



Castle Hill News: 04.09.26

Words matter. Why?

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! It has been wonderful to see the children back in school this week. We have really missed them. They all seem to have grown so much!

We are looking forward to a very busy term ahead with events such as the postponed Y6 camping trip; Harvest Festival; Parents' Evenings; Reception Nativity and more.

Welcome

I would like to extend a special welcome to our new Reception pupils and parents as well as any children who have joined us in other classes this September.

Also, I am delighted to welcome our two new teachers: Mr. Culbreth in Y4 and Mr. Stagg in Y5.

Website

As you may have seen, our new website has gone live. We hope that it will be easier for you to find key information under our 'Parents' section. This includes key dates for the year, topic webs and class welcome pages with information about your child's class including PE days and Outdoor Learning days. Please take a moment to read these. The website content is still being updated, so please bear with us whilst we complete this project.

Music

We are delighted to welcome Mr. Adam Chester on Wednesdays this term who will be teaching music to our Reception, Year 1 and Y3 classes. Reception and Year 1 will be learning foundational music skills and Y3 will be learning the ukelele.

Forest School Updates

We are moving from an external Forest School Provider to our own 'in house' outdoor learning team!

This year, Miss Smith (later in the year Miss Baldwin) will be leading outdoor learning. To ensure children can really maximise their time outside we have decided that children will not change in school. This allows us to get outside as soon as possible but also return to class and learning quickly.

If your child has outdoor learning they will need to come to school in an outdoor uniform:

- Navy joggers
- Navy jumper/hoodie
- Normal school polo top/shirt
- Waterproof all-in-one or waterproof coat and trousers
- Wellies (to be left in school, school shoes to be worn when not in outdoor session)

Thank you for your support and any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Miss Smith!

Y6 Camping trip (postponed from Y5)

Weather permitting, the camping trip that had to be postponed from the end of Y5 will take place on Thursday 17th September. Further details will be sent to Y6 parents shortly.

Clubs

Clubs begin next week – please see the table below. Please note that the collection point for all children attending clubs after school is the main entrance.

Have a good weekend.

Mrs. Ettrick and the Castle Hill team

Autumn Term 2026 – Extra-curricular clubs

<u>Day of the week</u>	<u>Club</u>
<u>Mondays</u>	• Young Voices @ lunchtimes - Mrs. Hending (Y5/6) Begins 14th September. • Severn Valley Gymnastics 3.15-4.15pm (External provider – all ages - currently full; contact them directly for a place on the waiting list) • Arts and Crafts club Y1-Y3 Sunrays Kids Creative (external provider) – 3.15-4.15pm (see flyer attached for details)
<u>Tuesdays</u>	• Dance Club KS1/KS2 – Mrs. Hending 3.15 – 4.15pm – contact Mrs. Hending via the office for details Begins 8th September and ends on 20th October Dance Club
<u>Wednesdays</u>	• Gardening club KS2 – Miss Ward 3.15-4.15pm; places are by invitation only this half-term • Creative Writing Y2-Y6 – Sunrays Kids Creative (external provider) 3.15-4.15pm (see flyer attached for details)
<u>Thursdays</u>	• Sport Active Football Club 3.15-4.15pm. (external provider – Years 3/4/5/6). Begins on 10th September and ends on 10th December. Book directly through Sport Active Camps website.
<u>Fridays</u>	• Performing Arts Y2-Y6 – Sunrays Kids Creative (external provider) 3.15-4.15pm (see flyer attached for details)

Please note that there will be both girls' and boys' football teams in KS2 once trials have taken place.