

## Friday Newsletter – 17th April 2026

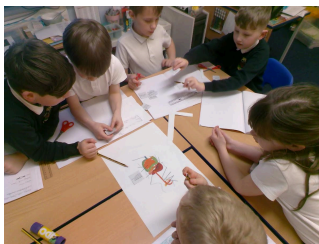
Welcome back! It has been wonderful to see so many smiling faces returning to Castle View Primary Academy for the start of the Summer Term. We have hit the ground running, and the school is already buzzing with the energy of new topics and outdoor adventures.

From the Year 5 pupils bravely taking to the roads for their Bikeability, to our Key Stage 1 historians turning into "history detectives" to uncover the secrets of the Great Fire of London, it has been a week of discovery and determination. We've also seen some fantastic mathematical resilience, with our Year 6 students mastering complex geometry and our youngest learners exploring the world of 3D shapes through play. Not to be outdone, Years 3 and 4 have been diving deep into the wonders of the human digestive system—I was particularly staggered to hear their fact about the length of our intestines!

It is a joy to see such a vibrant start to the term, and I am looking forward to all the "wonderful learning" the coming weeks will surely bring.

### Digestive detectives (not the biscuits...)!

This week Year 3 and 4 have been investigating the human digestive systems! We have explored each organ and its function within the system, and even found out that an average adult has up to 9m of intestines altogether! We can't wait to create our own systems this half term!



### Fantastic Behaviour for Learning Awards

Reception/1/2 – Harry  
Year 3/4 – Marcel

Year 5 – Freddie  
Year 6 - Sam



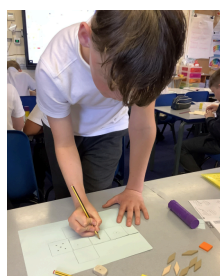
### Superstars Certificates for outstanding work

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 Alex  
Miss Mills – Evan and Umjemma

Mrs Hamer – Sani and Ruby H  
Mrs Robinson - Leo V and Rory

Year 6 have worked hard to perfect their Geometry skills this week. They have learnt all about translation, reflection and nets of 3D shapes. They used this half term's value of resilience when creating their own nets for different 3D shapes. Well done Year 6!



## London's Burning and Shapes Turning!

In History, our KS1 children have begun their exciting new topic: 'The Great Fire of London'. They started by comparing and sorting images from the past and present to explore how life in London has changed over time. Using their detective skills, they then examined a range of clues to uncover when, where and how the fire began.

Meanwhile, our younger children have been busy exploring 3D shapes. They enjoyed using them for printing to discover the shapes of their faces, investigating how they move by rolling them down ramps, and finishing with an exciting 3D shape hunt around their learning environment.



## Pedal Power in Year 5

Our Year 5 cohort took to two wheels this week for their Bikeability Level 1 training, and I must say, they were truly "wheely" impressive! The children spent their first day mastering essential control skills and safety checks within the security of the playground. Once they had found their balance and honed their signaling, they bravely took to the local roads around the school to apply their knowledge in a real-world setting. It was wonderful to see their confidence grow with every turn. I am incredibly proud of how they conducted themselves; they demonstrated great road awareness and maturity. I have no doubt they are well on their way to becoming the safe, savvy cyclists of the future.



## Welcome to new member of staff

I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome Mr Cross, who will be teaching Y5 for the remainder of the school year. I know all our school community will make him feel very welcome.

## Social Media and Whatsapp



While we embrace the benefits of technology in school, I would like to take a brief moment to discuss the use of social media and WhatsApp groups at home. We have noticed that concerns can often arise from unsupervised interactions in large group chats. I kindly ask all parents to be vigilant and regularly monitor your children's devices if they have them. Most social media platforms have age restrictions for a reason, and maintaining an open dialogue about what your child is doing online is vital. Knowing what our children are accessing keeps them safe and ensures that the kindness and respect we value at Castle View continue long after the school gates close.

## Dates for next half term:

Monday 11th - Thursday 14th May - SATS Week

Kind regards,

Mr H. Rose  
Headteacher