

## Friday Newsletter – 2nd May 2025

As we start the month of May, we've been enjoying some of the hottest days of the year so far. Just a friendly reminder to send your children to school prepared for the sunshine! Please ensure they have sun lotion applied, a sunhat, and a full water bottle to stay safe and hydrated throughout the day. I'd like to also thank all our wonderful parents/carers for attending this week's Parents Evening, which hopefully gave you an opportunity to check on your child's progress and happiness in school.

Our children have been enjoying some fantastic curriculum activities. We have been gardeners, authors and sewers! As well as this, our Year 6 pupils have been busily preparing for their SATs, which is now just around the corner.

### Super Sewers

This week Year 3/4 began their design project 'pencil cases'. We planned our initial designs and recapped our sewing skills. Here we are practising 'running stitch' and back stitch' - it took great perseverance when the thread fell out of our needles. We are looking forward to seeing what our finished products will look like.



### Green Fingers in Action!

Y5/6 have been getting their hands dirty in the school vegetable beds! They have removed weeds, irrigated the soil and planted potatoes. We can't wait to watch them grow then hopefully cook up something delicious.



### 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 – Nala and Ivy  
Mrs Walker – Remee and Jett

Mrs Hamer – Modather and Iris  
Mrs Robinson – McKenzie and Hollie





### **From Enormous Turnips to Budding Gardeners**

This week, our Reception children have been exploring the story *The Enormous Turnip*. They brought it to life through role-play, sequenced the events, and created their own storybooks. Outside with the sun shining and



gardening gloves on, they helped clear weeds to make space for planting new seeds. In P.E., the children displayed impressive jumping, throwing, and balancing skills. Lastly, in Maths they continued learning about the properties of 3D shapes and used them to create their own patterns.

### **Fantastic Behaviour Awards**

Reception – Vinny

Year 1/2 – Evan

Year 3/4 – Michell

Year 5/6 – Daniel



### **Mrs Walker's Authors**

This week the children started on their new AI adventure with Diane Potts from Lancaster University. The children were working in groups starting to write their own books. Because they are using AI to generate the pictures, they had to think of lots of describing words so that the computer would produce the image they desired. The children worked really well together, listening to each other and the Year 2 children were helping the Year 1s with their writing. Fabulous effort everyone! I can't wait to see the finished books.



**Regular Readers** The following children have read at home 7 times (or even more!) and we are so proud of them that we want to share their names with you!

**Miss Spencer** - Ben , Ivy, Justin, Kaylan. Nala

**Mrs Walker** – Cassidy

**Mrs Hamer** – Emily, Umjimma, Tyler, Nelly, Michael, Tapfuma, Lily B, Ruby S, Michelle, Pooya, Haiden

**Mrs Robinson** - Daniel, George, Bella, James, Kyle, Marek, McKenzie, Peter, Primrose, Thaarani, Amaan, Hannah, Hollie, Sarah

Well done children. As the children will tell you, reading is a super power!

## Attendance

The winners of the best attendance prize this week are the children in Reception. Brilliant job!



We are celebrating all the fantastic things happening at Castle View and keeping you even more closely connected to your child's learning journey through X (formerly Twitter). You will be able to find us on X using the handle, [@CastleViewAcad](#)

### Dates to look out for:

- **May Bank Holiday - School Closed - Monday 5th May**
- Reception - Heights and weights check - Tuesday 6th May
- Class photos - Friday 9th May
- KS2 SATS - 12/5/25 - 15/5/25
- Year 3/4 Class Assembly - Wednesday 21st May
- End of half term - school closes - Friday 23rd May
- Half term holiday - week commencing 26/5/25

I hope you all have a lovely Bank holiday weekend with friends and family. We look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 6th May.

Best wishes

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