



# Castle Hill News: 05.12.25

## 'Moments matter, attendance counts'

Dear Parents/Carers,

The children are still working very hard in school having just completed end of term assessments. We are looking forward to watching the Reception Nativity next week. It is always a highlight of the school year and signals the start of our school Christmas celebrations.

### Boys' football

On Thursday, the boys' A team played a home fixture against Finlay Primary School. Castle Hill put in another great performance. The match ended 3-0 to Castle Hill with goals from Rithvik and Loic.

### Breakfast Club

As you will appreciate, pupil safety is at the heart of what we do, so you will have noticed our investment over the last 12 months to replace gates and fencing around the school. To reduce the risk of unknown access via the breakfast club side gate, an intercom has been fitted. The intercom will be answered from 8am in line with the start of breakfast club.

We do appreciate that there have been some teething problems with this and would like you to know that we are working closely with our engineers to resolve the problem. Thank you for your patience in this matter.

An adult level exit button is also due to be fitted in the coming couple of weeks.

### Christmas Jumper Day: Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December

On Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December, we are inviting children (and staff/volunteers) to come to school wearing a Christmas jumper. This year, any donations will be in aid of the charity 'Save the Children'. Donations can be made using the link below:

Castle hill primary school - Christmas Jumper Day -

[https://christmas.savethechildren.org.uk/fundraising/CJD250032013?cid=eml-stewsignupclaimedmainjpage\\_-cjd25\\_001-7K84069FB&utm\\_source=SFMC&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=DS\\_STC\\_CJD\\_25\\_SignUp\\_Claimed&mi\\_u=0&mi\\_ecmp=DS\\_STC\\_CJD\\_25\\_SignUp\\_Claimed&utm\\_medium=FR&utm\\_source=dssb-EM&utm\\_content=MPC](https://christmas.savethechildren.org.uk/fundraising/CJD250032013?cid=eml-stewsignupclaimedmainjpage_-cjd25_001-7K84069FB&utm_source=SFMC&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=DS_STC_CJD_25_SignUp_Claimed&mi_u=0&mi_ecmp=DS_STC_CJD_25_SignUp_Claimed&utm_medium=FR&utm_source=dssb-EM&utm_content=MPC)

### Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December – 9am - Reception Nativity

We are very excited to welcome all Reception parents to the show of the year! Be prepared with your tissues as you watch your amazing children in their first school performance.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Mrs. Ettrick

[Key upcoming dates](#)

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December – FRIENDS pantomime – 1pm School Hall

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December – Millbrook Lodge residents visit Reception pupils for a Christmas celebration

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Jumper Day (in aid of Save the Children)

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December – 9am - Reception Nativity – **Reception parents invited**

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Young Voices choir visit to Millbrook Lodge to sing to residents

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Dinner and party

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Sing- along 1-2pm: **Y5 + Y6 parents invited**

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December – **TERM ENDS @2pm**

**INSET DAYS 2026 – 2027**

Please find below the planned INSET days for the academic year 2026/2027. Some parents have been asking for these dates in order to plan their holidays outside term-time. We hope you find this useful. These dates will also be available on the website.

**September 1<sup>st</sup> 2026 - Tuesday**

**October 23<sup>rd</sup> 2026 – Friday**

**December 18<sup>th</sup> 2026 – Friday**

**June 7<sup>th</sup> 2027 – Monday**

**July 21<sup>st</sup> 2027 - Wednesday**