



## Castle Hill News: 24.04.26

### Words matter. Why?

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been lovely to see so much sunshine this week. The children have enjoyed spending breaktimes and lunchtimes on the field and it has been wonderful to see the older and younger siblings playing together.

[Go, Mrs. Gibbs!](#)

On Sunday, Mrs. Gibbs is running the London marathon for the first time for the charity 'The Osborne Trust'. She is showing **bravery** in facing the challenge of running 26 miles and has been training hard. We wish her luck and will be cheering her on all the way. Good luck!

If you would like to support her, and her chosen charity, then please donate using the link below:

[https://www.justgiving.com/page/sian-gibbs-1?utm\\_campaign=lc\\_frp\\_share\\_transaction\\_fundraiser\\_page\\_launched&utm\\_content=41b82a91-3e2c-429c-849c-040896fae331&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=postoffice&utm\\_term=1751094621471](https://www.justgiving.com/page/sian-gibbs-1?utm_campaign=lc_frp_share_transaction_fundraiser_page_launched&utm_content=41b82a91-3e2c-429c-849c-040896fae331&utm_medium=email&utm_source=postoffice&utm_term=1751094621471)

[Young Minds Matter](#)

Next Tuesday, Y6 and Y3 will each be receiving a workshop from the Young Minds Matter team. Y3 will be discussing 'Big Emotions' and Y6 will be covering test anxiety.

[KS2 outdoor shelter](#)

We are really thrilled with our new outdoor area in the KS2 playground. It is an area that has been designated as a quiet zone where children can read, draw, colour, or just chat away from the hustle and bustle of the playground.

The school council are exploring ways to raise some money for resourcing this space so please keep an eye out for an Amazon wishlist.

We have currently placed the two old picnic benches underneath the shelter whilst we explore options for tables and seating.

A huge thank you to the FRIENDS for raising the money for this project and especially to Kathryn Bell and Jo Mabbutt for all their organisation and hard work.

## KS2 shelter – before and after:

### Before



### After



### [Y1 rugby success](#)

Well done to Charlie, Mimi and Rosie in Year 1 who played their first rugby match for the Brockworth Badgers U6s last Sunday. They were amazing and worked so well as a team.



### [New Reception intake 2026](#)

Last week, Reception places were allocated for September 2026. We are very excited to meet all our new children and welcome them into our Castle Hill family. If you have a child starting school in September, they will receive a welcome postcard once their place has been accepted.

Further information will follow at the new Reception parents' meeting on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May at 6pm where you will also receive a welcome pack.

### [Y5 parent/carer meeting – camping/residential](#)

A reminder of the meeting for Year 5 parents/carers next Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> April, at 6pm.

### [Polite reminders:](#)

Please do not bring dogs into the school car park when collecting children from after school clubs. Thank you.

Have a good weekend.

Mrs. Ettrick

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

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April – Y5 parents' meeting (Y5 camping trip/Y6 2027 residential) @6pm

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday – no school

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May – Y5 trip – Greystones Farm River fieldwork study

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May - KS2 SATS week

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May – Y1 farm trip to Hartpury

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May – New Reception parents' meeting @ 6pm

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May – Y6 final residential meeting @6pm

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May – Half-term**

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June – Back to school**