



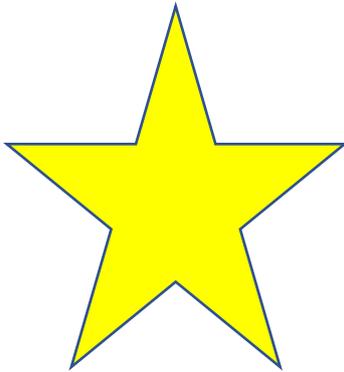
The Herald

6th March 2026

What a lovely Book Week we have had. The children have been so enthusiastic about books and their favourite stories. It was brilliant to see the whole school community take part in our dressing up and the opening of the reading shed.

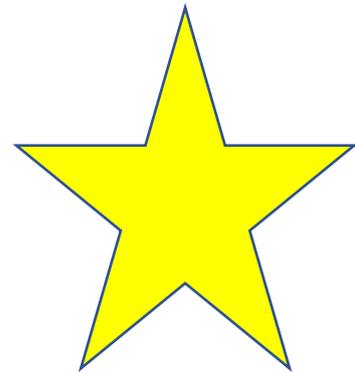
We are looking forward to seeing families for Parents Evenings next week. In preparation for this, the children are bringing home a mid-year review. This gives you an idea of their achievements so far and their next steps. We hope you find this a good starting point for your discussion with the teacher.

Have a lovely weekend
Mrs Fitz



Stars of the Week

Jax B
Nyla
Igor
Florence
Julia
Max



Mrs Fitz's Star of the Week

Kailo

National Year of Reading



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National Year of Reading 2026

GO
ALL
IN.

It was great to see so many of you at the library last Friday. There was a real buzz and lots of book borrowing going on! Don't forget that I will be opening **the school library every Friday from 3.15pm to 4pm** for you to come and visit with your child. It would be lovely to see you and is a great opportunity to encourage a love of reading. **Entry to the library can be made through the school office once you have picked up your child.**

This week has been a great Book Week! Starting with PJs, Bedtime Stories and milk and biscuits on Monday. We had our wonderful World Book Day celebrations on Thursday and our final year group book sharing sessions with parents today. The children enjoyed a range of book themed activities throughout Thursday morning and took part in our annual costume parade. There were some amazing costumes this year and thank you to all that took part. It was very tricky to make a decision, but our lucky

winners from each class were:

Harry, Nyla, Raff, Lillie-Rose, Tilly, Harvey

We had a great turn out at our shared reading sessions across the week and hope that you enjoyed coming in and sharing books with your child.

The Reading Sheds Launch! – Our reading sheds were officially opened on Thursday as part of our World Book Day celebrations. These will be open for the children to enjoy at break times and lunchtimes each day. Thank you for your kind and generous donations. Magazines have been chosen by the children and School Council and we eagerly await their arrival so that we can add them to the sheds. Thank you also needs to go again to Castle Hill Friends for helping us purchase the sheds.



Mrs Cameron

Up-coming events:

Friday Library Opening– 3.15pm – 4pm every Friday (visit with your child)

Class Book Worms of the week Challenge – Look out for more information next week



Early Years

Early Years have been very busy this week! We have been looking after our class chicks and talking about how we can help them grow and survive, we have continued with writing our Chick diaries, learning the story of the Little Red Hen and Spring time on the farm alongside lots of fun book week activities!

Next week, we will continue to tell the story of The Little Red Hen and will be labelling the characters and writing sentences about the events of the story. We are exploring what autumn is like on a farm and discussing what happens. In maths, we will be learning about one less than a number and exploring how numbers up to 10, are made up of smaller numbers.

It was lovely to see lots of you at our book sharing today. Many thanks for your continued support and have a lovely weekend,

The Early Years Team

Year 1

We've had a fantastic week in Year 1! The children really enjoyed wearing their pyjamas for story time with chocolate milk and biscuits on Monday and it was so lovely to see so many of you join us on Wednesday to read stories with the children. We also had a great World Book Day yesterday with some really exciting costumes and activities in each classroom!

In project we have mainly focused on Geography, looking at maps of the UK and learning the names of the 4 countries and their capital cities. We have also looked at a map of our school, creating keys and plotting our walk. Lastly, the children have learnt about using the -ing ending in a sentence about our local walks taking place next Wednesday e.g. 'I will be walking around Winklebury.'

In maths the children have been focusing on fact families up to 20, mixing addition and subtraction number sentences! Next week we will be moving onto place value up to 50, the children will begin recognising and ordering numbers 20 to 50.

Have a lovely weekend,

The Year 1 Team

Year 2

This week in Year 2 we have had a great week learning all about fish and mammals! The children have continued building their independence in writing by using a range of conjunctions and commas to list to produce some great fact files! Next week in project we will be sorting animals into groups according to what they eat and we will be learning how to use a possessive apostrophe for example: The tortoise's shell is hard.

In maths this week we have started our height and length unit. We have been measuring using a ruler, remembering that we need to start at 0 to have an accurate reading. Next week, we will be moving on to mass and will look at grams (g) and kilograms (kg).

Sycamore will have forest school next Wednesday (11th March). Please see below for following dates.

The Year 2 Team

Forest School

Happy news!

We have had a great start to Forest School again this week. Forest school sessions will be longer to give the children more opportunities to take part in activities and extend their play.

Sessions will run every other week for the classes.

The sessions will be as follows:

Tuesday 17th March: **Birch**

Wednesday 18th March: **Maple**

Tuesday 10th and 24th March: **Rowan**

Wednesday 11th and 25th March: **Sycamore**

Thank you

Mrs Fulbrook



Castle Hill Friends

🐣 **Easter Fun Coming Soon** 🐰

We're busy planning some lovely Easter activities for the children. We'll be sharing all the details very soon, so keep an eye out for updates.

Have a wonderful weekend and thank you for supporting CHF ❤️

INSET Days

2025/2026

Friday 22nd May 2026

Friday 10th July 2026

All stars Cricket

Please find attached flyer from all star's cricket



Parent Evening Booking

The self-scheduling period is now closed. If you have successfully booked an appointment, you are able to view the details on your child's Arbor profile.

If you have not yet booked your consultation, please contact the school office as soon as possible and they will be happy to assist you in arranging an appointment.

Thought of the Week

Next week in school we will focus on our school value of Self-esteem. With this value we are looking to develop a positive view of ourselves. We are particularly thinking about:

I am confident

Sparkle the
Self-esteem Dragon



We feel good about ourselves

Diary Dates

Monday 9th – Tuesday 10th March – Parents Evening

Wednesday 11th March – iRock Concert 09:00 – 09:30

Wednesday 11th March – 10:30-11:30 – Year 1 Local walk (after the iRock concert)

Wednesday 18th March – Bucklebury Farm Trip