

Castle Hill News: 27.06.25



Dear Parents/Carers,

This week our pupils have enjoyed a range of experiences such as Reception's trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park, Year 6's visit to Legoland, as a result of their very own enterprise project to raise the funds, the Prince of Wales athletics competition, Let's Get Moving event and today's charity football event for The Osborne Trust. Next week, Year 5 will be camping under the stars! This will be great preparation for their residential visit next year when they are in Year 6.

DT: Let's Get Moving Event

This week 4 of our children (Jacob, Dexter, Ethan and Arlen) visited Cooper's Edge Primary School to represent Castle Hill in a DT competition all about products with moving parts. The children spoke confidently about their designs and explained with good detail how their models moved. They then had a challenge of building a strong bridge that could hold weight and allow cars to travel underneath. The children worked so hard with the materials given to produce a super star bridge which could hold at least 2 weights. We are so proud of their great team work!



Staffing for next year

I know that many of the children have been asking about who their teacher is going to be next year as this is a very important step for them moving up to a new class.

We are sad to announce that Mr. Ward will be leaving us at the end of this academic year. After 32 years of dedicated service, he has decided to retire from the world of full time education. He has only been with us here at Castle Hill for a short time, but has followed a varied career from teaching to all forms of leadership. During his time at Castle Hill, he has been a kind, wise and steadfast colleague to all those who have worked with him and I, especially, have appreciated his words of advice and support in my first year of headship. He has very much earned his time to take it a bit easier and to get out on that golf course more often!

Mr. Ward - we will miss you, but wish you lots of luck for the future.

In light of Mr. Ward's departure and Miss Baldwin's maternity leave, we have appointed 2 new teachers to our team here at Castle Hill. We are delighted to be welcoming Miss Polly Hocking (who is getting married over the summer so will have a new name!) and Mr. Callum Telford. They are both experienced Key Stage 2 teachers and will be joining our Key Stage 2 team.

Please see below for information on classes and teachers for next year.

[Classes for next year:](#)

Class	Teacher/s	Support Staff (days and hours will vary)
Reception	Mrs. Houlston (M/T/alternate Wednesdays) Mrs. Warren (alternate Wednesdays/Th./F)	Mrs. Boulter Mrs. Esson
Year 1	Miss Smith	Mrs. Ward Mrs. Esson Miss Ward
Year 2	Mr. Bowers	Mrs. Hending
Year 3	Mrs. Richards	Miss Newell Miss Ward Ms. Taylor/Mrs. Lee
Year 4	Mr. Telford	Mr. Enon Miss Ward
Year 5	Mrs. Dancey	Mrs. Gibbs
Year 6	Miss Hocking	Mrs. Cole Mrs. Howes

[Transition Day – 10th July](#)

Transition Day for the children takes place on Thursday 10th July. This will be an opportunity for the children to spend most of the day with their new teachers and in their new classrooms. Children will come to their current classrooms in the morning and be dismissed from their current classrooms as usual at the end of the day.

[Big Write](#)

Next week the children will be undertaking a 'Big Write' reflection task and looking back at their successes, sharing examples of good writing and setting themselves targets for next year.

[Clubs for Summer 2](#)

Mondays – Severn Valley Gymnastics – FULL

Tuesdays – Dance Club – KS1 + KS2 – Mrs. Hending

-Games club – KS2 – Mrs. Dancey

- Prince of Wales practice (only until 24th June) selected pupils Y2 – Y6

Mr. Enon and Mrs. Gibbs

Wednesdays – Multi-sports club – Y4 – Follow My Lead

Thursdays – Art Club – Group 2 – Mrs. Ward

Thursdays – Football – Y4/5/6 – Sports Active – FULL

PLEASE NOTE: NO SESSION 3/7/2025; Sessions on 10/7 and 17/7 (FINAL SESSION)

Thursdays – Fine motor skills club – Reception/Y1/Y2 – by invitation only –

Miss Smith and Mrs. Warren

PLEASE NOTE: LAST SESSION 3/7/2025

[Key dates for next week](#)

Thursday 3rd July – Y1 multi-skills event

Thursday 3rd July – Y5 camping

Friday 4th July – PAWS due in

Friday 4th July – Castle Hill Fest – 3pm onwards – ALL WELCOME

[Key upcoming dates](#)

Thursday 10th July – Transition day – children spend the day in their new class

Tuesday 15th July – Dance Festival – @ Ribston Hall 4pm (By invitation only)

Wednesday 16th July – Y6 Leavers' Party – 3.15 – 5pm – Y6 pupils and staff only

Thursday 17th July – Y6 Leavers' Assembly – 9am

Friday 11th July – Y3/4 trip to Gloucester Museum

Friday 11th July – End of year reports home to parents

Friday 18th July – TERM ENDS @ 2pm

Have a fabulous weekend.

Mrs. Ettrick

CALL TO ACTION

Year 5	Camping trip 3rd July 2025 - 4th July 2025	https://forms.office.com/e/4gcFfnD8MK
Parents of Castle Hill Primary school	Emotional Coaching Workshop on Wednesday 5th/12th/19th/26th November 9:00 am -10 am	https://forms.office.com/e/DF5sEPC4ES?origin=lprLink
Current Year 4 and Year 5 (Please check your emails only sent to pupils that expressed interest)	Young Voices- Thursday 8th January 2026	https://forms.office.com/e/36x1xuGx81?origin=lprLink