



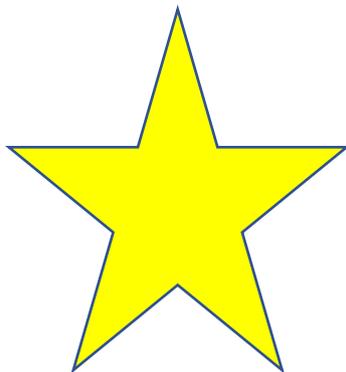
# The Herald

20<sup>th</sup> March 2026

This week the Early Years children enjoyed their visit to Bucklebury Farm. They were so keen to talk about what they had seen, although they were very tired!

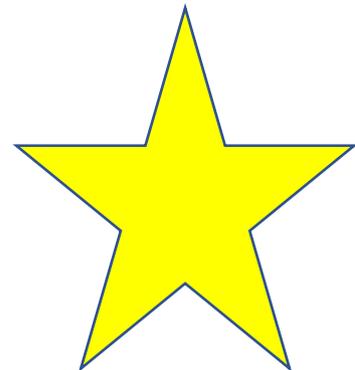
Congratulations to Sycamore class on being the first Book Worms of the Week. They were very excited to receive their class certificate and to have the Book Worm for the week. I know that lots of children do reading at home at least 3 times a week, so can I ask that you record these in the Home Learning diary. From next week, we will be publishing the class percentages.

Have a lovely weekend  
Mrs Fitz



## Stars of the Week

Miss Hogan  
Miss Lacy-Couhtino  
Esther  
Gracie-May  
Saxon  
Logan



## Mrs Fitz's Star of the Week

Miss Cox

## 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.**

We were very excited to feature in the Basingstoke Gazette online with the unveiling of our reading sheds! Magazines have also started to arrive and are being enjoyed by the children.

<https://www.basingstokegazette.co.uk/news/25924324.castle-hill-infant-school-unveils-playground-book-sheds/>

## Class Book Worms of the week Challenge



I would like to remind you about our Book Worms Challenge! 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 Book Worm for a week in their classroom. Every Thursday

diaries will be collected in and anyone with 3 or more reads will count towards the class total. Happy reading!

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

**Easter Holiday Reading Challenges – Look out for more information next week**



## Early Years

This week we had an amazing time at the farm. The children enjoyed meeting lots of animals, including grooming a pony and feeding a goat. The trip consolidated our project learning including talking about animals and their babies. I think everyone slept well on Wednesday evening!

Next week we will finish our project by sharing our chick diaries with Year 2 and teach them about where food comes from.

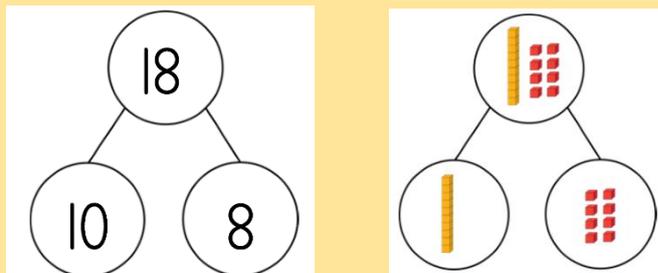
Thank you for your continued support.

The Early Years Team

## Year 1

We have had an exciting week with our 'Wonderful Winklebury' Project! We have had a visitor; Mr Ireland, who is an ex-pupil of Castle Hill Infant School and he gave us lots of interesting facts about the school from the past. The children came up with some great questions to ask and then wrote up what we found out in sentences using 'but' to compare.

In maths this week we have continued looking at place value – numbers up to 50.



The children have used part-whole models also known as cherry-models, to show partitioning into tens and ones. In the pictorial representation a dienes rod has a value of 10 and the smaller cubes have a value of 1. We hope that the snippets above help with understanding our maths this week. We have also looked at number lines to 50 and the children have been filling in missing numbers really well.

Thank you for the home learning that has been sent in so far, just a reminder our outcome is on Tuesday and we'd love to display some of their work. The children really enjoy the discussions that arise from their home learning.

This project outcome is a museum put on by the children to teach parents all about the history and geography of our local area. It will be split across the two year 1 classrooms and the hall again. Please wander around all three to learn lots about Winklebury and to spot some of your child's work. **Just a reminder, that children will need to stay at the station that they have been assigned to.** We look forward to seeing many of you there!

**Forest school for Rowan has been changed for next week due to the outcome. It will now be on Thursday the 26<sup>th</sup> instead.**

Thank you for your continued support.

Have a lovely weekend,

The Year 1 Team

## Year 2

We have had a fantastic week of learning in year 2! This week the children have used their knowledge of printing to explore different animal patterns. They have also become experts in talking about what different animals need to survive and how animals can look different during their lifespan from offspring to adults.

In maths this week the children have been learning all about mass using grams and kilograms to measure. They have used all four operations to solve problems. Next week we will be moving onto capacity and temperature, how to measure in litres and millilitres as well as using all four operations so that children get used to solving problems independently.

Our project outcome is next Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 2:30pm. The children are eager to share their learning with you all. They have really made us proud of all the skills that they have learnt during this project. **Just a reminder, that children will need to stay at the station that they have been assigned to.** We look forward to seeing you all there!

**Sycamore** will have **forest school** next Wednesday.

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

Sessions will run every other week for the classes.

**The sessions will be as follows:**

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

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

Thank you

Mrs Fulbrook



## Castle Hill Friends

🐰 Easter Fun! 🐰

Thank you for all the Easter eggs or £1 donations today, we hope the kids enjoyed being in non-uniform today 💎

Next Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> 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 the following day at the school Easter trail by him too 🐰

🎫 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

### Thought of the Week

Cosmo the Community  
Dragon



We work collaboratively

Be respectful to adults and appreciate the resources in school.

Astro the Appreciation  
Dragon



We are grateful

### Diary Dates

**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**