



The Herald

18th September 2026

Key Stage 1 children (Year 1 and 2) will be able to sign up for after school clubs from today. The office will have already sent an email about this with a link to the Google form. The clubs this term are: Ball Games, Board Games, Dance, Computing, Lego and Art. There are limited spaces for these. They will end at 4pm and will each run for 7 weeks. The form will close at 3pm on Wednesday and you will be informed if your child has a space next Friday. Choir will start later in the term and will be during lunchtime.

Next week we have an informal open door on Thursday. This is an opportunity to come and see the children's work and talk to the class teacher. It runs from straight after school until 5pm.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Fitz

Stars of the Week



Millie B
Teddy C
Evelynn S
Teddy S
Aaron D
Jude S
Selen T
Theo A



National Year of Reading



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ALL
IN.

Library Opening – Every Friday!

Don't forget the library will open for the first time this term today! Bring your child along to share a book with you or borrow one to take home to share. Entry to the library will be through the office once you have picked up your child at 3.15pm and will be open until 4pm. I hope to see you there.

Class Book Worms of the week Challenge

Well done to everyone who has read at home at least 3 times. Please help your child by reading at least 3 times at home with them and recording this in their home reading diaries. We look forward to Early Years joining in the coming weeks.

This week's Book Worms of the Week are: Maple Class



Mrs Cameron

Early Years

Wow, this first full week has flown by! It has been lovely to see so many smiling faces in the morning and to support the children to settle into school routines. We have been very busy talking about our emotions, using the Colour Monster book to help us. We enjoyed our first music session where we talked about pitch, exploring high and low with our voices. We also played a game to learn about pulse and practised keeping a steady beat. You might hear your children singing the classic 'Celebration' by Kool and The Gang!

Thank you to all of you who were able to make our parent meeting yesterday. Don't panic if you couldn't, a copy of the presentation will be available next week on our year group page on the website. If you have any questions, please talk to one of the team and we will be happy to help.

The children received their first talking homework this week. We hope they have been busy telling you all about our values dragons and what each dragon represents.

It is not too late to bring in the 'All About Me' boxes if you haven't done so already. We have started sharing these in class and the children are enjoying getting to know each other.

Please can you ensure that your child has a named water bottle and that it only contains **water**. We ask that the children do not put their bottles in their book bags as they can leak and once books start to come home this can cause damage to them. Many thanks for your assistance with this. Please note that we have a **no earrings** policy. If your child wears earrings, we ask for health and safety that they are removed for school hours.

Next week we will be continuing our Marvellous Me project. We will be looking at how we felt about starting school, using 'The Colour Monster Goes to School' story as starting point. We will talk about what it means to be part of a community and complete our class charter. In Kinetic Letters we will revisit the animal positions to make our bodies strong for writing. We will also be starting our maths, looking at matching and sorting and using the familiar book, 'A Squash and a Squeeze' by Julia Donaldson.

Have a wonderful weekend,
Early Years Team

Year 1

Our 'Stanley Saves the Seas' project got off to a great start this week with a big pile of rubbish being found in each of the classrooms! The children were fascinated by this and are now keen to find out more about different materials and the effects on the environment.

The children have been using adjectives to describe the plastic bag, book character Stanley! They have come up with some great ones such as 'stripy', 'red' and 'dirty'. They have been putting these into a sentence also using 'and' to extend it.

In maths the children have started to use the language more than, less than and equal to, to compare amounts. We have used blocks and counting bears to support their learning.

Over the next weeks we will be beginning our art focus for this project, in which the children will be creating some clay models of sea creatures. To decorate them we will be printing using plastic recyclable materials. If you have anything that may work for this please bring it to the class teachers e.g. plastic bottles, fruit nets, straw like objects. Thank you!

Have a great weekend!
The Year 1 Team

Year 2

Firstly, thank you for coming to our first project outcome of the year. It was lovely to meet you all and we hope our welcome meeting was informative for our year ahead – if you have any questions, please do come and see us.

This week we started our new project, 'The Journey Home', which began with the children receiving a scroll with a riddle on it from an animal. We began by reading the first page of the book which was about a lonely polar bear. The children wrote questions for the polar bear and have been researching them using Britannica in order to complete a fact file about them. The children have been encouraged to remember the key features of a sentence.

In maths this week we have revisited tens and ones, using this knowledge to partition numbers up to 100 such as $35 = 20 + 15$. They have also revisited counting in 10s, filling in number lines and estimating on a number line. Next week we will be moving on to counting in steps of 2 and 5.

Have a wonderful weekend,
The Year 2 Team

Thought of the Week

Appreciate your grown-ups and friends

(This links with our Appreciation Value)



Office Notices

Please find below an email from iRock

To: All parent/guardians of primary-aged children

Subject line: An opportunity for your child to join a band

Dear Parents and Carers,

Exciting news! Your child has the opportunity to join their very own band through fun weekly music lessons here at our school.

Through weekly band lessons, children can learn drums, electric guitar, keyboard or vocals, play songs they know and love, build confidence and enjoy making music with their bandmates. **All instruments are provided and no previous experience is needed.**

If your child would like to join, you can enrol them here:

[Click Here to Enrol Your Child](#)

(If you're not sure whether iRock is right for your child, all new starters are covered by a **first lesson money-back guarantee.**)

To find out more, iRock has created a short year-group guide showing what children can learn and achieve through the **iRock curriculum** at each stage of primary school.

[Learn more about iRock by year](#)

If you have any questions, the iRock team will be happy to help. Please contact them on 0330 174 2655 or info@irockschool.com.

Kind regards,
IRock

Castle Hill Friends

If you would like to order pre-loved uniform, you can do so on our website:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/chf-castlehillfriends/>

We aim to send orders home with your child within a week of them being placed 📦

Cauliflower cards will be sent home next week! Please order online and return the forms to school by Monday 28th September 🥦

Please join our private Facebook group for PTA updates. Castle Hill Friends PTA- Parents 😊

INSET Days

2026/2027

Monday 4th January 2027

Thursday 25th March 2027

Friday 9th July 2027

Diary Dates

Tuesday 22nd September - Cauliflower Cards sent home

Thursday 24th September - Open Door 3:15pm -5:00pm