



The Herald

8th May 2026

It's amazing how busy school is with a four day week! I hope you all enjoyed the long weekend.

It is brilliant to see how popular riding and scooting to school is at the moment. However, this week one of the children was hit by another child riding their bike on the school site. Please can the children only push their bike or scooter on school site.

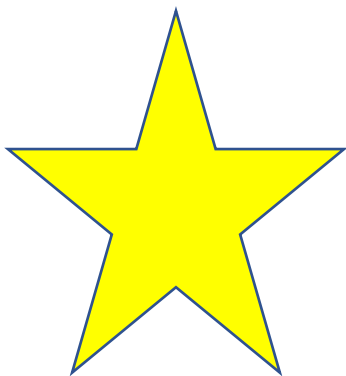
I have had a few queries about holidays. I cannot authorise family holidays unless there are exceptional circumstances. When the unauthorised absences are 5 school days or more, this will incur a fine. Although the letters for fines come from the school, the money goes to Hampshire County Council. Please come and see me if you have any other questions about this.

Well done Rowan class for winning Book Worm of the Week with 44% of children reading 3 or more times this week. Fir got 43%. It would be amazing if we could get over 50% next week.

Thank you for all of the support you give myself and staff and we are looking forward to seeing you at the Open Door on Wednesday, where you can have an informal chat with the teachers and look at your child's work. This will run until 5pm. Fir class's Open Door is on 20th May.

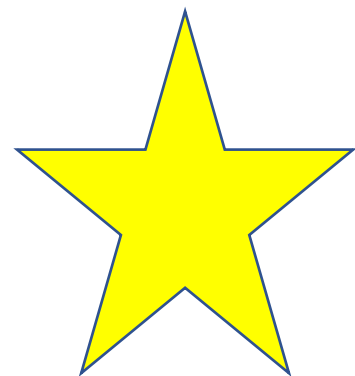
Have a good weekend

Mrs Fitz



Stars of the Week

Alfie
Lyra
Molly P
Larry-John
Jake
Naseem



Mrs Fitz's Star of the Week

Jacob K



It has been lovely to see children enjoying the Reading Sheds this week on the playground when I have been outside. The magazines are proving very popular!

Class Book Worms of the week Challenge

Class percentages have varied this week. Well done to everyone who has read at home at least 3 times. Rowan class have made a huge improvement this week with their percentage and it was so close with Fir Class!

Please help your child by reading at least 3 times at home with them and recording this in their home reading diaries. Let's see if we can take on the 50% challenge in each class next week!

This week's Book Worms of the Week are:

Rowan Class

Class percentages for the week:

Fir Class	43%
Ash Class	3%
Rowan Class	44%
Birch Class	33%
Sycamore Class	23%
Maple Class	23%



REMEMBER - 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

This week we have been busy storytellers, using our voices differently to tell the story of Little Red Riding Hood. We have looked closely at the beginning, middle and end of the story and talked about what it teaches us. Our houses are almost complete and ready to see if they stand up to the 'Huff and puff' of the Big Bad wolf from The Three Little Pigs! The children have shown resilience and determination with their houses and we look forward to sharing them with you at our project outcome. The Beebots have been a big hit this week and the children have been great at plotting a route around the forest, using directional language to describe it and programming the Beebot to move.

Next week we will step into our final story, Goldilocks and The Three Bears – don't tell the children as they need to be detectives and follow the clues on Monday!

The children will become designers once again making their own story spoon, which they will use to tell the story and bring it to life. We hope to treat you to a performance!

In phonics next week we will be working with the children to recall what they have learnt so far. In handwriting we will finish off learning to form capital letters. We will also have a visit from the church to support our RE unit of work about special clothes.

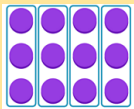
Thank you for your continued support and have a lovely weekend.

The Early Years Team

Year 1

This week we began writing our own version of the non-fiction narrative 'The Tiny Seed'! The children have been including time adverbials such as; next, after that and finally in their writing as well as adjectives and conjunctions. Next week we will be creating our flaps to go in our published books! The children have done a great job of designing and creating a draft for this and we look forward to seeing their final results.

In maths we have moved onto groups and arrays as an introduction into multiplication. For example, 4 equal groups of 3 ($3+3+3+3=12$).



Next week we will be going back over doubling.

With transition to Year 2 in mind, we will be starting to think about classes for September. As part of this, next week we will be asking the children about who they might like to be with next year. In preparation for this please talk with your child about this.

Have a lovely weekend,
The Year 1 Team

Year 2

We have had a great week using clay to practise techniques so that the children can make their clay dragon eyes next week. The children have also begun writing their plan in a form of a story mountain so that they can write their own story next week.

In maths, we have moved on to our next unit of time. We have begun the unit by revisiting o'clock and half past the hour.

Next week for project the children will be designing and making a cardboard vehicle to help George transport dragon eggs! If you have any small boxes, egg cartons or punnet trays, please could they be sent in with your child. Below is an image of the type of end product they will be aiming for.



Have a lovely weekend!
The Year 2 Team

Forest School

The sessions for next week's Forest School are:

Tuesday – Birch

Wednesday – Sycamore

Thank you
Mrs Fulbrook



Castle Hill Friends

We hope the children are looking forward to taking part in their sponsored hop next Thursday! There will be members of the PTA on the bottom playground before school to take any card/cash payments. Please make sure your child comes to school with their sponsorship forms on the day, so that we can allocate prizes correctly 🎉

On Friday 15th we have a non-uniform day to get donations for the summer fair. Please send your child with the following;

Year R- Bric-a-Brac donations e.g. toys, games, candles 🕯️

Year 1&2- Bottle donations e.g. bubble bath, squash, fizzy, wine 🍷

Alternatively, please bring in £1 to be put towards these for our Tombola stalls at the summer fair!

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 Truth. With this value we are looking to develop the skill of being honest. We are particularly thinking about:

I do what I say



Diary Dates

Tuesday 12th May – Maple swimming

Wednesday 13th May – Open door 15:15pm – 17:00pm – Ash, Rowan, Birch, Sycamore and Maple

Thursday 14th May – Castle Hill Friends sponsored hop event (pm)

Thursday 14th May – Sycamore swimming

Friday 15th May – Non-Uniform Day

Tuesday 19th May Maple swimming – Final lesson

Wednesday 20th May - Early Years – Project outcome. Parents invited to attend 14:45pm

Wednesday 20th May – Fir class – Open door 15:15 – 17:00pm

Thursday 21st May - Year 1 – Meet the Author Outcome 14:45pm – Parents are welcome to attend

Thursday 21st May - Sycamore class swimming – Final lesson

Friday 22nd May - **INSET DAY School closed to children**

Half-Term

Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May