



The Herald

10th January 2025

Happy New Year to you all. It has been lovely to see the children back at school and they have been really keen to talk about their holiday!

From exploring the depths of the Titanic's history to the dazzling world of 'Showtime', and the enchanting journey of 'The Magic Ride', our children will be learning through some exciting projects this half term. We have recently distributed new project overviews, which I encourage you to read and I look forward to seeing you at the project outcomes.

We have noticed an increasing number of damaged reading books, often due to water spillage from bottles in book bags. Please can water bottles be kept separate from books to prevent further damage. Additionally, we are missing several reading books and would greatly appreciate your assistance in locating any that the children may have left at home. Your continued support in nurturing our children's love for reading is invaluable.

Have a lovely weekend
Mrs Fitz

Early Years

It has been wonderful to see everyone back after the holidays. The children have come in refreshed, ready to learn and were so excited by our new project hook for 'The Magic Ride'. What perfect weather to make our first ride to the Arctic more realistic! We hope that you have had a chance to look the parent overview sent home, which will give you lots of information about the wonderful learning we will be doing, including home learning and details of our outcome.

This week we have been revising some of the sounds that the children found a little trickier to recall from last half term. Next week we will continue with this before moving on. We will be collecting 'Time to Talk' books on Monday so please put them back into book bags after the weekend.

Next week we will continue our Magic Ride, learning more about The Arctic and travelling on to Antarctica! In maths we will be looking at mass and capacity.

Purple Mash – www.purplemash.com In the back of your child's home learning diary you will find their log in to Purple Mash. Next week we will put some activities on for the children to access at home. This is optional for you to access. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Next week we have our **handwriting workshop on Thursday at 9.00 am**. This will be an opportunity for you to find out more about our handwriting scheme and see part of a lesson. We hope that you are able to join us.

Thank you for your continued support and have a lovely weekend.
The Early Years Team

Year 1

Happy New Year!

We have had a great first week back! This week we started our new project 'Showtime'. We hope that your child has come home and told you all about the mishap that Miss Gomes and Miss Tripp had on Tuesday! If they haven't, ask them what happened when their teachers tried to put on a puppet show! On Tuesday your child should have come home with a parent overview for the project which has details about home learning and our project outcome.

In Maths, we have started our 'Place Value' unit which is all about numbers within 20 and how to make these numbers. This week the children were introduced to the concept of tens and ones. For example, in the number 13 there is 1 ten and 3 ones. We have also looked at how to spell numbers from 11-20.

Thank you for your continued support. Have a wonderful weekend!

The Year 1 Team

Year 2

Happy New Year!

We are very excited to have started our new Titanic project. We have begun this week by researching the size, weight, where and from what it was made. We also looked at the class system and the impact this had upon survival.

We have completed our unit on shape and will be moving on next week to money.

Your child will be bringing home a box this afternoon that is labelled with a room from the Titanic. Please could you help them to complete the room using whatever creative media you choose! Images of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd class cabins, dining rooms, staircases, boiler rooms etc. are on Google. However, if you are stuck for ideas, please feel free to come in and the year 2 teachers can share with you, images of the boxes from last year.

Thank you for your support.

The Year 2 Team

School Notices

Parking on Kenilworth Road

Just a friendly reminder to please be mindful of parking on Kenilworth Road. We want to ensure everyone has enough space and avoid any potential issues or blocked access for emergency services, should there be a need.

Your support with this matter would be greatly appreciated.

INSET Days

Friday 23rd May 2025

Monday 7th July 2025

Castle Hill Friends

Welcome back, we hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas break!

Our website has had a bit of a revamp recently. You can now buy excellent quality pre-loved uniform (some even have tags!) online anytime. We will still continue to have the monthly playground sales too.

Valentines Disco -Thursday 13th February - Tickets £3

Early Years - 15:20pm -16:20pm (straight after school) Year 1 & 2 - 16:30pm -17:30pm

Please let us know if you can help out, we need around 10 helpers per disco.

Wear what you love day - Thursday 13th February - £1 donation

This can now be paid online via our website if you would prefer to not have the stress of finding cash on the day.

As always, thank you for your support.

Stars of the Week



Max
Louie
Aneesha
Teddy
Aariz
Jacob



Diary Dates

Tuesday 14th January – Sleeping Beauty Panto (during school hours, children only)

Thursday 16th January – Year 2 trip to Seacity Museum – Titanic

Thursday 16th January – Early Years Handwriting workshop – 9:00am

Tuesday 21st January – Early Years Maths Workshop – 9:00am