

## Friday Newsletter – 13th March 2026

It has been another vibrant and busy week here at Castle View, characterised by a wonderful mix of artistic creativity, outdoor exploration, and inspiring physical activity. I have been particularly moved to see our pupils demonstrating such profound resilience and empathy as they engaged with our visitors and tackled new challenges in the classroom. From the first blooms of spring in the playground to the abstract masterpieces appearing on our gallery walls, the energy across the academy has been truly uplifting. I hope you enjoy reading about our children's many successes.

### Rolling with Resilience: A Slam Dunk for Inclusion

It was an absolute privilege to welcome Shaun Gash MBE to Castle View this week for a truly unforgettable day of wheelchair basketball. As part of our ongoing commitment to fostering a culture of inclusion and diversity, our pupils were given hands-on insight into the challenges and triumphs of adaptive sports. Under Shaun's expert guidance, the children learned that physical barriers are no match for a determined spirit, perfectly embodying our core value of resilience. The atmosphere in the hall was electric; between the tactical drills and the friendly matches, there was an enormous amount of fun and laughter. It was a powerful reminder that, while we all move through the world differently, we are all part of the same team.



### Fantastic Behaviour for Learning Awards

Reception/1/2 – Lana Rey  
Year 3/4 – Rosie

Year 5 – Teddy  
Year 6 - Bella

### 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 – Master and Kaylan  
Miss Mills – Thuy Chi and Lily B

Mrs Hamer – Nelly and Ruby T  
Mrs Robinson - Primrose and Leo V

### Spring is in the air!

This week our Reception and Key Stage 1 children have been busy looking for the signs of spring. Through reading 'The Flower Thief' and a range of non-fiction books, they explored how the season brings changes to the world around us.

The children created beautiful observational paintings of snowdrops and daffodils, alongside spring themed drawings. Using their senses, they discussed and wrote about the effects spring has on plants, animals, the weather, and the increasing length of daylight hours.

We were also very impressed with our Reception class in Maths. They have been learning to find one more and one less than numbers up to ten, and enjoyed building their own "staircases" using cubes to help them see how numbers grow and change. Great work, everyone.



### Librarian wishes!

This week, after our assessments, Year 3 and 4 were given time to explore the school library and what it offers. We looked at the different categories, authors and organisations of the shelves. We then had the opportunity to pick a book from the library and read with either our friends or on our own! We had a great time looking at the different features of books, such as, content pages, glossaries, and even chapter numbers! Reading is a SUPERPOWER!



### Y5 Painting like Picasso

The artist for Year 5 this term is Pablo Picasso 1881 - 1973. The class were curious about his style of painting and they had a go at painting in his style. It was a lot harder than it looks! Next they will be trying to recreate his work as a collage, building on the work they did on this topic last year. The class has also started to display some of their work in class too.



### Dates for next half term:

- Monday 9th March - Assessment Week for Y1-5
- Monday 16th March - Mock SATs for Y6
- Monday 16th March - KS1 Singing Festival in the evening
- Thursday 19th March - Y3/4 Singing Festival in the evening
- Monday 23rd March - Parent's Evening

Kind regards,

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