

Friday Newsletter – 6th March 2026

Spring is certainly in the air at Castle View, and the energy across the academy this week has been nothing short of electric. From the spellbinding drama of Shakespeare to the vital life skills shared by our local fire service, it has been a week where our pupils have truly shone both inside and outside the classroom.

We were particularly delighted to celebrate World Book Day 2026, which saw our community come together to honor the "superpower" of reading. Seeing our Year 4 pupils mentor our youngest learners during our "stay and read" session was a particular highlight for me, perfectly capturing the supportive, family spirit we pride ourselves on here at Castle View.

Fantastic Behaviour for Learning Awards

Reception/1/2 – Sivakesh Year 5 – Aaliyah
Year 3/4 – Blanka Year 6 - Daniel

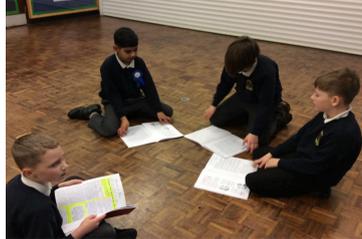


Superstars Certificates for outstanding work

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 – Albie P and Vinny
Miss Mills – Modather and Leo H

Mrs Hamer – Lily C and Ruby H
Mrs Robinson - Hope and Cristiano



Y5 Double, double toil and trouble

Magic, mischief and mayhem landed in Year 5 this week with their interpretation of The Scottish Play.

The children have enjoyed the plot of this story very much and have acted out some of the scenes. They have found the characters in this Shakespearean play very intriguing too.

Unlocking Superpowers: A Week of Stories and Stars

What an exciting week we have had in Reception and Key Stage One! We fully embraced World Book Day with a live visit from one of our favourite Reception authors, Alice Hemming, who read her latest book, *The Flower Thief*. The children thoroughly enjoyed listening to the story and meeting the author behind one of their favourite books.

In Key Stage One, we also had the pleasure of listening to the author David O'Connell, who shared a reading of *Beatie Bros*. The children were delighted to hear the story and learn more about the book.

Our Year 4 children joined our younger pupils outside for a wonderful "stay and read" session, where they paired

up with Reception and Key Stage One children to share stories together. It was lovely to see the older children supporting and encouraging our younger readers. A fantastic time was had by all. After all, reading really is a superpower!



Bring me Sunshine (And fractions!)

We made the most of the sun this week, taking our learning outside! We have been looking at counting beyond 1 (whole) and how these mixed fractions can be represented!

Spreadsheet Wizzes!

This week in computing we have been looking at cell addresses on a spreadsheet! We used our knowledge of coordinates (across and then up or down) to find the correct address for each cell. We then coloured these cells to make a picture!



Safety First: Year 6 Meet the Fire Brigade



While our younger pupils were lost in stories, Year 6 focused on real-life heroes during a visit from the local fire brigade. The crew delivered a vital session on fire safety and road awareness, giving the children practical advice on staying alert in the community. A particularly timely highlight was the discussion on e-scooters; the firefighters explained the legalities and the significant physical dangers associated with their use on public roads. From checking smoke alarms to understanding the risks of modern transport, it was an eye-opening session that equipped our leavers with the knowledge they need to stay safe as they gain more independence.



World Book Day Success

World Book Day 2026 was a roaring success! Our hallways were transformed into a living library as children (and staff!) arrived in fantastic costumes inspired by their favorite characters. The excitement continued with captivating live author events, but the real star of the show for our youngest

learners was a special appearance from Fred the Frog. Fred took a break from his phonics duties to join the fun, helping to bridge the gap between learning to read and loving to read. What a day of imagination and inspiration!

Dates for next half term:

- Monday 9th March - Assessment Week for Y1-5
- Monday 16th March - Mock SATs for Y6
- Monday 16th March - KS1 Singing Festival in the evening
- Thursday 19th March - Y3/4 Singing Festival in the evening
- Monday 23rd March - Parent's Evening

Kind regards,

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