



Castle Hill News: 03.10.25

'Moments matter, attendance counts'

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been such a beautiful autumnal couple of weeks until today! The new Reception pupils have settled into full time school really well and are off to a flying start with their phonics. We are all really proud of them.

Thank you to those parents who joined us for our Reception parents' coffee morning. It was lovely to see so many of you and we look forward to working with you in the years to come. Thank you also to those Year 5 and Year 6 parents who took the time out of their evening to come and join us for an invaluable talk by PC Simon Williams on how to keep their children safe online.

Football news

Girls' team

Last week, our brand new Castle Hill girls' team played their first tournament of the season. Mrs. Gibbs said that it was a successful tournament with the girls securing 2 out of 4 wins with goals from Lila, Freya and Georgia.

They then played away at Coney Hill this week winning a staggering 5-2 with goals again from Lila (3!), Freya and Georgia. We also did a brilliant job defensively only conceding 2 goals.

Well done, team! We can't wait to watch your progress this season.



[Boys' team](#)

The boys' team played in the finals of their tournament last week. It was an exciting event with Castle Hill finishing in 3rd position in the group after conceding a late goal against Heron.

This meant that we were through to the plate side of the draw achieving the following results:

Castle Hill 2 – 0 Barnwood

Castle Hill 1-0 Beech Green

Goals came from Loic and Iwan and our defence kept a clean sheet.

Following these amazing results, I am delighted to announce that Castle Hill were winners of the plate side of the draw.

Huge congratulations to you all!

Cup plate winners 2025!



[Harvest Festival – Thursday 9th October @ 9am](#)

Next week is our annual Harvest Festival celebration. We will be accepting donations of tinned and dried food which will be donated to the Brockworth food bank. Remember to take a photo for your PAWS homework!

As part of our annual planner of events, **Year 1 and Year 2** parents and carers are warmly invited to join us at our Harvest Festival which will begin at 9am. Please sign up via the response form which has been emailed out to you so that we can gauge numbers (please see 'Call to Action' below).

[Bedtime Stories Event – Year 2 and Year 3 parents and children](#)

As a school, we know how important it is that children practise their reading books. However, we also know how important it is for children to read for pleasure. You are never too old for a story and we are delighted to invite you to bring your year 2 or year 3 child along to our bedtime stories event.

The children may come dressed in pyjamas and dressing gowns and bring a teddy bear to snuggle up with. They will be provided with squash and biscuits and you will have the opportunity to read stories to, and with, your child. Mr. Bowers and Mrs. Richards will also be sharing a story with you and your children.

Please note this event is only for parents with accompanying Year 2 or 3 children. It is not open to siblings and parents must stay with their child. Thank you.

[Morning drop-off](#)

Just a reminder that Key Stage 2 children should be in classrooms by the time the bell rings at 8.45am as this is when the register is taken. Gates are open from 8.40 am and children should go straight to their classrooms.

Key Stage 1 children need to line up ready for the bell at 8.45am when their teachers will come and collect them. Please save any non-urgent communication for the end of the day as both playground gates need to be locked promptly for safeguarding and registration purposes.

[Ordering of hot school dinners](#)

Please note that hot school dinners will not be ordered after 9am as the kitchen need to know numbers before they start cooking for lunchtime. Therefore, if your child is going to be late to school, please ensure you order their hot dinner in advance by phoning the office before 9am. If a hot school dinner is not ordered by 9am, you will need to send your child with a packed lunch.

[Appointments](#)

We understand that it is unavoidable that some appointments will be during the school day. However, these should only be for specialist treatment or emergencies. All regular medical appointments and routine dental check-ups should be made outside of school hours where possible.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

['Beezee Families'](#)

Please find below a link to a website for a FREE award-winning healthy lifestyles programme for children and their families run by Gloucestershire County Council.

<https://glo.maximusuk.co.uk/beezeefamilies/>

[Parents' Evening](#)

Parents' Evening is fast approaching and you will soon be able to book your appointment using our new online booking system.

All October Parents' Evening appointments will be in person and will take place in the school hall.

KS1 parents will have the opportunity to go into their child's classrooms to look at their child's work as well as meet their teacher.

KS2 parents will need to collect their child's tray from the canteen area if they wish to look at their child's work.

Please check your emails for further details about booking your appointment.

[EduLink One:](#)

We are always looking to improve our ways of communicating with parents, so with that in mind we are excited to inform you that we will shortly be trialling EduLink here at Castle Hill Primary School.

EduLink simplifies the data collection process by providing a digital platform for schools to gather and update pupil and parent information, eliminating paper forms and saving administrative time.

Key Benefits:

- **Efficiency:**

Saves hours of administrative time by eliminating manual paperwork for admissions and data collection forms.

- **Accuracy:**

Reduces errors associated with paper-based forms, leading to more accurate data.

- **Accessibility:**

Provides parents with an online platform to update their information easily.

Further information to follow.

[Community volunteers – Spirax Sarco](#)

We are hugely pleased that Spirax have kindly offered to send a volunteer team in on 9th October 2025 to help us tidy some of the outside areas in school. They will be focussing on the mud kitchen area which we are hoping to transform into a sensory type garden. If anyone could donate a bag or two of compost and any spring bulbs, we would be hugely grateful. Any items for donation can be dropped off in the office but if you wish to purchase from our wishlist (this will then be delivered directly to us), please use the following link. Any donations are hugely welcomed.

<https://amzn.eu/j3wIW1M>

[FRIENDS NEWS!](#)

Following Wednesday's AGM, I would like to thank all the outgoing members of the FRIENDS committee with special mentions to Helen Kotwica for her work as treasurer and Kathryn Bell and Lea Stevens for all their hard work as co-chairs. They have raised a huge amount of money for the school and we are all really grateful. Thank you!

I would also like to extend a warm welcome to our new chair – James McIntosh – and to any new committee members. We look forward to working with you.

A note from FRIENDS:

Christmas card designs will be collected on Monday afternoon to send off for production. Please make sure you have returned your form by Monday morning at the very latest!

Also, thank you to everyone who came to our AGM on Wednesday. It was so good to see so many of you take an interest in what we do and look forward to welcoming you to our 25/26 events.

Your new committee are:

Chair - James McIntosh

Secretary - Lea Stephens

Treasurer - Kathryn Bell

Keep an eye out for more news from The Friends coming soon!

[INSET days for 2026 – 2027 coming soon!](#)

We have already had some enquiries from parents this term and, in the interests of trying to support families to book their holidays out of term-time, we will soon be releasing the INSET days for the next academic year.

[Key dates for next week](#)

Tuesday 7th October – Y2/3 Bedtime Stories Event: 5- 6pm – Y2/3 pupils and their parents only

Wednesday 8th October- Nasal flu vaccinations

Thursday 9th October – Harvest Festival: 9am –Y1/Y2 parents are invited to join us

[Key upcoming dates](#)

Wednesday 22nd October – Parents' Evening 3.30 – 6.30pm

Thursday 23rd October – Parents' Evening 4-7pm

Friday 24th October – Term finishes at 3pm

Monday 27th October – Friday 31st October: Half-term

Monday 3rd November – Back to school

CALL TO ACTION

Year 1 and Year 2	Harvest Festival Celebration on Thursday 9th October at 9:00 am	https://forms.office.com/e/gdJaNJXSus?origin=lprLink
All parents	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 5 and Year 6 (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