



Castle Hill News: 10.07.26

Words matter. Why?

Dear Parents/Carers,

The children got to meet their new teachers this week and spend the morning in their new classrooms. We were also thrilled to welcome our new Reception 2026 pupils for their 'Stay and Play' sessions. I cannot believe that we only have one week of this academic year left. The time has flown. We are going to be saying goodbye to our Year 6 children next Friday and all the staff want to wish them every success for their futures. Year 6, we look forward to hearing all about your adventures. Go forward with the integrity and pride that we hold so dear here at Castle Hill.

[Castle Hill Fest](#)

Thank you to the FRIENDS of Castle Hill for organising this event and to all the members of our school community who turned out to support it. We will let you know the total amount raised.

[End of year reports](#)

You will have received your child's report today via email.

Y1 parents – your child's report should include their Phonics Screening Check result.

Y4 parents – your child's report should include their Multiplication Tables Check result.

Y6 parents – your child's reports will be sent next Thursday once the school have received the SATS results from the Department for Education.

The report should have gone out to all parents or carers for whom we have a current email address. Please bear with us as this is a brand new system and let the office know if you have any issues. Thank you.

[Classes 2026 – 2027: reminder of teaching teams for each year group](#)

Year group/class	Teacher	Teaching assistants
Reception	Mrs. Houlston (M-W) Mrs. Warrren (Th/F)	Mrs. Boulter Mrs. Hending Miss Newell
Year 1	Mr. Bowers	Mrs. Boulter Mrs. Hending Mrs. Esson
Year 2	Mrs. Richards (M-Th.) Miss Baldwin (F)	Miss Newell Mrs. Gibbs
Year 3	Mr. Telford	Mrs. Esson Mr. Enon Miss Ward
Year 4	Mr. Culbreth	Ms. Taylor Mr. Enon Mrs. Cole
Year 5	Mr. Stagg	Miss Ward Mrs. Cole Miss Smith
Year 6	Mrs. Davidson	Mrs. Cole

[House Team Day – Tuesday 14th July](#)

Following last year's successful event, next Tuesday, we will be holding another House Team Day. This includes a variety of activities that the children can participate/compete in with their teammates. They will need to come to school in PE kits wearing plenty of suncream and, as usual, will need a hat and water bottle.

There will be a picnic lunch on the field that day for the children and the lunch choices that day will be as follows:

Choice A: Sausage rolls and chips

Choice B: Veggie sausage rolls and chips

Choice C: Chicken nuggets and chips

[Chess Success](#)

I would like to share with you a message from the chess teacher who took some of our pupils to a chess tournament last weekend.

'I just wanted to let you know that the Castle Hill Chess Team took part in the annual Gloucester Primary Schools Chess Congress yesterday. After a whole day of chess, involving 12 local schools, Castle Hill came a very creditable 5th with 11 points. The children involved were Molly, Ivy, Henry and Gareth. Gareth came overall equal 2nd in the individual competition with a brilliant 5 points out of 6, while Ivy gained an Organisers medal for showing great effort during the day.

I was so proud of all the children, they played with great skill and with a fantastic attitude and were an absolute credit to Castle Hill Primary School.

Please pass on my [congratulations](#) to them all.'

[Y6 events next week](#)

Wednesday 15th July – Y6 Leavers' Party – CHILDREN only. Please send your child in with a change of clothes for the party after school. They will be provided with ice-cream and sausage or veggie sausage and chips. Please collect your child from the school field at 5pm. Warning: They are likely to be wet and possibly grassy, so you may want to bring a towel for them to sit on or a spare set of clothes if you are driving them home!!

Thursday 16th July @ 9am – Y6 Leavers' Assembly – Year 6 parents invited (bring your tissues!!)

[KS2 outdoor quiet area](#)

Thank you so much for your continued generosity in stocking our new quiet zone for KS2. A huge thank you to George's mum (Y4) who has donated an incredible 21 items from our Amazon wishlist!

<https://amzn.eu/OhhAT241>

Have a good weekend.

Mrs. Ettrick

[Key upcoming dates for the last week of Summer Term 2026](#)

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Tuesday 14th July – House Team Day (in school pupil event)

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

Thursday 16th July – 9am – Y6 Leavers’ Assembly

Friday 17th July – TERM ENDS @2pm – please collect your child from the usual place at the end of the day