

Friday Newsletter – 21st November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic week of learning and exciting activities we have enjoyed! Our pupils have been busy both in and out of the classroom, demonstrating wonderful enthusiasm and excellent behaviour. We were especially proud to host visitors in school on Thursday, who were incredibly complimentary about the **positive culture** here at Castle View and the **welcoming, well-mannered nature** of our pupils. It is always a delight to see their hard work and positive attitudes recognised.



Year 3/4 Visit

Year 3 and 4 had the best time planting trees at Newland Home Farm on Wednesday! They planted over 100 trees and shrubs to make a new hedgerow! It was difficult to come away from such a great task - we may have some future agriculturalists!

Learning about Christmas and the Continents

This week, the children have been learning about the Christmas story. They explored the key parts of the Nativity and discussed the question, *"How do Christians celebrate Christmas?"* The children also created their own Nativity scenes and Reception children developed their fine motor skills by making Christmas star pictures.

In Geography, Key Stage 1 continued their work on the seven continents, with a focus on sorting human and physical features. Reception pupils learned about nocturnal animals through the book *Owl Babies* and enjoyed a nocturnal animal hunt around the school.

In Maths, Reception explored the composition of numbers to five, and Key Stage 1 solved problems involving finding the difference.



Y5 love reading!

Our favourite time of the week is the visit to the school library. We love sharing books together and having free choice of what to read. In year 5 we know how important it is to read everyday and that we should at home too. Reading helps us in every other lesson. Year 5 visit the school library every Friday afternoon and is a great way to end our week.



Collaborative Commandos and Beautiful Batik Work



This week, the children have been highly engaged in activities that foster teamwork and practical skills. During their Commando Joe's session, pupils demonstrated excellent collaboration and problem-solving abilities. Furthermore, in Art, the children have been developing their batik skills, showing great care and precision whilst practising the use of tjanting tools.

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 – Layla and Prayansh
Miss Mills – Jett and Marcel

Mrs Hamer – Emily and Aaliyah
Mrs Robinson - Jayden and Primrose

Fantastic Behaviour for Learning Awards

Reception/1/2 – Esme
Year 3/4 – Aram

Year 5 – Sani
Year 6 - Marek



Our x7 Readers - Reading is a Superpower

Year 1 - Ivy

Year 3/4 - Lacey, Keziah, Maks, Lily B, Sullivan, Pooya, Modather, Marcel,

Y5 - Aaliyah, Emily, Ruby, Ryan,

Y6 - Bella B, Mckenzie, Travis, Thaanika, Primrose, Teddy

Donations needed for Christmas Fair

Over the next couple of weeks we will be holding two non-uniform days to help us collect items for our school Christmas Fair. In exchange for wearing non-uniform please can children bring in any of the following items:-

- raffle prizes
- tombola prizes
- chocolates , sweets and selection boxes
- toys, games and teddies
- lucky dip prizes

The dates will be **Friday 28th November** and **Friday 5th December**. All donations will be gratefully received. Thank you.

Dates to remember for next half term

- Assessment Week - 1st December
- Christmas Fair (PTA) - Wednesday 10th December
- KS1 Nativity - Wednesday 17th December - 9:30am
- KS2 Christmas Production 'Christmas Chaos' - Thursday 18th December - 9:30am
- KS1 and KS2 Christmas Party Afternoon - Thursday 18th December
- Close for Christmas - Friday 19th December

Kind regards,

H. Rose
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