

## Friday Newsletter – 19th December 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the final bells of 2025 ring across the playground, I find myself reflecting on what a truly spectacular autumn term we have shared here at Castle View Primary Academy. The last few weeks, in particular, have been a whirlwind of festive magic, academic excellence, and community spirit.

From the delicious aromas of our **Christmas Dinner Day** to the high-energy fun of "**Christmas Chaos**," the school has been brimming with joy. Our halls have been filled with the sounds of rehearsals and applause; whether it was the heart-melting performances in the **Reception and Key Stage 1 Nativity** or the impressive talent showcased in the **Key Stage 2 Christmas Show**, I have been immensely proud of the confidence and courage our pupils have displayed on stage.

It is a privilege to lead such a vibrant school, and I hope you enjoy reading about our final highlights of the year below.

### Reindeer, Writing, and Radiant Receptions

We have enjoyed a wonderfully festive week in Reception and Key Stage One. In English, the children wrote very important letters to Santa and took part in a range of Christmas crafts, including making Christmas cards and decorating cookies.

The excitement continued with a Christmas scavenger hunt, a Christmas disco, and lots of fun party games. The children had an amazing time throughout the week.

We are incredibly proud of every single child who showed such confidence and courage when performing in their nativity play. It was a truly special celebration and a joy to watch.



### Christmas Dinner Day



### Fantastic Behaviour for Learning Awards

Reception/1/2 – Ivy  
Year 3/4 – Lacey

Year 5 – Emily  
Year 6 – Cristiano



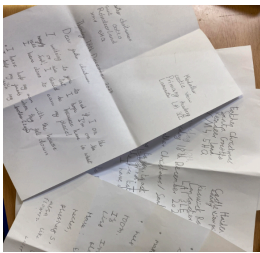
### Year 5 book tokens



We had the pleasure of using our gift tokens from Santa this week. Each child was able to choose their own book to take home and enjoy. There were lots of books to choose from and we felt very lucky to have so much choice. Year 5 always enjoy reading time and work hard in reading lessons. We hope you enjoy them at home too.

### Books! Books! Books! In Year 6

The KS2 children have enjoyed redeeming their 'Castle View' book tokens in the library and choosing their own books as a Christmas gift from all of us at Castle View.



### Ho Ho Hopping we are on the nice list!

Year 3/4 have been super busy this week planning, drafting and publishing our letters to Santa! We used our knowledge of how letters are set out, and our best handwriting to make these the best letters Santa will ever see!!

### 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 Kir  
Miss Mills – Karson and Aram

Mrs Hamer – Ruby S and Freddie  
Mrs Robinson - Lewis and Rory

### 100% attendance children since September!



Bella B, Lily B, Mckenzie, Keziah, Kir, Pooya, Ruby, Albie, Iris, Primrose, Justin, Freddie, Teddy, Thaaranka, Alex, Ryan, Prayansh, Harry, Lily-Mae, Ruby, Sam, Dante, James, Tyler, Peter, Dalton



## Key Stage 2 - Christmas Chaos

What a spectacular triumph! This week, our Key Stage 2 pupils took to the stage for their highly anticipated production, Christmas Chaos, and they certainly didn't disappoint. It was wonderful to see a packed house for every performance; your support as parents and carers truly provides the wind beneath our pupils' wings.

The atmosphere was electric, enhanced by brilliant lighting that transformed our hall into a professional theatre space. However, the real stars were, of course, the children. We saw awesome performances across the board, from those delivering complex lines with poise to the choir singing with such heart and harmony. A massive "thank you" to everyone who attended and to the staff who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to coordinate such a complex feat. It was chaos of the very best kind!



Finally, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to our entire school community. To our parents and families: thank you for your unwavering support and engagement throughout this busy term. Whether you were cheering from the front row of a nativity, the Christmas Chaos production or supporting your child's learning at home, your partnership is what makes Castle View such a special place to be.

I must also say a huge thank you to our incredible staff team. Their dedication, hard work, and "Christmas magic" behind the scenes have ensured that this term ended on such a high note for the children.

I wish you all a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year. We look forward to seeing you all refreshed and ready for a brand-new term in **2026!**

Kind regards,

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