



The Herald

17th April 2026

Welcome back to what promises to be a busy and exciting summer term here at Castle Hill Infant School. As we settle into our routines, I wanted to take a moment to share some important information.

The summer term is always a particularly active time in our school calendar, and this year is no exception. To help you stay informed of all the events and activities taking place, I would encourage you to consult both our date sheet and school calendar, which provide comprehensive details of the weeks ahead. These resources will ensure you do not miss any important dates or occasions.

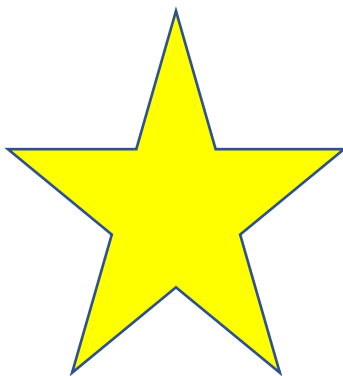
I am delighted to report that our clubs have now commenced and are receiving wonderful support from our community. The level of attendance has been outstanding, and it is heartening to see so many children engaged in these enriching activities.

On 29th April, we have a Neurodiversity Support group at 9:00 for about an hour. Everyone is welcome to attend, not just those with neurodiverse children, particularly as this meeting's topic is attention and focus. It will be led by our Educational Psychologist, Laura Salmon. She will be offering practical suggestions to support this at home. Please could you let the office know if you would like to attend so we have enough biscuits available!!

Finally, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all parents and carers who took the time to complete our recent questionnaires. Your feedback is invaluable to us and helps shape the direction of our school. The results are now available and attached to this newsletter.

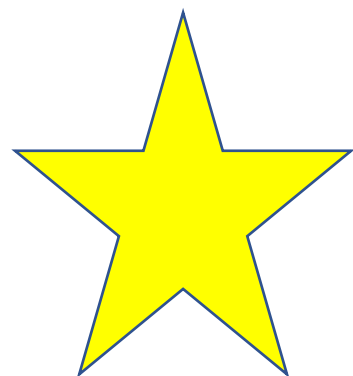
I look forward to a productive and rewarding term ahead.

Mrs Fitz



Stars of the Week

Oliver B
Milo
Penelope
Alanna
Airlie
Aneasha
Frankie



Mrs Fitz's Star of the Week
Nova

National Year of Reading



Part of the
National Year of Reading 2026

**GO
ALL
IN.**

Thank you to those of you that have registered an interest with the office to help listen to readers in class on a Monday and Friday morning between 8:45am to 9:00am. Please see the attached poster and pop in to register your interest if you can help. We will be in touch next week with further details.

EASTER READING CHALLENGE

Thank you to all of you that helped your children take part in the Easter Reading Challenges. I am busy collating the book reviews which will be available in the library for the children to look at to get some great recommendations. We have enjoyed looking at all of the photos sent in of the children reading in all sorts of places! These can be seen on our new library display. Why not pop in on a Friday and see the photos of our wonderful journey so far.

Class Book Worms of the week Challenge

Well done to everyone who has read at least 3 times this week.

This week's Book Worms of the Week are:



Ash Class

Class percentages for the week:

Fir Class	23%
Ash Class	32%
Rowan Class	21%
Birch Class	24%
Sycamore Class	27%
Maple Class	30%

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. Every Thursday diaries will be collected in and anyone with 3 or more reads will count towards the class total. The challenge is on to see if we can increase our class percentages. Happy Reading!

I am excited to restart our **library sessions every Friday from 3.15pm to 4pm. Entry to the library can be made through the school office once you have picked up your child.** I look forward to seeing you there!

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

Welcome back everyone, we hope you all had a lovely Easter break.

This week the children returned to school as detectives. Our new project – 'Step into Story' involved the children using clues to help them discover what story we were stepping into this week.

The children realised that the home corner had become a crime scene – with bricks, sticks, straw and the number 3. They soon linked the clues to the Three Little Pigs and they have been learning all about the story, how the story is structured and have started re-telling it using their own expressive language. We have also been learning about how we can become a 'Designer' to make our very own house. The children have been exploring materials and their properties to help them decide which they would use to make a new house for the Three Little Pigs.

In maths we have been learning the numbers 11, 12 and 13.

Next week we will be learning the numbers 14, 15 and 16. We will also be stepping into a new story, I wonder what it will be?

Please continue to focus on learning the sounds at home, including the digraphs and trigraphs in the zippy wallets in book bags. Remember our reading challenge – let's see how many times in a week we can read at home!

We hope that you have a lovely weekend and thank you for your continued support.

The Early Years Team

Year 1

We've had a lovely start to summer term, beginning our new project 'Meet the Author'! A strange envelope was brought to us containing an acrostic poem and an invite explaining that the children will be creating their own books, performing a poem and story reading at the end of our project. **Please find information about this project on the parent overview sent out on Monday.**

We kicked off our project by exploring some different books that we know and labelled the different parts of a book. We then moved onto planning our own class acrostic poem using a bubble map to think of adjectives to use. The children have done fantastically with this already and we look forward to them practicing more next week.

In maths we have been exploring height and weight as well as mass and volume. The children have had the chance to use practical resources such as rulers and scales to explore this and have used great mathematical language to explain what they have discovered.

As the weather gets warmer, we'd like to remind parents to please remember to name all items of clothing, including sunhats, so that we can make sure they are reunited with the right child at the end of each day.

Our new P.E. days are **Wednesday** and **Thursday** afternoons.

Thank you again for your continued support,

The Year 1 Team

Year 2

What a wonderful start to the summer term! The butterflies for both classes have been released in our forest school area. Thank you to you all for attending our project outcome for Creature Comforts – the children were so enthusiastic to share their learning!

We have now started our Dragon Snatcher project. We have been reading our class book The Dragon Snatcher. The children have been writing expanded noun phrases about the dragons and have written a paragraph telling George (the main character from the book) why he needs to be careful!

In maths, we have been using all four operations to work out questions to do with temperature. We will be moving on to our fractions unit.

We have had a good start to swimming at Cranbourne, the children as a whole were very excited!

Have a lovely weekend,

The Year 2 Team

Forest School

The sessions for next week's Forest School are:

Tuesday – Rowan Class

Wednesday – Maple Class



Thank you

Mrs Fulbrook

Castle Hill Friends

We are looking for somebody who may be able to help with sound and electrics for our summer fayre on Friday 12th June. If you know anyone who may be able to help with this, please get in touch via our Facebook page or send us an email. Thank you!

On the 14th May the children will be taking part in our sponsored hop! This will be during school hours for the children only. We will be sending out more details in due course 😊

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

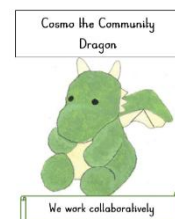
Thursday 25th March 2027

Friday 9th July 2027

Thought of the Week

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

I respect others



Diary Dates

Wednesday 29th April - Nurturing Neurodiversity Group – 9:00am

Thursday 30th April - Sycamore class swimming (pm)

