



Castle Hill News: 01.05.26

Words matter. Why?

Dear Parents/Carers,

Today marks the beginning of May and we have already benefitted from some lovely weather. It is now really important that all children come to school with hats to protect them from the sun.

She did it!

We are so very proud of Mrs. Gibbs, one of our lovely teaching assistants, who successfully completed the London Marathon last Sunday raising money for The Osborne Trust. She showed huge resilience and **bravery** to keep going even when it got tough and completed the marathon in a very respectable 5 hours and 29 minutes. Congratulations!



Young Minds Matter

On Tuesday, Y3 and Y6 received workshops from the Young Minds Matter team. Mrs. Bradford received some feedback from the team who ran the workshops which I would like to share with you below:

'Myself and my colleague, Ellie, were so impressed with how lovely and polite children were in both groups. They really participated and so we hope they got something out of the sessions.'

Well done Year 3 and Year 6 for your excellent conduct – we are very proud of you.

[KS2 outdoor shelter](#)

The School Council have been busy gathering pupil voice about what they would like in the new outdoor area/quiet zone. They have come up with a list and an Amazon wishlist has been created with their ideas.

Please find it below if you would like to donate anything from the list for the children's new zone:

<https://amzn.eu/0hhAT241>

[Pride](#)

Congratulations to James in Year 3 who was selected to compete in the 8 and under tennis county cup at the weekend. Gloucestershire showed fighting team spirit and won their group! James won 8 out of the 9 matches he played showing real resilience and playing some super tennis. He fought and trained hard to get a place on the team – being still in Year 2, he is the youngest player on the team. Well done, James!



[Get in touch](#)

If you have any news that you would like to share about your children's achievements, sporting or otherwise, outside school, please get in touch and we will celebrate these in the newsletter.

[School uniform](#)

As the weather gets warmer, we understand that children will be wearing their summer uniform and that they are growing. However, we have noticed that some of the items that pupils have been wearing (shorts/skirts/dresses) have not been what we would deem as an appropriate length for school. Please check your child's uniform including PE kits – thank you.

[David Attenborough – 100th birthday](#)

We will be acknowledging David Attenborough's 100th birthday on Friday 8th May by joining a special live assembly to celebrate all his work.

[Polite reminders:](#)

Our car park gates are currently broken, but please do not drive into the staff car park. It is for staff and authorised personnel only and this week one of our expensive new fence panels was damaged. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Have a good weekend.

Mrs. Ettrick

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

Monday 4th May – Bank Holiday – no school

Thursday 7th May – Y5 trip – Greystones Farm River fieldwork study

Monday 11th May – Friday 15th May - KS2 SATS week

Monday 11th May – Y1 farm trip to Hartpury

Wednesday 20th May – New Reception parents' meeting @ 6pm

Thursday 21st May – Y6 final residential meeting @6pm

Friday 22nd May – Term finishes at **3.15 pm**

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

Monday 1st June – Back to school