



The Herald

7th November 2025

Welcome back from half term.

The clubs have started this week and I am pleased to say they are full. If your child has had second thoughts, please let the office know so we can offer the spaces out to other children. I would like to thank the staff for putting on the clubs.

Applications have opened for children to start either Reception or Year 3 in September 2026. If you have a child starting next September, please do book on one of our tours. Mrs Cameron and I would love to see you.

Please can I ask that all adults act courteously in and around the school site. This includes not using swear words on site, not parking across the paths around the car park and not smoking or vaping near the school gates. I'm sure that you all agree that we want to keep the children safe and that they have positive experiences.

On Monday we are starting antibullying week with an odd socks day and the local police office visiting Years 1 and 2. Hopefully you have received the information from Mrs Cameron which was sent earlier in the week.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Fitz

Class Stars of the Week



Felicity
Roman
Elijah
Lillie-Rose
Charlotte-Rose
Charlotte S



Mrs Fitz's Star of the Week



Tanvi



Early Years

It's been lovely to be back! The children have started their new project 'The Great Outdoors' with enthusiasm and excitement. They have enjoyed exploring the outdoors space, visiting our class trees and going on our walk to a local park. We were so impressed with the children on their walk and they came up with some super observations about autumnal changes and the weather.

Next week, we will be looking at plants, planting beans and ordering instructions on how to plant a bean. In maths, we will be looking at one more and one less, exploring how numbers to 3 are composed and positional language.

We will be sending home our Christmas nativity parts and lines next week, we would greatly appreciate it if you could practice with your child any lines they may have.

As the days grow colder, the children are being encouraged to layer up with jumpers and coats. Please can you work with your child to increase their independence with putting on their jumpers, putting on coats and how to get their sleeves out the right way.

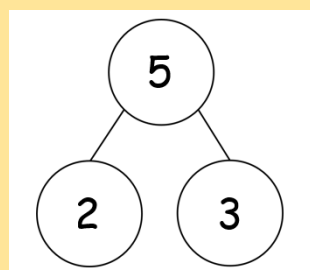
Thank you for all your support and we hope you have a lovely weekend,

The Early Years Team

Year 1

We have had a great first week back in Year 1! We've jumped straight back into our 'Fire! Fire!' project and were really impressed with what the children could recall from before half term. The children used computers to create artwork of the Great Fire of London, focusing on the affects of the wind on the flames. They have also created some fantastic fact files about the fire service in 1666 as well as writing sentences about why Samuel Pepys was so important using conjunctions 'and' and 'because'.

In maths we have continued with addition and subtraction number sentences. The children have been learning to use a number line and making jumps to work out the answers. We have also been looking at the 4 fact families to match a part-whole model.



$$2+3=5$$

$$5-2=3$$

$$3+2=5$$

$$5-3=2$$

Next week we will be starting to prepare for the Christmas performance so please check your child's bag for any lines and we'd appreciate if you could practise these with them at home!

Just as a reminder Rowan will have forest school next Wednesday, so please bring in forest school clothes for your child.

Have a lovely weekend,

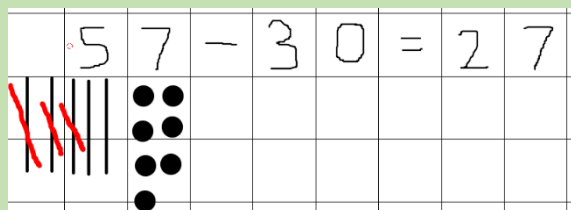
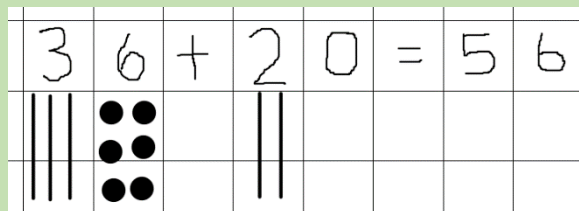
The Year 1 Team

Year 2

We have had a fantastic start to this autumn term! The children thoroughly enjoyed our hook for our new project 'Land of the Long White Cloud' where they boarded a flight to Auckland, New Zealand! They have already shown great interest in this project and have wonderfully showcased their geographical

knowledge! In project writing the children have learnt about proper nouns for example names of places like New Zealand and Auckland.

In maths this week the children have continued with the unit of addition and subtracting. They have been adding and subtractions multiples of 10 from 2-digit numbers, using pictorial diennes to support their working out. Please see below for examples:



We have had some parents ask about Purple Mash, we would like to apologise as we are currently unable to allocate work for the children. Home learning for our current project is on the Parent Overview and Rainbow Maths is sent home weekly.

Next week Sycamore will have forest school, please could your child bring their change of clothes in next Thursday. Please could we ask that all items of clothing are named, we have a number of cardigans and jumpers without names on them.

Have a wonderful weekend and enjoy any Bonfire Night events if you are attending any!

The Year 2 Team

Forest School

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 12th November: Rowan

Thursday 13th November: Sycamore

Thank you

Mrs Fulbrook



Castle Hill Friends

👤 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!

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

Office Notices

Photo Order deadline

The deadline for order your photos is **Friday 14th November**. Please note that you need to place your order online to receive free delivery back to school.

All orders placed after this deadline will be sent to your home address subject to a £4 (UK) or £15 (Overseas) post and packaging fee.

Permissions

We would like to remind parents that you have access to viewing your child's permissions on Arbor on their profile.

Please ensure that you take a look and see that the permissions are still correct. If there has been a change, please update your permissions. This will allow the school to keep an up-to-date record of permissions for your child.

Nasal Flu Vaccine

On Wednesday 12th November, the school nursing team will be in school. Please ensure that you have completed the previously sent e-consent form.

If you **do not** wish your child to receive the vaccine against flu, please complete the form to record your decision.

INSET Days

2025/2026

Friday 13th February 2026

Friday 22nd May 2026

Friday 10th July 2026

Thought of the Week

Next week in school we will focus on our school value of self-esteem, particularly believing in ourselves. Please talk to your child about this at home and celebrate when they show this.

Sparkle the
Self-esteem Dragon



We feel good about ourselves

Diary Dates

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

Wednesday 12th November – Nasal Flu Vaccines – All Year groups

Friday 14th November - Children in Need

Friday 21st November – Christmas Fayre 4pm – 6pm