



# The Herald

15<sup>th</sup> May 2026

What an unexpected week we have had!! From the team and I, we would like to say a massive thank you for all of the messages, pep talks, check ins and thumbs up this week. As part of the process, the inspection team read some of the parent comments (anonymised) to Mrs Cameron and I. We were very emotional at the lovely things that were said and they reflected our amazing community. Can I also thank the Year R parent for the cakes that came through the post with no sender name.

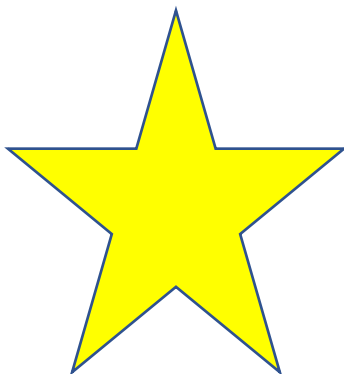
The inspection team commented on how welcoming the children were and what an enjoyable couple of days they had getting to know them. The report should take about 6 weeks to be publish – I will send it to you as soon as we are able to share it.

Next week is 'Walk to School Week'. This can also be park and stride – parking a little farther away and walking/ scooting/ cycling from there. Let's hope for good weather!

Just a reminder that next Friday is an INSET day. Staff will be working on curriculum areas and planning for the term ahead.

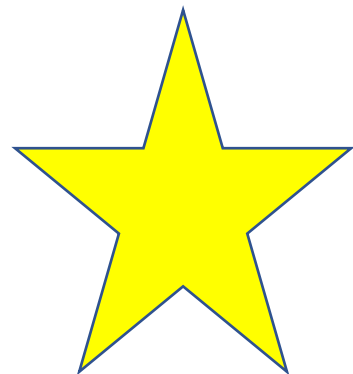
Have a good weekend and thank you again for the amazing support you give us all.

Mrs Fitz



## Stars of the Week

Lucy  
Kiaan  
Billie  
Florence M  
Kaia  
Ethan P  
Griffin



## Mrs Fitz's Star of the Week

Mrs Cameron



The children have been very excited to share our National Year of Reading activities with our visitors this week and Early Years even shared their love of reading by asking one of them to read a story in the book corner.

### Class Book Worms of the week Challenge

Well done to everyone who has read at home at least 3 times. Mrs Fitz's challenge of 50% or more was achieved by Fir Class this week with Rowan class very close!

Please help your child by reading at least 3 times at home with them and recording this in their home reading diaries.

### This week's Book Worms of the Week are:

#### Fir Class

Class percentages for the week:

Fir Class	52%
Ash Class	22%
Rowan Class	46%
Birch Class	39%
Sycamore Class	28%
Maple Class	20%



**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

Firstly, a huge thank you for your support during this week. Your kind words and comments have meant a lot to us.

This week we have been busy rehearsing our character voices for Goldilocks and The Three Bears and making our story spoons in readiness for our story telling project outcome next **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May at 2.45pm**. We hope you are able to make it and share in our traditional tales.

Staff have been busy looking at the sounds the children know and reviewing their reading books. Please continue to read with them at home, it really does make all the difference.

This half term has flown by and we can't quite believe that we will be coming into our final half term together in Early Years. We are very excited for our next project, 'When I Grow Up', where we will look at jobs and careers in the school and local community. To give the children a variety of experiences, **we need your help!** If you have some spare time in the week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> June or the 15<sup>th</sup> June 2026 and would like to come in and give a short talk about your job to the children, please see Mrs Nocella or Miss Skinner.

Next week we will be continuing to prepare for our outcome and reflecting on what we have enjoyed from the project. Don't forget to bring in home learning ready for our outcome.

Reminders – Lots of children across Early Years are starting to bring in toys. Please could you remind your children that their personal toys are for home as we would not want anything to happen to them at school.

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

The Early Years Team

### Year 1

This week in project the children have been finishing their rewriting of the non-fiction narrative 'The Tiny Seed' by Eric Carle. We focused on the part of the book where it flourishes into a lovely flower and the ending. We have also been creating some sponge painting artwork to go into the final books as well as their flaps. The books are coming together really nicely and we can't wait to share them with you at our project outcome on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> at 2:45-3:15**. To finish off our project next week we will be typing up and printing the children's poems and putting the final pieces of their books together.

In maths this week we continued looking at arrays to help with the skill of multiplication. The children looked at the difference between rows and columns and how we can work out a total amount using this. We also looked at doubling by recapping what we have already learnt and moving onto some larger numbers. Next week we will begin looking at fractions.

Thank you to all the parents that have been practising phonics with children at home. We really recommend this as a way to progress their reading even more. If you would like any more phonics resources to practise, please approach your class teacher.

Have a lovely weekend,

The Year 1 Team

### Year 2

In maths next week, we will be continuing our learning about time, including how many minutes are in an hour and how many days are in a week. The children have enjoyed lots of practical activities to help bring their learning to life.

In DT, after exploring different types of transport and design criteria this week, next week the children will be making and evaluating their own vehicles to transport a dragon's egg. Any donations of cardboard boxes, such as shoe boxes or egg boxes, would be greatly appreciated.

In English, the children have been predicting how *The Dragon Snatcher* might end and next week they will be writing their own story endings.

We will also be speaking to the children about friendships and who they would like to be with in Year 3 next year. The children will be asked to write down the names of three friends — two from their own class and one from the other class.

Have a lovely weekend!

The Year 2 Team

## **Forest School**

Due to staff availability next week, there will be no Forest School.

Thank you  
Mrs Fulbrook



## **Castle Hill Friends**

Well done to all the children who took part in the sponsored hop! We hope everyone had fun, it was great to see them all joining in and trying their best! Prizes for their sponsorships will be sent out at the beginning of next week 🎁

On 12th June we will be holding our annual summer fair, 4pm-6:30pm! It is free entry for under 16s and 50p per adult. We are in full swing of planning for this to be a great afternoon for the whole family 🗨️ This is open to the whole community, so spread the message to family and friends! There will be plenty for everyone to enjoy 😊

## **INSET Days**

### **2025/2026**

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

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

### **2026/2027**

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2026

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2026

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2027

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2027

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2027

## **Office Notices**

### **Fraser Portraits Deadline**

The photo order deadline is Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May. Please ensure that you order your photos on time to avoid any additional costs. Orders received after Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May will be charged postage.

## **Thought of the Week**

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

I keep trying when I face difficulties



## **Diary Dates**

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May Maple swimming – Final lesson

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

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May – Fir and Rowan Class Open door 15:15 – 17:00pm

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May - Year 1 – Meet the Author outcome 14:45pm – Parents are welcome to attend

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May - Sycamore class swimming – Final lesson

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May - **INSET DAY- School closed to children**

**Half-Term**

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May