

## Friday Newsletter – 1st May 2026

It has been another vibrant and productive week here at Castle View Primary Academy. As I walk through the corridors, I am constantly struck by the sheer variety of learning taking place—from the historical depths of 17th-century London to the digital landscapes of modern data handling.

This week has truly encapsulated our commitment to a balanced and ambitious curriculum. We have seen our oldest pupils demonstrating resilience on the sports field and our youngest pupils nurturing a sense of wonder for the natural world. I am particularly proud to share the progress we are making with our whole-school handwriting initiative; seeing the children take such visible pride in the presentation of their work is a testament to their hard work and your continued support at home.

### London's Burning and Butterflies Blooming

This week, children in KS1 have continued exploring the story of the Great Fire of London. After working together to sequence key events in chronological order, they used their creativity to paint scenes from the fire and took part in role play, imagining how people experienced and responded to the disaster. They learned how the fire was tackled without modern engines, using buckets of water, fire hooks, and even gunpowder to create firebreaks.

In Reception, our younger children have been carefully observing the growth of their class caterpillars and learning about their life cycle through stories. For more photos, be sure to check out our Facebook page.



### Graphing!



This week in computing we have been looking at how to collect data, input it into a graph and then read those graphs to retrieve information! We voted on our favourite colours and animals and made bar, scatter and line graphs to represent that data! Turns out Blue and Capybaras are extremely popular! I wonder if there are any blue capybaras yet to be discovered?

### Fantastic Behaviour for Learning Awards

Reception/1/2 – Skye  
Year 3/4 – Modather

Year 5 –  
Year 6 - Nevaeh



### Superstars Certificates for outstanding work

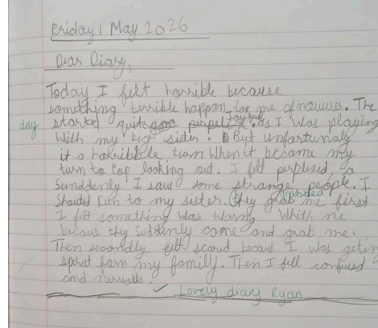
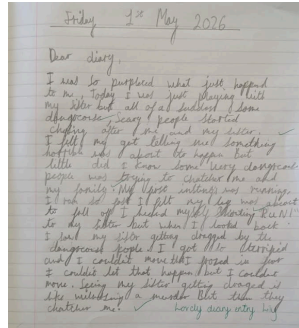
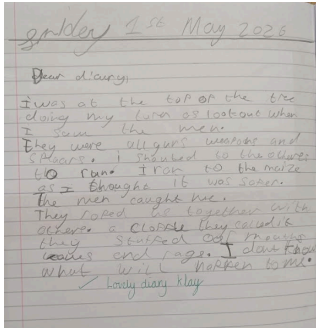
The following children have all worked their socks off in class and have been awarded a certificate for their great attitude to learning:

Miss Spencer – Ivy and Chizurum  
Miss Mills – Keisha and Umjimma

Mr Cross–  
Mrs Robinson - Junior and Dalton

## Dear Diary: Delightful Penmanship

Year 5 have been deeply immersed in their class novel this week, channeling their inner protagonists to craft some truly evocative diary entries. What is particularly striking is the remarkable improvement in their presentation and handwriting. As a school, we have placed a significant focus on driving up standards in penmanship, and we make no apologies for our high expectations; we believe every child's hard work deserves to be showcased with pride. It is clear that Year 5 are rising to the challenge beautifully, proving that when it comes to both creativity and clarity, they are certainly noted for excellence.



## Rounding Into Form

Our Year 6 pupils took to the field this week for some well-earned sunshine and sport. While their focus has been remarkably sharp during SATs preparations, an afternoon of Rounders provided the perfect "light relief" on our wonderful school grounds. It wasn't all just fun and games; the children sharpened their communication skills and showcased impressive teamwork on the bases. It was a joy to see them recharging in the fresh air—a timely reminder that a healthy balance is key to success. Well done, Year 6; you truly hit it out of the park!



## The Friday "Grab & Go" (or Stay and Chat!)

Start your weekend on a high note next Friday with our new **Bacon Butty and Coffee** station! We are keeping things completely relaxed—whether you need to **grab and go** to get a head start on your morning, or you have **15 minutes** to sit down and have a quick catch-up with fellow parents after the school run, we would love to see you.

For just **£2.50**, you can tuck into a warm roll and a fresh coffee. It's a simple, tasty way to mark the end of the week and fuel up for whatever your Friday has in store. We look forward to seeing you there!



## Dates for next half term:

Monday 11th - Thursday 14th May - SATS Week

Have a wonderful weekend everyone and enjoy the sunshine!

Kind regards,

Mr H. Rose  
Headteacher