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Friday Newsletter – 4th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to welcome everyone back for the start of the 2026/27 academic year at Castle View Primary Academy. Seeing our returning children jump right back into school life with such enthusiasm has been fantastic. To our brand-new pupils and families joining our community this week, a heartfelt welcome—we are so glad you are here.

Gate opening - time change for the new year

Gates will open at 8:40am. Registers open at 8:45.

Celebration assembly

We have revamped our weekly certificates for this year. We will be celebrating our children's work, oracy skills, their 3R values, behaviour for learning and reading.



Each week, parents of certificate winners are invited to attend our Celebration Assembly on **Fridays at 10:00 AM**.

To keep it a surprise for your child:

- We will email you in advance if they are receiving an award.
- Please keep the invitation to yourself so seeing you in the hall is a lovely surprise!

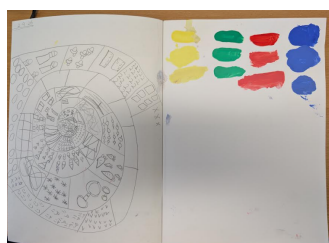
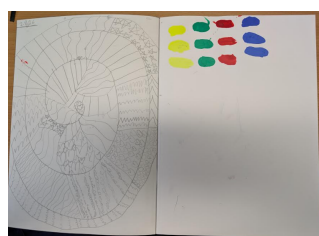


Y5/6 Artistic Beginnings

Y5/6 have started the term with an excellent display of artistic skills. They have examined the artists Frank Auerbach and Friedensreich Hundertwasser and practised skills of subtractive drawing and using viewfinders to zoom into images and sketch details.

Year 3 & 4: Artistic Exploration

Year 3 and 4 have started this academic year with a whirl of art work! We have been exploring repetitive marks and how each one represents movement in different ways! We have also been looking at tints and hues - we added white to base colours to make the colours lighter!



News from Gold Crest Class (Reception)

We are so proud of our new children in Gold Crest Class—what a fantastic start at Castle View! They are already settling into classroom routines and showing a wonderful attitude towards their learning. This term's topic, *Marvellous Me!*, has encouraged the children to celebrate what makes them unique. After reading *The Colour of Us*, they mixed paints to match their skin, hair and features before creating fabulous self-portraits. In the Drawing Club, we explored *The Colour Monster*, discussing different emotions before choosing one to draw and describe.



News from Year 1 & 2

What a fantastic first three days back we have had in Year 1 and Year 2! The children have settled in brilliantly and brought so much energy and enthusiasm into the classroom. We kicked off our term by diving straight into relaxing yoga sessions to help us stretch, focus, and ground ourselves for the exciting year ahead. To celebrate our new class identity, the children also got creative and crafted stunning 3D swallows to display around our room. Alongside our art and yoga, we held a fantastic class discussion where the children shared and voted for the top three things that are most important to them for the year ahead, giving them a real voice in shaping our classroom community. It has been a joyful, busy start, and every single pupil should be so proud of how brilliantly they have thrown themselves into our new routines—we cannot wait to see how high our Swallows fly this year



Attendance

You may remember that last academic year we had 11 children who had 100% attendance, 3 of whom had it the previous two academic years too! These children have really set the standard for being in school every day on time and we are already hearing children talk about wanting to be part of this elite group at the end of this academic year which is very commendable. Please support your child by ensuring they are in school on time each day. If they are feeling slightly under the weather e.g. headache you can supply calpol for them to take during the day.

Coming to school every day makes a real difference to your child's learning journey. Every day missed adds up, meaning valuable learning time is lost. For instance, just one day off a week is nearly six weeks of learning missed across the school year! Let's work together to make the most of every learning opportunity.

Dates to remember for the rest of the half term

- Miss Wilkinson's Parent Drop In Session - Tuesday 8th September - 2:30pm
- Coffee afternoon for Reception parents - with Sammie Webster - Wednesday 23rd Sept - 2:15pm
- SEND Drop in with SENDCo - Tuesday 29th September - 2pm - 3pm
- Coffee afternoon for Reception parents - with Sammie Webster - Wednesday 30th Sept - 2:15pm
- Thursday 22nd October - School closes for half term

Best wishes

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Headteacher