



The Herald

11th September 2026

It has been lovely to welcome you all back to the new school year. The children have settled brilliantly into new routines and have been excited to share their learning with me. Year 1 have already held their welcome meeting and Year 2 and Early Years will be holding theirs next week.

We will be sending club information home for Key Stage 1 early next week. Teachers will be running these after school. The office will be trialling using Google Forms for this and will send families a link.

Can I remind you all that I am not able to authorise holidays and these will incur a fine after 5 days. Attendance at school is important and you can read more about it at:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/behaviour-attendance-parents>

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Fitz



Stars of the Week

Evie G
Tanvi
Murari
Anthony



National Year of Reading



Part of the
National Year of Reading 2026

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Welcome back! I hope that you all had a wonderful summer and enjoyed sharing some books together. Don't forget, if you completed any of the Summer Reading Challenges we would like to hear about it.

This term we will continue to celebrate The National Year of Reading with the initiatives introduced last year. This year I am looking to introduce a lunchtime book club for the children to come and share books one lunchtime a week and develop their love of reading. Look out for further information in the coming weeks.

Library Opening – Every Friday from Friday 18th September

I will be opening the library doors again next week, on a Friday from 3.15pm – 4pm. This is an opportunity for you to come along, share books with your child and change their class library book if you would like to. Entry to the library will be through the office once you have picked up your child. I look forward to seeing you there.

Mrs Cameron



Early Years

Welcome to the first newsletter of the academic year. In the Early Years' section each week we will put important reminders, what has been going on in school and what will be happening the following week. It has been lovely welcoming the children into school this week.

We have been excited to start our first project, 'Marvellous Me' this week. We have started to get to know each other, learn class routines and we have met our first value dragon 'Cosmo'.

Please see below our project outcome dates for the Autumn term where we will share everything we have been learning:

Marvellous Me – Friday 23rd October: 2.45pm

The Great Outdoors – Thursday 26th November: 2.45pm

We look forward to seeing you at our Early Years Welcome meeting on Thursday 17th September at 2.45pm. The meeting will take place in the school hall.

Have a lovely weekend!

The Early Years Team

Year 1

Welcome to Year 1! We've had a lovely first week getting to know the children and they have done an amazing job at getting settled into our routines.

Since coming back the children have completed their first project 'Getting to Know You'! They have done some lovely writing about themselves and their families and have even used the conjunction 'and' to extend their sentence and include something they like. We have also looked at parts of the body and used our sense to understand what they are.

In maths we have started by focusing on place value. The children were tasked with sorting a range of objects in lots of different ways e.g. based on their colour, shape and size. We then moved onto practicing their counting, encouraging them to work out how many objects are in each group.

Our PE days are **Wednesdays** and **Thursdays**, just a reminder to bring in PE kits if you have not already.

Next week we will be starting our next project 'Stanley Saves the Seas' and all the information will be sent out in the project overview on Monday!

Have a great weekend!

The Year 1 Team

Year 2

What a busy week we have had! The children have worked incredibly hard, and their peg labels look fantastic! Thank you for bringing these in.

Next week, we will begin our new project, **Journey Home**. We will be learning about conservation, deforestation and endangered animals, starting with the polar bear. The children will write questions about the polar bear's habitat and use globes and maps to locate the North Pole, South Pole and Equator.

Reminder: Our **Year 2 Welcome Meeting is next Monday**. We will share important information, upcoming dates and answer any questions you may have.
Thank you for your continued support!

Have a lovely weekend,

The Year 2 Team

Thought of the Week

Listen carefully to others

(This links with our Community Value)



Castle Hill Friends

We will be holding a uniform and bake sale after school today on the playground 🍪 Uniform is priced between £2.50-£3.50, baked goods between £1.00 - £1.50. Cash preferred, but card also accepted 😊



INSET Days

2026/2027

Monday 4th January 2027
Thursday 25th March 2027
Friday 9th July 2027

Diary Dates

Monday 14th September – Year 2 Project Outcome - We're All in this together – 9:15am followed by the Year 2 Welcome Meeting for parents
Thursday 17th September - Early Years Welcome Meeting for parents - 2:45pm
Tuesday 22nd September - Cauliflower Cards sent home
Thursday 24th September - Open Door 3:15pm -5:00pm