

## Friday Newsletter – 22nd May 2026

It has been an exceptionally vibrant and productive week here at Castle View Primary Academy, filled with everything from high-flying pirate adventures to brilliant scientific discoveries.

As always, our classrooms have been buzzing with creativity and focus. Here is a look at what our wonderful children have been up to this week...

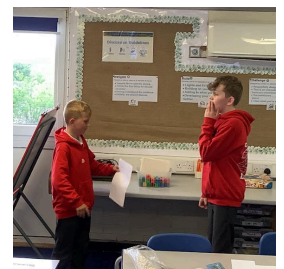
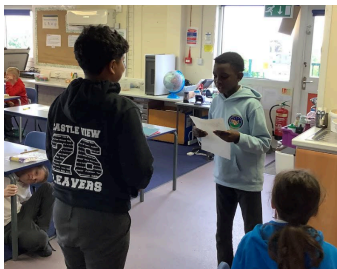
### Celebrating Progress: Our Ofsted Monitoring Visit



We are absolutely delighted to share the findings of our latest Ofsted Monitoring Inspection Report, which is now available to view on the school website. This report highlights some incredible positives and reflects the immense dedication, passion, and hard work that our entire school community—staff, pupils, and parents alike—has poured into the school over the past 12 months. It is wonderful to see our collective efforts recognized, and it is clear proof that we are firmly on the road to success. Thank you all for your continued support as we keep moving from strength to strength!

### Bringing Caribbean Tales to Life

Year 6 have been perfecting their presenting voices and honing their acting skills this week as they explored the use of different dialects in storytelling from the Caribbean.



### Digestion investigations!

This week in Year 3 and 4, we made the digestive system! We used a ziplock bag to represent our stomach, orange juice for the stomach acid, and then added our food! We churned it to create the contents of our stomach. After it left our stomach, it entered the intestines (a pair of tights)! As the intestines absorb the liquid, we squeezed out the liquid to form the waste product (poo!). We had great fun but we may be put off bananas and biscuits for a while...



### Fantastic Behaviour for Learning Awards

Reception/1/2 – Kerr  
Year 3/4 – Leo

Year 5 – George  
Year 6 - Hope

## 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 – Riley and Albie  
Miss Mills – Riley and Myla

Mr Cross– Teddy and Muhammad  
Mrs Robinson - Jayden, Marek and Lewis



### Keyboard Wizards

This week in Year 5, we've been strengthening our touch-typing skills, learning how each finger has its own set of keys and how the keyboard is organised into the home row, top row, and bottom row. The children have been practising placing their fingers correctly, using the left and

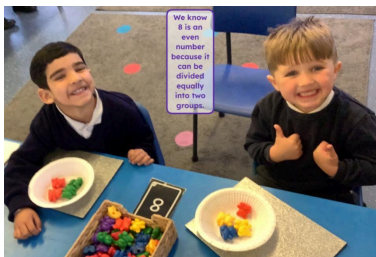
right hands for their designated keys, and building accuracy and confidence as they type. It's been brilliant to see their speed and independence grow as they begin to use proper typing technique.

### Reception: Peas, Patterns, and Powerful Superheroes!

In Reception this week, the children have been reading Supertato. They enjoyed creating Numicon superhero cities, drawing superheroes, and making the Evil Pea from playdough. In Maths, the children played double bingo, created pattern rules, and explored odd and even numbers by sharing objects into two equal groups.

### Key Stage 1: Pirates, Picnics, and Plotting the Perfect Lunchbox!

The highlight of the week in KS1 has been testing their pirate lunchbox creations. After filling the lunchboxes with treats and enjoying a class picnic on the field, the children conducted two important tests: flightability — could the lunchbox survive the zip wire journey and be transported safely to each pirate ship—and waterproofness.



### Important dates for your diary:

Start of Summer 2 term - Monday 1st June 2026

Monday 15th June, 9:30am - Sports Day

Summer Fayre - TBC

Have a wonderful half term everyone. Thank you once more for all your hard work and support. See you all for the final half term of the year!

Kind regards,

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Headteacher