



The Herald

19th June 2026

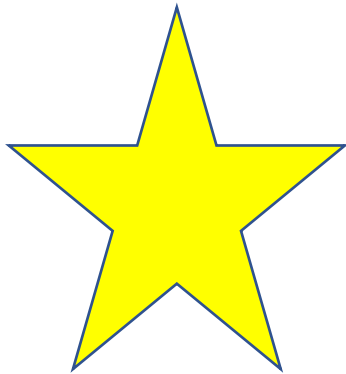
Can I start by thanking the Castle Hill Friends for the lovely Summer Fair. It was great to see so many of you there and we raised £879. The children's crafts are still available to buy for £2. Please bring cash to the office if you would like to purchase them and this will be added to the final amount.

With all of the dry weather we have had, typically it rained on the morning of Sports Day. The no-mow would not have been safe to use. We will be using our reserve date of Wednesday 24th June at 9:15am. The forecast is looking good and in the morning we have plenty of shade on the grounds. Please could you make sure the children have sunscreen applied before coming to school, a hat and their water bottle.

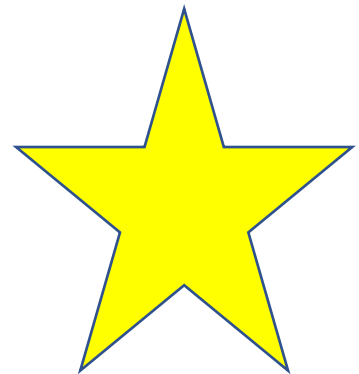
Have a lovely warm and sunny weekend,

Mrs Fitz

Stars of the week



Zoraiz
Isabella
Luca
Aidah
Antony
Harper R



Mrs Fitz star of the week

Mrs Fulbrook

National Year of Reading



Part of the
National Year of Reading 2026

GO
ALL
IN.

Class Book Worms of the week Challenge

This week is it great to see that class percentages have increased.

Well done to everyone who has read at home at least 3 times. 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:

Rowan Class

Class percentages for the week:

Fir Class	32%
Ash Class	21.4%
Rowan Class	34.6%
Birch Class	29%
Sycamore Class	14.8%
Maple Class	20.6%



Library

Remember, library sessions are 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!

Please note the library will be closed on Friday 3rd July.

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

Early Years have had a busy week learning about keeping our bodies healthy, including dental hygiene, healthy eating and the different parts of our bodies i.e. arms, legs, heart, stomach, mouth, nose etc. In maths, we have been exploring different ways of sharing and grouping different items such as cookies and pencils.

Next week, we will be discussing the different jobs we have learnt about and what the children might want to be when they grow up, we will also be discussing our trip to the local butchers and looking at maps of the local area. Ash class will be visiting on the afternoon of **Friday 26th June** and **Fir** class will visiting on the following **Monday morning (29th June)**.

As the weather will be getting hotter next week and with sports day postponed to Wednesday, please can you ensure your child comes dressed appropriately for the weather with hats and sun cream already applied.

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

The Early Years Team

Year 1

This week in our project we have been focusing on writing similes using '**like**' and '**as**'. The children came up with some great adjectives to use and put them into similes well, for example 'The tree was as tall as a tower'. We have also started learning about fruit and vegetables, exploring what their differences are. The children really enjoyed getting to taste test some examples of fruit and vegetables and shared their opinions of them with the class really well. Next week we will be focusing on minibeasts and which are pests or helpers.

In maths we looked at greater than, less than and equal to with numbers up to 100. We then finished off our topic with some bingo with numbers to 100. We have begun moving onto our money topic, focusing on pence and pound coins. Practising with real coins at home would be very helpful to consolidate what we have learnt so far!

With sports day being postponed to next week, we would like to remind you that your child will need a water bottle. With the weather expected to be very warm we also encourage you to send them into school with a sun hat and sun cream on.

Just a reminder that if your seeds have not yet started to grow, we have more available so please see Miss Tripp for a new one.

Have a fantastic weekend,

The Year 1 Team

Year 2

The children have been practising very hard for their *Pirates and Mermaids* leavers' play, and we are excited to see all their hard work come together!

In maths, we will continue our learning on statistics. The children have enjoyed creating tally charts and block charts so far, and next week we will be exploring pictograms.

In science, following our bread experiment, we will closely observe the effects of handwashing by monitoring what happens to bread touched with clean hands compared to bread touched with dirty hands over several days. We will also begin learning about different types of exercise and how exercise can vary from person to person.

In English, once we have collected and discussed our science results, we will write instructions on how to wash hands effectively, using imperative verbs. E.g **Turn** on the tap, **squeeze** the soap, **rub** hands together.

A reminder that Sports Day has been rescheduled to Wednesday 24th June.

Have a fantastic weekend!

The Year 2 Team

Forest School

Please find below the Forest school session

Rowan class - Tuesday 23rd June

Thank you,
Mrs Fulbrook



Castle Hill Friends

Thank you to everyone who came to our summer fair! We hope you all had a great time 🥳

A lot of you had positive feedback for us on the day, we'd love to hear your thoughts on what went well and what you'd like to see again for future fairs!

We raised £879 from this event. We are currently trying to raise enough money to renovate the secret garden area on the top playground to make it a lovely space for the children to enjoy, this helps us to be able to achieve that goal 😊

Thank you for your continued support, without you attending these events and taking part, we wouldn't be able to do what we do ❤️

The school office

Please find below correspondence from Magna.

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope this letter finds you and your family well.

As we prepare for the upcoming academic year, we would like to thank you for your continued support and for trusting Magna Groups to provide reliable, high-quality wraparound care for your child. Our commitment remains unchanged: to provide a safe, engaging, and enriching environment outside of school hours.

Over the past year, we have made every effort to maintain our current pricing structure by absorbing increased overheads. However, like many organizations, we are facing significant increases in operational and staffing costs, alongside rising expenses for provisions, utilities, and school rental fees. To ensure the long-term sustainability of our services, it has become necessary to adjust our fees.

Consequently, a revised pricing structure will take effect from September 2026:

- **Breakfast Club:** £6.50 per session
- **After School Care:** £16.50 per session

These changes are essential to maintain the exceptional standard of care, qualified staffing, and well-resourced environments that you and your children expect from us.

Please be assured that this decision has not been taken lightly. We remain fully committed to delivering excellent value while ensuring our services remain viable to support working families in the long term.

Thank you for your continued understanding and cooperation.

INSET Days

2025/2026

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 Self-esteem. With this value we are looking to develop how we feel about ourselves. We are particularly thinking about:

I am confident

Sparkle the
Self-esteem Dragon



We feel good about ourselves

Diary Dates

Friday 26th June - Early Years and Year 1 – Transition morning (Parents informed of their child's new class)

Friday 26th June - Year 2 – Transition morning CHPS