

## Friday Newsletter – 13th February 2026

As we reach the end of a whirlwind half term, the energy and curiosity at Castle View Primary Academy have never been higher. From the soaring harmonies of our recent Young Voices trip to the focused debates in our classrooms, this final week has been a testament to the diverse and enriching experiences our pupils enjoy.

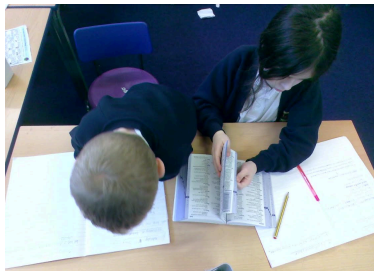
It has been a joy to see the children engaging so thoughtfully with the world around them—whether they were mastering road safety with the AXA 'Backseat Boss' team, teaching the staff a thing or two about AI safety in our assembly, or exploring the legacy of King Alfred. This week's highlights are a wonderful celebration of their hard work and the perfect way to head into the break.

### Year 6 - Backseat Boss



On Tuesday this week we were visited by insurance professionals from AXA who assisted teachers in delivering road safety sessions called 'Backseat Boss'. The children know to remind their drivers and other passengers to **Buckle up**, **Off your phone**, **Seatbelts on**, **Stop at red lights**.

During the Talk on Tuesday assembly this week the children discussed how to use AI safely. Their responses were amazing and their knowledge of technology certainly taught the teachers a thing or two.



### Year 3/4 - Historical Debating

This week in Year 3/4 we have been debating! We used our knowledge of Alfred the Great (from our history lessons) to create a balanced argument. We became opposing parties to debate whether Alfred deserved the title of 'GREAT'!

We then used our grammatical skills of conjunctions, fronted adverbials and synonyms to create a written balanced argument! Well done, everyone! This has been a great unit to work through with you!

### Another busy week in Reception and KS1.

In Reception, the children have been learning about the composition of numbers up to 8 and exploring the traditions and celebrations of Chinese New Year. They also thoroughly enjoyed a special story time visit to Lancaster Library.

In KS1, the children have been developing their understanding of addition and subtraction by using a range of different methods to solve problems. In Art, they experimented with mixing different shades of paint to create beautiful sunflower paintings inspired by Van Gogh. They also placed their mini-beast hotels around the school grounds, which they proudly painted and built with Mrs Alex from the organisation 'Where the Wildlings Are'.



## **Fantastic Behaviour for Learning Awards**

Reception/1/2 – Chizurum  
Year 3/4 – Alfie S

Year 5 – Klay  
Year 6 - Leo M



## **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:

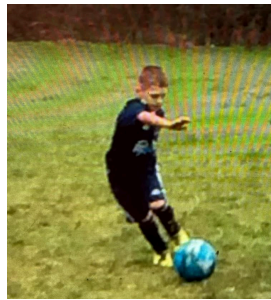
Miss Spencer – Blossom and Pryansh  
Miss Mills – Lily-Mae and Karson

Mrs Hamer – Alfie and Nelly  
Mrs Robinson - Nevaeh and Hisham



## **What a week ! Year 5**

We have had a great last week of term. First of all our trip to Young Voices was amazing and we are still excited about the wonderful time we had. This week we have also had a visit from Backseat Boss where we got to learn about driving safely and being a good passenger. We even got to 'drive' around the classroom.



## **Year 3/4 Football Team**

Our wonderful pupils from Year 3/4 took part in a football tournament on Wednesday. They represented the school extremely well.

## **Dates for next half term:**

Friday 13th February - School closes for half term  
Monday 23rd February - School opens for Spring 2  
Monday 16th March - KS1 Singing Festival in the evening  
Thursday 19th March - Y3/4 Singing Festival in the evening

Kind regards,

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