularly those covered in ivy. To ensure the children's safety, they have remained indoors at playtime and lunchtime. Could I ask that you use the steps from the playground as we will keep the path closed. Please check your email to see a change of door for pick up for classes at home time and the disco this evening.

Just a reminder that the children's last day is today as we have an INSET day tomorrow.

Have a lovely half term,

Mrs Fitz

Class Stars of the Week



Jackson
Billie
William
Noah
Matilda
Alessandro



Mrs Fitz's Star of the Week



Jaxyn



Early Years

What an amazing first half term we have had! The children have settled really well into the routines and are showing the values of Castle Hill Infant School. We are so proud of them!

Our first project outcome was a great success and we loved being able to celebrate your child's learning with you. They have worked so hard and produced some lovely work already. We hope you enjoyed it!

Next half term we will be starting our new project 'The Great Outdoors'. There will be lots of opportunities for the children to explore their natural world and find out more about seasonal change. Over half term please would you and your child collect lots of natural resources such as leaves, pine cones, small twigs and conkers! These will help us to produce some creative crafts for our new learning.

After half term we will also start sending home 'worded books' in relation to the sounds that they have been learning in phonics. Please continue to look at your child's picture book with them over half term to help with their comprehension.

Reminders:

Please remember to label all your child's belongings to help us locate lost items easily.

Our local walk will be happening on Thursday 7th November (more information about this via email) – Please remember to send your child in with appropriate clothing for the weather on that day.

Finally, a big thank you from the Early Years team for all your support over this first term. We hope you have a lovely, restful half term.

The Early Years Team

Year 1

What a fantastic start to Year 1 this half term! The children have produced some amazing work throughout our 'Stanley Saves the Seas project' and this week we have had an exciting start to our new project 'Fire! Fire!'

We have begun our project with a special visitor all the way from 1666... Samuel Pepys! He informed the children of a terrible fire that took place in his city, London. He then explained that he wrote all about it in his diary but that the children will need to do their own research to find out more. So far, we have learnt about how the fire started in Thomas Farriner's bakery on Pudding Lane and why it began to spread so quickly. The children have written some great sentences about this using the conjunction 'and'.

In maths we have continued our focus on subtraction and the children have used some concrete and pictorial representations to help them write some number sentences. We have also practiced using a number line to support their understanding of subtracting or taking away.

Over half term we are sending home some handwriting packs as extra learning, please encourage your child to complete these if possible. We are also setting some to do's on Purple Mash to do with our upcoming project and maths focus.

Have a great half term!

The Year 1 Team

Year 2

What a fantastic end to our half term this morning! Thank you to all of those that came to our project outcome and supported the children. It was lovely to see so many of you and we are really proud of what the children have achieved. So far, we have raised £11.75 towards our year group animal adoption. If you would still like to donate, we will be accepting donations after half term. We will be busy counting the tokens later today and will let the children know what has been voted for.

Next half term we will be starting our new project, 'Land of the Long White Cloud.' Look out for the new parent overview when we return.

In maths, we will continue with addition and subtraction after half term before moving onto 10 more and 10 less.

Just a reminder that each class we will be having a small workshop from the NSPCC on the afternoon of Thursday 6th November.

Have a wonderful half term and thank you for your continued support.

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

🎃 We hope all the kids have a spook-tacular time at the Halloween disco! Thank you everyone that's donated and volunteered we couldn't do these fun events without you and we know the kids appreciate it!

❖ Don't forget: Friday 7th November is non-uniform day! Please bring a chocolate donation or £1 coin alternative for the Christmas Fayre.

🎅 Santa's Grotto tickets are now on sale—grab yours early so you don't miss out on the magic at the Fayre on 21st November!

👉 And if you can spare a little time, we desperately need some extra hands to help make the Fayre sparkle. Volunteers always welcome so please don't be shy and get stuck in to make this day amazing for all!

👋 Wishing everyone a restful half-term—see you next term!

❤️ Have a wonderful weekend and thank you for supporting the PTA! ❤️

Office Notices

INSET Days

2025/2026

Friday 24th October 2025

Friday 13th February 2026

Friday 22nd May 2026

Friday 10th July 2026

Thought of the Week

We appreciate others

(This links with our Appreciation Value)



Diary Dates

Friday 24th October - INSET Day (school closed)

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

Tuesday 4th November – EY Phonics workshop for parents 09:00 – 09:45am

Monday 10th November – Friday 14th November – Anti-Bullying Week