

## Friday Newsletter – 15th May 2026

It has been a truly momentous week at Castle View. From the focused determination of our Year 6 pupils during their SATS to the creative craftsmanship of Year 5 building Bluebird models, the academy has been a hive of industry. Whether it was Year 3/4 writing Japanese poems, KS1 picnicking with their pirate designs, or Reception exploring the joy of sharing, the children have excelled. I hope you enjoy these highlights from an exceptionally busy week.

### SATS, Stitches, and Style!

The Year 6 cohort has shown incredible resilience and focus this week as they navigated their SATS. The entire staff have been immensely impressed by the maturity and "can-do" attitude the pupils brought to every paper. They truly embodied the spirit of Castle View, supporting one another through each challenge with a calm and determined mindset.

To celebrate the conclusion of the testing period, the classroom transformed into a hub of tranquility. The pupils enjoyed some mindful sewing sessions, providing a creative and peaceful way to unwind. It was a proud moment to see them looking so unified and smart in their brand-new "Leavers 26" hoodies, which arrived just in time for their post-exam relaxation. They have certainly earned a restful weekend after such an industrious week!

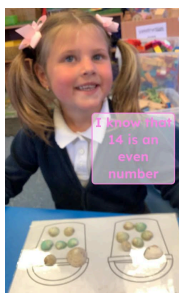


### Branching Out in Botany

In Science this week, KS1 focused on trees. The children identified and compared different trees by exploring their leaves, bark and the circumference of their trunks.



### A Feast of Fruitful Learning



This week in Reception, the children have been enjoying the story *Handa's Surprise*. As part of their Maths learning, they worked together to share fruit equally before making a delicious fruit salad.

Our KS1 children have proudly completed the lunch boxes they designed for the pirates. To celebrate their fantastic efforts, they filled their lunch boxes with tasty snacks and enjoyed a lovely picnic on the field.

