



Castle Hill News: 23.01.26

'Moments matter, attendance counts'

Dear Parents/Carers,

Football news

The girls' team participated in a tournament yesterday. They played magnificently and won 1-0 against Widden, 2-1 against St. Paul's, drew 0-0 against Fieldcourt and lost 2-1 to Brockworth. Goals came from Lila and Freya. Great job, girls!



Amazing achievements

Well done to Brooke, Y1, for passing her ballet exam. She successfully achieved her Pre-Primary in Dance award from the Royal Academy of Dance which is a very impressive achievement.



Also, congratulations to Edvheera who, back in November, participated in the 'Royal Wootton Bassett Arts Festival'. She played "Believer" and was able to secure a Bronze medal amongst 17 performers. What an achievement!



[Upcoming projects:](#)

[Pencil area KS1](#)

The bark around the pencils on the KS1 playground will be replaced by eco mulch to ensure a safer and more aesthetically pleasing surface. This work will hopefully take place over the Easter holidays weather permitting.

[KS2 playground – outdoor area](#)

Also over the Easter holidays, there will be a new outdoor shelter installed in the KS2 playground next to the new FRIENDS shed. This will have several purposes and will be used as an outdoor learning space and also as a quiet area where children can go and sit and read, draw or just chat during break and lunchtimes. School would like to say a huge thank you to Kathryn Bell and the FRIENDS for their huge efforts in fundraising for this project.

[Big Write](#)

After undertaking a thorough review of our Big Write sessions, we have taken the decision to remove Big Write from our weekly timetable. This is in light of many things including pupil voice, staff voice, a new Writing Framework (2025) and our participation in a new writing project ('The Write Project'). We look forward to offering pupils other opportunities to write creatively and independently.

[Breakfast Club](#)

This week, Breakfast Club had an unannounced Environmental Health inspection from the Local Authority receiving a 5 star rating. The inspector's report stated: 'Excellent controls in place, well managed. Well done.' Well done to Lyn and our breakfast club team for all their hard work.

[Caterlink](#)

As you may be aware, school meals are provided by an external company 'Caterlink'.

They have requested that we send this message to parents as they are carrying out their annual pupil survey:

'We are carrying out our annual pupil survey to assist us in improving our catering service to our customers and we would value the opportunity to survey the pupils at your school.

We have provided the link below which can be shared with pupils.

We will provide feedback to schools whose pupils complete the survey once results have been analysed.'

Survey closes on 27th March 2026

Primary Pupil Survey Link - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/R3RTFTV>

[Polite reminder](#)

Please ensure your child's uniform, PE kit and Forest School kit are clearly labelled with your child's name. Thank you.

[Messages from the office:](#)

[Head lice:](#)

We would like to inform you that head lice have been reported in school again. Please could we ask all parents to check their children's hair and treat them if necessary. This helps prevent further spreading. Thank you for your cooperation.

[Lost Property:](#)

If your child is missing any uniform, please ask them to check with the school office. Any unclaimed uniform will be kept for four weeks, after which it will be handed over to the FRIENDS of Castle Hill.

[Dinner money](#)

Please see below a message from Mrs. Mabbutt our School Business Manager regarding school dinners:

Please could all parents ensure that their child's dinner money account is kept at a £0 or credit balance. As a school, we pay Caterlink daily for the meals so we do need parents to ensure that there is enough money on their child's account otherwise the school end up paying for that meal from the school budget. Whilst we appreciate that there may be strains on all of our household budgets at present, we do need for all dinner accounts to have a nil or credit balance. Whilst we do not wish to move to a system whereby dinners cannot be ordered without a credit balance, we may need to consider this with the amount of time being spent on recovering dinner debt.

Have a wonderful weekend. Mrs. Ettrick