



The Herald

27th March 2026

Thank you for all of your support this week. It is always disappointing to cancel events, but I'm sure you agree that it has been important to do so.

As always in school, the Summer Term is very busy. We have attached the diary dates to this newsletter so families can plan events. Year 2 will be starting swimming once we come back from Easter. Sports Day will take place (fingers crossed for good weather!) on Wednesday 17th June at 9:15am.

At the bottom of the newsletter are the dates for the remaining INSET days this year and the dates for next year. We have agreed these with Castle Hill Primary School.

Hopefully the lovely weather we have had recently comes back over the Easter holidays and you all get some family time. I look forward to seeing you all back on Monday 13th April.

Mrs Fitz

National Year of Reading



Part of the
National Year of Reading 2026

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PLEASE NOTE, THE LIBRARY WILL NOT BE OPEN TODAY

I look forward to seeing you all after Easter, when we will reopen on a Friday from 3.15pm – 4pm.

EASTER READING CHALLENGE

Please see attached the Easter Reading Challenges. There is also a paper copy in book bags today. We can't wait to see your photos and pictures.



Class Book Worms of the week Challenge

Well done to everyone who has read at last 3 times this week. Class percentages have increased considerably compared to last week so keep up the great work! We will not publish the percentages this week for all classes due to sickness, but will from after Easter.

This week's Book Worms of the Week are:

Birch Class with 50%

Remember 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 at the attached inform



Early Years

We have come to the end of another term already! We have had a very busy week, writing about our trip to the farm and learning about 3D shapes. Today the children have enjoyed a selection of crafts and activities in the classroom that they have been able to choose from. Many are keen to share their creations with you.

Thank you for all of the lovely home learning that came in this week, your support with this is greatly appreciated. The children have worked so hard this term and their progress in phonics, reading and writing has been fantastic to see. Any reading, tricky word reading and sounds practise that you could do over the holidays would really help them to start the summer term. Don't forget that you can use Oxford Owl to access further reading books using the log in at the back of your child's Home Learning diaries. This is an optional platform for you to use.

Thank you for your continued support and we hope you have a lovely break. We look forward to welcoming the children back at the beginning of the new term where we will 'Step in a Story' with our exciting new project.

The Early Years Team

Year 1

What a way to finish our final week of the Spring term! Today we enjoyed some Easter/Spring crafts in class which the children are keen to bring home and show you.

We would also like to say thank you to everyone who was able to come to our 'Wonderful Winklebury' project outcome! The children did brilliantly and were able to talk confidently about what they have learnt during our project.

In maths this week the children have finished off our place value to 50 focus. We went back over some counting with tens and ones and finished off looking at multiples of 10 and how we know that they are. Next term we will be starting off by looking at volume, capacity, length and height.

We will be sending home a handwriting pack including number formation as well as a phonics screening paper. The phonics screening paper is the same style in which the children will complete in June. There are a mixture of real words and alien words – words that are made up. As well as this some practise on numbers to 50 has been set on Purple Mash.

We hope that you have a fantastic break and look forward to welcoming the children all back ready to start the Summer term!

Thank you again for your continued support,

The Year 1 Team

Year 2

We have had a fantastic last week learning in our Creature Comfort Project! This week the children have become poets and have written riddles for their chosen animals. They learned how to turn facts into challenging clues! We look forward to sharing these with you at our project outcome after the Easter Holidays.

In maths this week we have been measuring in millilitres and litres, solving problems involving using our 2s, 5s and 10s.

We have had fun watching our caterpillars grow, Mrs Newman and Miss Lund will take them home to care for them until they turn into butterflies!

A reminder for swimming, children will need a towel and swimming trunks/costume (no bikini type swimwear) every week. Goggles are recommended. If your child has long hair, please could this be tied up, a swimming cap can be sent in with them.

Sadly, Year 2 have had their last cricket lesson. The children have made us proud and have engaged really well with Coach Vik.

We have had a fantastic term and hope you have a wonderful holiday!

Have a lovely weekend,

The Year 2 Team

Forest School

After Easter Forest School sessions will return.

The sessions for the first week back will be as follows:

Birch – Tuesday 14th March and Sycamore - Wednesday 15th April

Further details of Forest school session for Rowan and Maple will be sent out after half term.

Thank you

Mrs Fulbrook



Castle Hill Friends

Congratulations to the children who won prizes from the Easter raffle yesterday! 💎

Thank you to everyone who participated by donating Easter chocolates and buying raffle tickets. We had an overwhelming amount of support and every penny raised will go back into putting on more fun events for the children ❤️

We are already planning next term's events, so keep an eye out on our Facebook page for updates on what's to come 👁️👁️

Happy Easter to you all 🐰 Enjoy the Easter Holidays!

INSET Days

2025/2026

Friday 22nd May 2026

Friday 10th July 2026

2026/2027

Tuesday 1st September 2026
Wednesday 2nd September 2026
Monday 4th January 2027
Thursday 25th March 2027
Friday 9th July 2027

Diary Dates

Easter Holidays – Monday 30th March – Friday 10th April

Monday 13th April – Children return to school