

Friday Newsletter – 1st September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another wonderfully busy week at Castle View, marked by fantastic strides in both pupil independence and hands-on discovery.

From Goldcrest Class exploring phonics and crafting mud pies, to Swallows and Key Stage 2 taking major leaps in their digital skills, and Years 5 and 6 harvesting apples for an upcoming DT project, the enthusiasm across the school has been fantastic to see.

Newly-appointed Chair of Governors

I'd like to take this opportunity to congratulate Ms Tessa Blair, who has been appointed as our new Chair of Governors. She brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to this role, and we are delighted to welcome her.

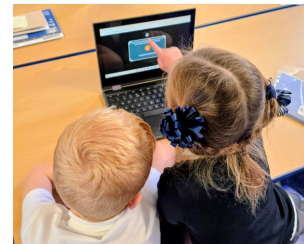
Goldcrest Class News (Reception)

This week in Goldcrest Class, the children enjoyed reading *Owl Babies*. They sorted nocturnal and diurnal animals, created beautiful owl family paintings using printing techniques and different media, and worked hard to retell the story using a story map and actions. The children also began their phonics journey, practising letter formation and developing their pencil grip. Our highlight of the week was exploring the outdoor area, where the children had lots of fun making delicious mud pies!



Weekly Update: Swallows Class (Y1/2)

We have had another fantastic week in Year 1 and 2! The children have been working hard on their digital independence, practicing logging in and out of both NumBots and Purple Mash with increasing confidence - a huge milestone for their tech skills! In math, we have been busy learning to count on in ones, using the fun games NumBots offers to build quick recall. To bring that math learning into our hands, we've also been playing interactive dice games using physical counting equipment, like threading beads on a string. This has been a brilliant way to strengthen our math skills while giving our fine motor skills a fantastic workout at the same time.



Year 3 and 4 News



Year 3 and 4 have been diving head first into their maths and computing work! We have been learning how to log into our google accounts, access the internet and how to search for Numbots! We have even been making 'Mining' information sheets on Purple Mash to link in with our Science and English work!



Year 5-6 News

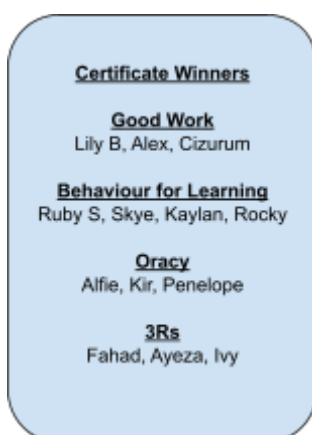
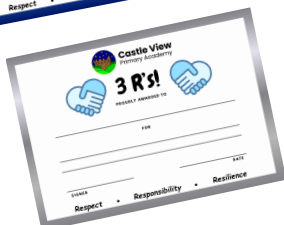
Year 5-6 have been busy harvesting apples in preparation for some exciting Design Technology lessons next week.

The children can't wait to roll up their sleeves and make some delicious desserts.

The children have been working hard on their Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling, playing games to quickly identify word classes in phrases and sentences.

Celebration assembly

Thank you to those parents who attended our first revamped celebration assembly. Each week, parents of certificate winners are invited to attend our Celebration Assembly on **Fridays at 10:00 AM**.



IMPORTANT NOTICES

Parent Governor Vacancy: A position is available. Please contact the school office if you are interested.

Dates to remember for the rest of the half term

- Castle View Apple Festival - Thursday 17th September at 3:30pm
- Coffee afternoon for Reception parents - with Sammie Webster - Wednesday 23rd Sept - 2:15pm
- SEND Drop in with SENDCo - Tuesday 29th September - 2pm - 3pm
- Coffee afternoon for Reception parents - with Sammie Webster - Wednesday 30th Sept - 2:15pm
- Thursday 22nd October - School closes for half term

Best wishes

H. Rose

Headteacher