

## Friday Newsletter – 8th May 2026

As we move deeper into the summer term, it has been a privilege to walk through the corridors and witness such a diverse range of learning taking place. From the delicate, steady hands required for needlework to the thoughtful, somber reflection involved in our local history studies, our pupils continue to demonstrate the curiosity and respect that make Castle View such a special place to learn.

This week has also been one of celebration as we marked a truly historic milestone—the 100th birthday of Sir David Attenborough. His lifelong dedication to the natural world serves as a wonderful inspiration to our children, echoing the care they show for the environment and the living things within our own school grounds.



### Fanning the Flames of History

This week in KS1 History, the children continued learning about the . They explored historical pictures to investigate why the fire spread so quickly and compared this with how fires are fought today, including the use of modern communication systems and the work of the fire service.

In Reception, the children have been carefully observing our classroom caterpillars, which have grown so much and are now beginning to form their chrysalises. They have also been learning about the life cycle of a caterpillar and enjoyed ordering the different stages correctly. In Maths, the Reception children have been learning about the properties of 2D shapes and using them to create colourful pictures. They also enjoyed using tangrams to design and make their own creative shape pictures.



### Fantastic Behaviour for Learning Awards

Reception/1/2 – Aisha  
Year 3/4 – Dominic

Year 5 – Aaliyah  
Year 6 - George

### 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 – Lucas and Chizurum  
Miss Mills – Sullivan and Thuy Chi

Mr Cross– Lily C and Ryan S  
Mrs Robinson - Leo M and Primrose

## **Threading the needle!**

This week in Year 3 and 4 we have been learning how to sew! We have learnt the different parts of a needle, how to thread one, and then two different kinds of stitches: running stitch and back stitch! As a class, we decided that back stitch is the most secure as there are not as many gaps! We can't wait to put these new skills into practice with our final piece!



## **Memorial Maths & Meaningful Memories**

This week, our Year 5 pupils have been studying the Captured Africans memorial as part of their work on the transatlantic slave trade. The children explored the deep symbolism behind the monument's design and, in a cross-curricular link with Computing, recorded data from the memorial to create and analyze their own spreadsheets. This project has allowed them to combine meaningful historical reflection with practical data-handling skills.



## **Sensational SATs Superstars!**

Our Year 6 cohort has been the definition of diligence this week as they put the final touches on their preparations for the upcoming SATs. It is no exaggeration to say that these pupils have worked tirelessly throughout the academic year, tackling complex fractions and sophisticated grammar with a level of maturity that is a credit to our school.

I want to take a moment to speak directly to our Year 6 families: we are immensely proud of every single child. While next week is an opportunity for them to showcase their academic progress, it is their resilience, kindness, and hard work over the last year that truly defines them. We know they are ready to do their very best, and the entire Castle View community is rooting for them!

## **Important dates for your diary:**

Monday 11th - Thursday 14th May - SATS Week

To be announced - Sports Day

Have a wonderful weekend everyone.

Kind regards,

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Headteacher