



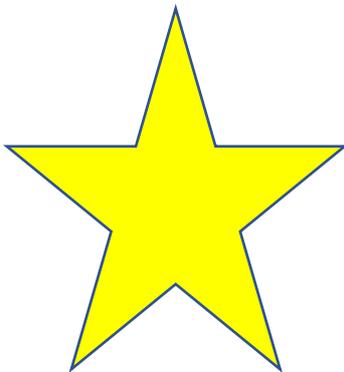
# The Herald

13<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Thank you for all of your support this week at Parents Evening. It was lovely to hear all of your comments and thank you for all of the surveys. If you haven't filled in a survey, please pop to the office and they will give you a copy.

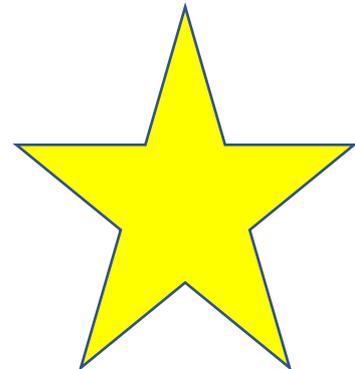
Please can I remind you that if your child requires prescription medicine, a form must be filled out at the office and the medicine handed in there. With antibiotics, we can only administer these if the child needs them 4 times a day. This follows the guidance from the NHS. If your child goes to Magna until 6pm, please come and talk to us if they need prescription medicine.

Have a lovely weekend  
Mrs Fitz



## Stars of the Week

Aderire  
Amelia R  
Jessica  
Charlie  
Alfie V  
Lola



## Mrs Fitz's Star of the Week

Ethan P

## National Year of Reading



Part of the  
National Year of Reading 2026

**GO  
ALL  
IN.**

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. **Entry to the library can be made through the school office once you have picked up your child.**

## Class Book Worms of the week Challenge

I would like to introduce you to our new Book Worm!



As part of our drive to encourage reading, we are introducing a class challenge. Reading little and often is the best way to help children to progress and become more fluent and confident readers. Each week the class with the highest percentage of children who have read 3 or more times at home will become 'Class

Book Worms' of the week. They will get a class certificate and our new Book Worm for a week in their classroom. We hope that you will be able to help us with this by recording in your child's Home Learning Diary when you hear them read at home. Every Thursday diaries will be collected in and anyone with 3 or more reads will count towards the class total. We have shared this with the children today in assembly and they are very excited. We look forward to sharing our first 'Class Book Worms' next Friday!

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Cameron

### **Up-coming events:**

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

### **Class Book Worms of the week Challenge**



## **Early Years**

It was lovely to see everyone this week to share all of the wonderful learning that has taken place so far this year with you. We have been working on one less in maths this week and have had great fun singing songs and rhymes to help us. These have included Ten Green Bottles Hanging on the Wall, There Were 10 in the Bed and 10 Little Aliens.

The children have been learning all about 'Autumn' on the farm, what an Orchard is and what grows there. We continued with the story of the Little Red Hen where the children have enjoyed re-telling the story during role-play and in their writing.

Next week we will be looking for signs of spring and exploring number bonds to 10 (pairs of numbers that when added together make 10).

Please could we request that any spare clothing that goes home is returned to the school so that we always have plenty at hand.

Remember that it is our trip next Wednesday to the farm. We are really looking forward to sharing this experience with the Early Years children. Please ensure that the children have a coat and suitable footwear. The farm is likely to be muddy so wellies are a good option if you have them.

Have a lovely weekend!

The Early Years Team

## **Year 1**

It was lovely to see you at Parents Evening this week to share the amazing progress that has taken place so far, this academic year!

The children are really enjoying this project and are learning more about their local area. They had a fantastic time on our Winklebury walks, we hope that they came home and told you about them. The children have been learning how to use the suffixes -ed, -s and -es in their writing this week. We looked at words such as ask, visit, walk and look. We have also been discussing human features (man-made) and physical features (natural) that surround our local area. The children have really impressed us with their map skills and using a key to add key information to their maps.

In maths this week the children have been looking at how many tens and ones make up numbers to 50. They have used various concrete resources such as diennes, counters and multilink. The children have counted in multiples of ten to support them. Next week, we will be estimating numbers to 50 on number lines and find one more/one less than up to 50.

Thank you for the home learning that has been sent in so far, we look forward to seeing more over the next few weeks. The children really enjoy the discussions that arise from their home learning.

Thank you for your continued support.

Have a lovely weekend,

**The Year 1 Team**

## Year 2

This week in year 2 we have become an expert in all 5 vertebrate animal groups! The children have written some great fact files about the 5 animal groups and have included lots of scientific information. The children are continuing to develop their independent writing skills including letter formation, use of conjunctions and range of punctuation. In writing this week, the children have learnt how to use a possessive apostrophe for singular nouns. An example of this is The **tortoise's** shell is hard and bumpy.

In maths this week, we have continued with length and height. The children have had questions in maths that they have had to decide which operation was need in order to solve the question. For example, whether the question involved adding +, subtracting -, multiplying x or dividing ÷.

In the next 2 weeks of our Creature Comforts project, we are hoping to have some animal visitors! We are currently finalising what we will have in. We will let you know which animals we may have in case you have any questions. We are likely to have a snake, gecko, jumping spider (kept in tank) and possibly a cat! These visits will support the children in understanding the care needs that a pet may need.

Thank you for your continued support.

Have a lovely weekend,  
The Year 2 Team

## Forest School

Happy news!

We have had some great Forest School sessions 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 17<sup>th</sup> March: **Birch**

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March: **Maple**

24<sup>th</sup> March: **Rowan**

25<sup>th</sup> March: **Sycamore**

Please can we ask that the children do not go onto the forest school grounds before and after school times.

Thank you

Mrs Fulbrook



## Castle Hill Friends

**2 dates for the diary 20th & 26th! See why below** 🐰 🐰

We will be having a non-uniform day on Friday 20th March. On this day please bring in an Easter egg or a £1 donation! 💷

The following Thursday 26th March we will have a surprise for the children 🐰 The Easter Bunny is visiting us during assembly to announce raffle winners.

Every child will be given a sweet cone as a gift from the PTA 🐰

Tickets for the raffle can be purchased on our website or with cash/card any time you see PTA on the playground raising money for the school.



### **INSET Days**

#### **2025/2026**

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2026

#### **All stars Cricket**

Please find attached flyer from All Stars cricket



### Thought of the Week

Next week in school we will focus on our school value of Truth. With this value we are looking to develop the skill of being honest. We are particularly thinking about:

I say what really happened



### Diary Dates

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March** – Bucklebury Farm Trip

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March** – Non-uniform day – Castle Hill Friends

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March** – Year 1 Project outcome 14:30pm – Parents invited

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March** – Year R Project outcome in school to the Year 2 children only

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March** – Year 2 Project outcome 14:30pm – Parents invited

**Easter Holidays – Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April**