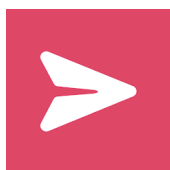


Friday Newsletter – 16th October 2026

Welcome to this week's newsletter, celebrating another vibrant week of curiosity, active learning, and achievement across Castle View Primary Academy. From the gasps of wonder during Year 5 and 6's candle investigations and thoughtful historical debates in Swallows Class, to Goldcrest Class demonstrating fantastic responsibility as they planted their first seeds, our children have truly shone. I hope you enjoy exploring the highlights below, alongside celebrating our weekly certificate winners.

Parents' Evening - Monday 19th October 2026



Our **NEW** booking system for Parents Evening is **LIVE** on your new Parent App.

Please be sure to book your child's appointment using the app. Parents Evening will operate on a first come, first serve basis.

Halloween Disco next week - please note that KS2 pupils must be collected by an adult, as the event finishes at 6:00 pm. [Tickets available at the school office for £1](#)

Amazing Science in Y5/6!



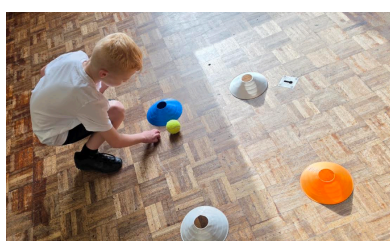
Year 5 and 6 carried out some amazing Science investigations this week involving a plate of liquid, a tea candle, and a glass placed over the top. The children watched in wonder as the flame went out and the liquid was drawn up into the glass, prompting plenty of gasps and 'whoos' across the classroom! It was a fantastic hands-on experiment that really brought their learning to life.

Weekly Update: Swallows Class

We have had a fantastic week full of thoughtful debates and active learning in Swallows Class!

In history, the children took part in a conscience alley activity to explore the famous voyage of Christopher Columbus. Stepping into the shoes of historical figures, they weighed up the pros and cons to debate whether he should or shouldn't set sail on his journey of discovery. It was wonderful to hear the children using such brilliant reasoning, critical thinking, and empathy to share their opposing arguments!

In PE, we have been sharpening our ball skills! The children put the accuracy and speed of their rolling techniques to the test through a target challenge, working hard to control their momentum so the ball stopped precisely inside a marked target zone.



Weekly Update: Goldcrest Class

This week in Goldcrest Class, the children have been developing their understanding of responsibility. They have been learning to take responsibility for keeping their classroom tidy, making positive choices and taking ownership of their learning. They also planted their own seeds, which they will care for as they begin to grow. In Maths, the children have been developing their understanding of the composition of numbers to three and how whole numbers can be made up of different parts.



Wrap Up Warm!

As the weather turns colder and wetter, please ensure your child comes to school with a warm, waterproof coat each day so they can stay comfortable during outdoor play.

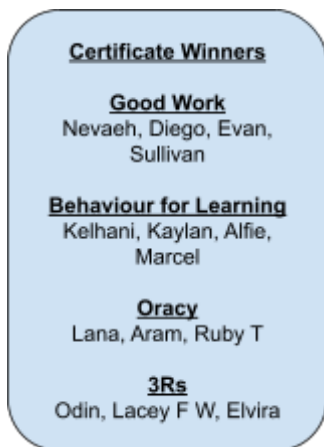
Harvest Appeal Delivery



This week, Mr Rose and two of our House Captains visited the Lancaster & District Homeless Action Service to hand over all the generous food donations collected from our Harvest appeal. A huge thank you to Simon and David for welcoming our team, and a massive thank you to everyone in our school community who donated—your kindness and generosity will directly support local people in need.

Celebration assembly

Thank you to those parents who attended our celebration assembly.



Dates for your diary

Monday 19th October - Parents Evening - Book on the app!
Tuesday 20th October - School Photo Day (Individual and siblings)
Wednesday 21st October - Halloween Disco - (Reception/KS1 - 4pm - 4:45pm) (KS2 - 5pm - 6pm)
Thursday 22nd October - School closes for half term
Friday 23rd October - INSET Day
Monday 2nd November - INSET Day
Tuesday 3rd November - School opens for Autumn 2

Best wishes,

Mr Rose (Headteacher)