



## Castle Hill News: 03.07.26

### Words matter. Why?

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thankfully, this week has been a much more comfortable week in school. Many of the children have also been out and about on their end of year school trips. Reception enjoyed their first ever school trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park and have been drawing lots of pictures today of all the animals they saw on their day out. Year 5 also went to Prinknash Bird and Deer Park. A big thank you to Teghan's mum for allowing the class to come along for free. Year 6 enjoyed another outing this week – this time to the Bristol Old Vic theatre to watch a production of Horrible Histories: Ancient Egyptians followed by a delicious lunch at Za Za Bazaar!

#### [Year 6 Residential](#)

I would just like to say how proud I am of our Y6 children for their kindness to each other and their team spirit on their residential last week. We all had a great time despite the heat and lack of sleep! Well done, Year 6.

#### [Transition Day and Meet the Teacher – Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July](#)

Next Thursday, all pupils will be spending the morning with their new class teacher and in their new classrooms. I am delighted to confirm that both Mr. Stagg and Mr. Culberth will be able to join us for this. At the end of the day, teachers will be available in the KS1 or KS2 playgrounds if you would like to come and say hello to your child's new teacher.

#### [New Reception Stay and Play Sessions – Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July](#)

This is also the day that we will be welcoming our new Reception pupils for their 'Stay and Play' sessions.

#### [Forest School](#)

Forest School will continue as normal next week. Reception will do their Forest School session with their new teacher, Mr. Bowers, and Year 1 will do their Forest School session with their new teacher, Mrs. Richards. Year 3 will have their Forest School session as normal during the afternoon and after-school club will also continue as normal.

#### [Packtypes and PAWS event](#)

Thank you so much to all the parents and carers who came to our event on Wednesday. Mrs. Ward and our pupil curriculum team worked hard to put on this event. We hope it gave you a better understanding of what Packtypes are, how we use them and how this links to our PAWS homework. We also hope that this showed you how one activity can be completed at several different levels. PAWS is of course, and always has been, in addition to the expectation that pupils read daily, practise their times tables via TTRS and practise the spelling words for their year group which are usually given out at October Parents' Evenings.

Once our new website is live, you will be able to find the Packtypes and PAWS presentation on there for your reference.

### [End of year reports](#)

As part of our commitment to reducing paper consumption and supporting environmental sustainability, end-of-year reports will be sent to parents and carers via email this year.

If you would prefer to receive a printed copy of your child's report, please contact the school office, and we will be happy to provide one.

To ensure you receive your child's report, please check that the email address we hold for you on your child's Edulink account is correct. If any details need updating, please inform the school office as soon as possible.

Reports are due to be sent out on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July.

### [Y6 SATS Results](#)

This week, schools have received an email from the Secretary Of State for Education explaining that, due to issues with Pearson Education, the SATS results are now not going to be released until Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July instead of the scheduled date of Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July.

### [Sporting pride](#)

Raffy's parents sent us the following report of Raffy's recent sporting achievement:

"We are incredibly proud of Raffy for taking part in his first football tournament last weekend. Playing for Brockworth at the Hucclecote Tournament, Raffy helped his team to a fantastic 5–1 victory in one match, scoring an impressive hat-trick! Having only started playing football for the team in February, this is a wonderful achievement. The whole team played brilliantly throughout the tournament, and everyone was delighted to receive a medal at the end. Well done, Raffy and the Brockworth team!"



Have a good weekend.

Mrs. Ettrick

[Key upcoming dates for Summer Term 2026](#)

**JULY**

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July – TRANSITION DAY – all pupils spend the day in their new class

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July – New Reception visits – ‘Stay and Play’ sessions

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July – Reports out

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July – House Team Day (in school pupil event – pupils to come in PE kit)

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Leavers’ Party – 3.15 – 5pm (pupils only)

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July – 9am – Y6 Leavers’ Assembly

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July – TERM ENDS 2pm**