



Castle Hill News: 27.03.26

'Moments matter, attendance counts'

Dear Parents/Carers,

This term seems to have absolutely flown by and I can't believe that Easter is almost upon us. Thank you for joining us at Parents' Evening this week and thank you to our Y3 and 4 parents for joining us today for the Easter Service.

The Summer Term is always such a busy one with so much to look forward to:

School trips, playtimes together on the field, sports day, house team day, new Reception visits, Y4 swimming lessons, Y5 camping, Y6 residential and Enterprise project and more... , so please keep an eye out for more details as they come in.

Football champions

HUGE congratulations to Castle Hill 'A' team who are the 'Intermediate Small Schools Cup' winners! It was an exciting final last Saturday against St. Mary's. After going 2-0 down, our boys came back to win 3-2 in extra time with goals from Jayce and Will. They played with such **bravery** and **pride**.

The whole team have worked together so fantastically this season and have been incredibly successful. We know that every single player has made a contribution to this success and we are so proud of you all. A big thank you to Mr. Bowers and Mr. Telford and all the staff involved in running the team and attending matches whatever the weather!



[PE Clothing / Footwear](#)

With the improving weather upon on us, PE sessions will now return outside. To ensure the safety of your child, can all children wear trainers during sessions to maximise the support to their ankle. Black pumps / daps do not give the support to your child's ankles which they need when moving outside.

Also, a reminder that children should wear their house-coloured t-shirt, black shorts / trousers and in colder weather a blue / black jumper. If your child is attending an after-school club, they are not to wear that clothing as an alternative.

[Staff changes](#)

After the Easter holidays, Mrs. Richards will be working 4 days a week for the Summer Term. Y3 will be taught on a Tuesday by the lovely Miss Baldwin who is returning following her maternity leave. Miss Baldwin will also be teaching Y3 on a Wednesday afternoon. We are delighted to have her back!

[Forest School Training – Miss Smith – FAO Year 1 parents](#)

Miss Smith is currently training to be a Forest School leader following the departure of Mrs. Lee last December. This involves 5 days training. Her next training session is the first day after the holidays, Monday 13th April, so Year 1 will be taught by Miss Baldwin for the day. She has already been in to get to know the children and I am sure they will love her!

[Headlice](#)

Just a reminder to check your child's hair over the holidays as we have had further reports of headlice in school. For your information, here is the link to NHS guidance on treatment:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

[School dinners – important information](#)

We have been informed by our Caterers (Caterlink) that the cost of school meals will go up to £2.95 per meal with effect from 1st April 2026. Children in Reception to Year 2 class will continue to receive their meals without charge on the Universal Infant Free School Meals scheme. We do, however, encourage ALL parents (regardless of year group that your child is in) to apply for free school meals by completing the quick and simple form at:

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals/>

By applying for the above, if successful, not only does your child get free school meals but the school attracts increased funding for resources. It is FREE and QUICK to make an application. We have also often seen the County offer holiday schemes to assist with costs of food and entertaining pupils who have successfully applied to the scheme.

[Charity work](#)

We take great **pride** in sharing that two of our Year 6 pupils, Grace and Arabella, did some fundraising for Cancer Research and Babies in NICU. The girls made sweet cones and sold them to neighbours. They raised £26.50 for each charity.

[Year 1 and Year 2 school drop off arrangements](#)

From Monday 13th April, Year 1 and Year 2 children will no longer need to line up when the bell rings at 8.45am. Instead, they will be able to enter the classroom from 8.40 am where they will be greeted by their teacher.

[Communication](#)

Please contact the office with any urgent messages in the mornings as the teachers and support staff are busy trying to welcome the children and get them settled. The gates also need to be closed promptly for safeguarding purposes. Your child's teacher will be available at the end of the day if you need a quick chat. Thank you.

Happy Easter from all of us.

Mrs. Ettrick

[Key upcoming dates for the Summer Term](#)

Monday 13th April – Back to school

Friday 24th April – FRIENDS SCHOOL DISCO (details to follow)

Monday 4th May – Bank Holiday – no school

Thursday 7th May – Y5 trip – details

Monday 11th May – KS2 SATS week

Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May – Half-term

Monday 1st June – Back to school

Castle Hill Primary School Summer Term 2026 Clubs

Day	Club	Time	Year Groups	Run By	Booking / Contact Information
Monday	Gymnastics	3:15–4:15 PM	—	Severn Valley Gymnastics Club (External Agency)	Severn Valley Gymnastics Club Email: severnvalleygc@hotmail.co.uk Tel: Rachael – 07814 671858 / Zoe – 07791 120405
Tuesday	KS1 Dance Club	3:15–4:00 PM	Reception, Year 1, Year 2	Mrs Hending (External Agency)	Letters given to pupils who expressed interest
Tuesday	KS2 Dance Club	4:10–5:00 PM	Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, Year 6	Mrs Hending(External Agency)	Letters given to pupils who expressed interest
Tuesday	KS1 football club	3:15–4:15 PM	Year 1 and Year 2	Castle Hill Primary School	Forms are live in your child’s Edulink account
Wednesday	Creative Writing	3:15–4:15 PM	Year 2 to Year 6	Sunray Kids Creative(External Agency)	Lauren Ettrick Tel: 07704 065506 Email: ltashettrick@gmail.com
Thursday	Sports Active Cricket	3:15–4:15 PM	Year 3, year 4, Year 5, year 6	Sports Active(External Agency)	https://sport-active-camps.classforkids.io/info/71
Thursday	Forest School	3:15–4:15 PM	Year 2 to Year 6	Follow My Lead	Forms are live in your child’s Edulink account
Thursday	Netball Club	3:15–4:15 PM	Year 3 to Year 4 Summer 1	Castle Hill Primary School	Forms are live in your child’s Edulink account
Thursday	Netball Club	3:15–4:15 PM	Year 5 to Year 6 Summer 2	Castle Hill Primary School	Forms will be live in your child’s Edulink account after half term
Friday	Performing Arts	3:15–4:15 PM	Year 2 to Year 6	Sunray Kids Creative(External Agency)	Lauren Ettrick Tel: 07704 065506 Email: ltashettrick@gmail.com