



The Herald

3rd July 2026

The children have visited their new classes today, both in our school and going over to the Primary School. The teachers have spent a long time considering the classes, ensuring that the children have some of the friends they asked for and that the classes are balanced. Please do see your child's teacher if you have any questions. The children will have another opportunity to spend a morning in their new class on Monday 20th July. Class adults for new year:

Fir – Mrs Nocella, Miss Hogan

Ash – Mrs Dalton, Miss Cox

Miss C. Saunders – in EYFS (am)

Rowan – Miss Skinner, Mrs Cole

Birch – Miss Tripp, Miss Donnelly and Mrs Darby/ Miss Bird

Sycamore – Mrs Newman, Mrs Mathewson (am), Miss C. Saunders (pm) and Mrs Copeland

Maple – Miss Lund, Mrs Fulbrook and Mrs Lacy-Coutinho

Willow – Mrs Cameron, Mrs Harding, Mrs Johnson and Miss S. Saunders

I would like to thank Mrs Fitz-Desorgher, Mrs Johnson and Miss Marsh for all of their contribution to school life. We wish them well as they embark on new journeys.

Next Friday we have our final INSET day of the year. Mrs Fulbrook is going to lead an outdoor learning session in the morning and then Mrs Cameron is going to lead a music session in the afternoon.

This week Year 1 have visited Mr Whistler's Garden. Thank you to St. Anne's Primary School who lent us their minibus and to Mr Whistler for driving and sharing his garden with the children. He is a keen gardener and has opened his garden to the public for many years as part of The National Gardens Scheme. Through hiring minibuses, I hope to bring the cost down of some of our visits and to be able to get out and about more often. I know Mrs Cameron is particularly keen to arrange visits to the library.

We are looking forward to Sports Day on Monday. It is looking like a pleasantly warm morning (at the moment).

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Fitz

National Year of Reading



Part of the
National Year of Reading 2026

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Class Book Worms of the week Challenge

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

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 today, 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

We really enjoyed our final parent project outcome on Wednesday with you all. We hope that you enjoyed visiting our careers fayre and sharing in the wonderful learning the children have been doing.

Next week, we will start our final project 'Are we ready yet?' This is a transition project where we will look back at everything we have learnt and celebrate the wonderful things we have done. We will share our memories and 'best bits', talk about transition to year 1, the changes and how we feel about it. Finally, the children will write to their new teachers and set themselves a goal about something they would like to get better at.

The children will visit the library next week to change their book for the final time this term. The week after we will be collecting the library books in.

Next Friday (10th July) will be an inset day, please can we ask that reading books and diaries are in book bags as the day your child will read may change.

The children have had a super morning visiting their new classrooms and teachers. They have come back buzzing with excitement and keen to share what they got up to.

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

The Early Years Team

Year 1

What an exciting week in Year 1! Our trips earlier this week went really well and the children loved applying what they have learnt in Mr Whistlers Garden. The children were very grateful to be able to visit and made Mr Whistler some lovely thank you cards. We hope you have heard lots about it from them!

In project we have begun designing and creating a mock up of a bug hotel which the children will be making next week. They have loved thinking about what their bug hotel needs and how they could make it. In preparation for making their bug hotels please have a think with your child about what recycling and nature objects they would like to go in it and if possible, take your child on a walk to collect some bits for it. As well as this any appropriate recycling that would be useful for creating the bug hotels would be great use to us!

In maths we have been learning about time, focusing on o'clock and half past. The children did really well with this but any extra practise at home would be great for their understanding.

Next week on Wednesday at 2:45 is our final project outcome of the year. This will be a gardening workshop that will take place in the hall and on the patio under the umbrellas. The children will be informing you on all they have learnt about plants, trees, fruit and vegetables and minibeast. As well as this they will be sharing their recount of the trips to Mr Whistler's Garden and their bug hotels will be on show for you to see and take home! Please bring in your child's plant before this outcome along with the

plant diary they have made. The plants that have been grown at home will be on display during our project outcome. We will be asking for donations which will be used towards new plants for around the school grounds. For the safety of the children, we remind you that the children will need to stay at their stations.

The Year 1 Team

Year 2

We have had a great week in Year 2! The children have been busy being scientists, observing how our bread slices are changing each day and seeing the impact of good handwashing.

Next week, we will continue learning about statistics in maths, building on our previous work with tally charts, block diagrams and pictograms.

We will also have a DT-focused week, where the children will learn about choosing the right knives to safely cut different fruits before making their own fruit kebabs. They will take part in fruit tasting; oranges, strawberries, green grapes, purple grapes, pineapple and blueberries.

A reminder that **Sports Day is on Monday 6th July**. Please ensure your child comes to school wearing their PE kit.

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

The Year 2 Team

Forest School

Please find below the Forest school session

Tuesday - Birch

Thank you,
Mrs Fulbrook



Castle Hill friends

Unfortunately, Sam has decided to step down as Chair of the PTA with immediate effect.

Thankfully, Becky and Tanya have agreed to take over as co-chairs on the interim until we can hold an AGM to vote them in officially.

If anyone would be interested in joining the PTA, please get in contact via Facebook or email.

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

Diary Dates

Monday 6th July – Sports day – 9:15

Wednesday 8th July - Year 1 – Professor Poppy Project Outcome 14:45pm. Parents invited

Friday 10th July - INSET DAY (5) School closed to children

Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th July Year 2 Play - 9:15am - 10:15am

Thursday 16th July- Year 2 Project Outcome Fitness Cafe - 14:45pm - Parents invited

Tuesday 21st July - Year 2 leavers assembly - - 9:15am - Please note that only 2 adults per child will be able to attend

Monday 20th July - Moving on Morning – Early Years and Year 1

Tuesday 21st July - Open Door 15:15pm – 17:00pm

Summer Holiday - Thursday 23rd July – Thursday 3rd September