

# Castle View Primary Academy

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## Friday Newsletter - 13th June 2025

It's been another incredibly busy and exciting week for our pupils. From exploring new topics in class to special events, our children have been learning and growing every day. We were thrilled to welcome our new September starters, who had a wonderful time playing and getting to know our current Reception class. Our Year 1s showed off their reading skills in the Phonics Screening Check, while Year 4 tackled their Multiplication Tables Check. Phew – what a week!

## 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 Jaxson Mrs Walker –Alfie and Jayden

Mrs Hamer – Nelly and Emily Mrs Robinson – Bella and Jacob F

#### **Fantastic Behaviour Awards**

Reception – Kaylan Year 3/4 – Sani Year 1/2 – Milly Year 5/6 – Victoria



## Bulb vs. Seed: Plant Power Uncovered!

Carrying on with looking at plants, the children in Year 1&2 have been investigating seeds and bulbs. They used their observation skills to spot any similarities and differences between bulbs and seeds. The children went on to discover that a bulb will produce a plant every year but a seed will only grow one plant.







### **Attendance**

Coming to school every day makes a real difference to your child's learning journey. Even a few missed days can add 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! We understand that children can sometimes feel a little under the weather, but unless they are genuinely unwell and unable to focus, being in school with their classmates ensures they don't miss out on important lessons and activities. Let's work together to make the most of every learning opportunity.

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

## Year 6 pupils are getting busy!

We hope you have enjoyed seeing our amazing banner for our exciting summer fair. Y6 worked together cooperatively to produce the masterpiece.





# Miss Spencer's Reception - Preparing for Sports Day





It's been another busy and imaginative week in Reception! In Drawing Club, the children explored the theme of *pirate stories*, creating treasure maps and pirate ships while learning about floating and sinking. They made thoughtful predictions and carried out simple experiments. Inspired by the artist Piet

Mondrian, the children also explored shape and colour, using straight lines and primary colours to produce striking abstract artwork. Adding to the excitement, we received a special delivery of tiny caterpillars. The children carefully prepared food pots and are now eagerly observing their new friends as they begin their transformation into butterflies. Their arrival has sparked curiosity and conversations about growth, change, and caring for living things.

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 - Ivy

Mrs Walker - Dante, Alex, Riley P, Cassidy

Mrs Hamer -Tyler, Michelle, Michael, Lily B, Pooya

Mrs Robinson - Thaaranika, Amaan, Hollie, Sarah, Harris, Magnus, McKenzie, Peter, James, Bella Well done children. As the children will tell you, reading is a super power!

## Improving our communication skills

As part of our PSHE lessons we have been learning how to improve our communication skills. We now understand that this begins with really good eye contact and you can see us in the pictures playing the 'mirror' game. At first we felt a little silly looking at others for so long but we know it has helped our confidence and our listening skills. To be a good learner we have to be able to communicate well and we enjoyed developing this skill.







## Castle View Summer Fair - Wednesday 25th June 2025

## Tickets ON SALE at a cost of £1

#### We will have:

- Face painting
- Refreshments
- Beat the goalie
- Soak the teacher
- Tombola
- Toy stall
- Splat the Rat!
- And more!



## This is a call out for donations!

If you have any games or toys that you would like to donate for our Summer Fair, please give them to a member of our office team - we really appreciate it!

## Non-Uniform Day

On Friday 20th June, we will have a non-uniform day at school in exchange for your child bringing in one of the following;

- A bottle
- Biscuits/cakes
- Sweets

# We're looking forward to seeing you at Sports Day next week - Tuesday 17th June 2025



Sports Day starts at 9:15am

All parents/carers are welcome

Please can children arrive in their PE kits wearing a t-shirt matching the colour of their house team.

They will also need a water bottle, sunhat and sun lotion applied if needed.

## Dates to look out for this half term:

- Week beginning 16/6/25 NFER tests for Y1, 3, 4, 5
- Tuesday 17th June Sports Day
- Friday 20th June Non-uniform Day
- Wednesday 25th June Summer Fair details to follow
- Monday 14th July School reports
- Thursday 17th July Year 6 Leavers Assembly and Awards

#### Best wishes

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