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Summer Term

Newsletter 14

Thursday 23rd July 2026

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK

What an amazing year we have had in **Nursery**! Everything the children have done, has been absolutely fantastic but some of the highlights of this year are; the Christmas Pantomime, the Nativity performance, the Mother's Day Tea Party, Sports Day and Basil Farm visiting us at the Nursery. It has been an absolute delight to see the children grow and develop in every aspect of their learning and development. We are all extremely proud of them! For those children that are going into Reception, we wish them the very best of luck and we know they will continue to thrive and flourish in everything that they do! For those children that are returning to Nursery, we look forward to welcoming them again in September. Thank you parents and carers for your ongoing support, help and dedication throughout the year. Have a lovely and restful break



This week's **Reception** has been all about making memories and enjoying our final days together. We have had lots of fun playing games, laughing, and celebrating a fantastic year. The children have thoroughly enjoyed our 'Holidays' topic, sharing their exciting holiday plans and listening to where their friends will be going. It has been a wonderful week filled with smiles, friendship, and special moments that we will all remember.



A huge well done to all the children who confidently shared their fantastic memories of **Year 1**. It was wonderful to hear about the special moments they have enjoyed throughout the year and all the exciting adventures they have planned for the summer holidays! Just a little note to say that we have had an amazing year with your children, and we wish them continued success. Well done children for all your hard work and just being yourself! Also, thank you to the parents for your continuous support, kind words and lovely gifts. We greatly appreciate it. Your children will be truly missed. Have a lovely, restful and well-deserved break.



In **Year 2's** Games lessons, we have been practising our racket and ball skills. We started with partner work, where one partner had a tennis racket and the other had a tennis ball. The ball was thrown to the player with the racket, who then aimed to hit it back to their partner. This helped us develop our hand-eye coordination, aiming skills and control. We showed great teamwork, perseverance and enthusiasm as we improved our racket skills and confidence each week. Well done Year 2, you have been amazing! Best of luck in your future!



*"Rise above the storm
and you will find the
sunshine."*

- Mario Fernandez

This week, **Year 3** finished reading their class book, Varjak Paw. The children thoroughly enjoyed the exciting storyline and explored how the author carefully builds suspense and tension throughout the book. They took part in thoughtful class discussions and developed their skills in answering comprehension questions using evidence from the text. To celebrate completing the book, the children created their own book reviews and designed alternative front covers, showcasing their understanding of the story, characters and themes. Well done Year 3 for a fantastic year!



This week in topic, **Year 4** explored the fascinating world of rivers. The children learnt about the different parts of a river, including the source, course and mouth, and discovered how rivers shape the landscape. They used maps and geographical vocabulary to identify famous rivers and discuss their importance to people and the environment. Fantastic geographical thinking and curiosity from everyone this week! Congratulations on being fabulous Year 4!



As **Year 5** comes to an end, we have been reflecting on our achievements and preparing for the exciting journey into Year 6. The children have enjoyed discussing what they are looking forward to in their new class, including new responsibilities, challenges, and opportunities. They have also thought carefully about personal goals for next year and the positive changes they would like to make to help them become confident, independent learners. We are incredibly proud of all they have achieved this year and wish them a happy, restful summer break as they prepare for their final year of primary school.



"There is no need to have it all, just make the best of what you have."

- Unknown

As our **Year 6** pupils reach the end of their primary school journey, we would like to say how incredibly proud we are of each and every one of them. Throughout their time at school, they have shown determination, resilience, kindness, and a willingness to embrace new challenges. They have made wonderful memories, formed lasting friendships and achieved so much along the way. While we are sad to see them leave, we are excited to see what the future holds for them as they begin the next chapter of their education. We know they will continue to shine and make us proud. We wish all of our Year 6 leavers the very best for the future and every success, happiness, and opportunity as they move on to secondary school. Good luck, Year 6 - we will miss you!



On Monday 20th July, Castleview School held its fourth awards evening. Children, parents, staff and governors were all in agreement that the evening was a wonderful event to celebrate some of the achievements of our pupils from Nursery to Year 6.



-Unknown





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Great British Summer Savings

Rising prices can make life's little treats harder to afford, especially during the school holidays when costs build up for families. This Government is determined to help, and that is why last month the Chancellor announced the Great British Summer Savings scheme.

From 25 June to 1 September 2026, the Government is temporarily cutting VAT from 20% to 5% on children's meals in restaurants, children and family tickets to cinemas, theatres, concerts and exhibitions, and admission to a wide range of attractions. Combined with free bus travel during August for children aged 5 to 15 in England, families and young people will be able to enjoy experiences that make summer special, including visits to the kinds of cultural and educational attractions that enrich children's lives outside the classroom.

The public are ready to get behind the scheme and are keen to take advantage of the discounts available. As trusted pillars of their communities, schools play a vital role in connecting families with important information.

We need you to help spread the word. So please share details of the Great British Summer Savings scheme through your newsletters, school apps, and other communications to parents and carers, so that the families in your school community know about the experiences they can enjoy this summer for less.

This forms part of a broader effort by the Government to ease financial pressures on families. From ending the two-child limit and expanding free school meals, to rolling out free breakfast clubs and delivering 30 hours of free childcare, this Government is taking action to put more money back into parents' pockets and give every child the best possible start in life.

As part of this campaign, we have launched an attraction finder website which allows families to type in their postcode and find participating venues near them to make the most of summer savings. To use the attraction finder, please visit <https://summersavings.gov.uk>.

Businesses can find out more about the VAT reduction by visiting GOV.UK and searching 'Temporary reduced rate of VAT for family attractions'.

Yours sincerely,

RT HON BRIDGET PHILLIPSON MP

Secretary of State for Education

RT HON RACHEL REEVES MP

Chancellor of the Exchequer

*"Have more than you
show, speak less than
you know."*

*- William
Shakespeare*

Berkshire Cricket Champions!

After becoming Slough Schools' Cricket Champions last month, Castleview were asked to be the Slough representative school in the Berkshire Cricket competition against the winners from the other regions. Turning up at Wokingham Cricket Club we realised we would be playing on 'McGill Oval' which the team decided was definitely a good sign!

Despite competing against some of the top schools from across the county, Castleview equipped themselves extremely well by convincingly winning their two opening games against John Rankin School and Whitegrove School. The last group game was an absolute nail bitter with Castleview coming up against the Wokingham Champions Willow Bank School. With multiple county players representing their school, the game could have gone either way, however Castleview lost by 3 runs.

The team's despair did not last for long, immediately being told that Castleview would progress to the Semi Finals as the best runners up, due to the incredible run rate achieved in the first two games. In the Semi-Finals the team faced the Windsor Champions St Peters and put in an impressive performance to win by 60+ runs. This meant Castleview were in the final...where they had to face Willow Bank School for a second time.

The final was a match of an incredibly high standard with Willow needing to score 25 off the last 20 balls to take the trophy. The Castleview Team rallied together and bowled / fielded to such a high standard, limiting Willow to just 5 runs to take the win! Castleview School - Berkshire County Champions 2026.

As always, the team wowed me with their talent, supportive nature and resilience throughout both tournaments and fully deserve all their accolades. Team: Yuvan, Aarush, Arjun, Omar, Ayaan, Nihaal, Shubhdeep, Riaan.

Mr Macgill



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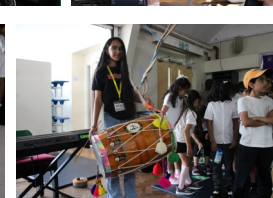
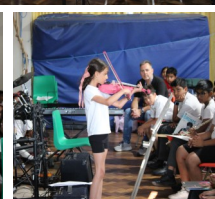
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Music Concert

On Wednesday 22nd July, much talent was showcased and celebrated in the Castleview end-of-term music concert. It was a joyful evening, displaying the incredible commitment Castleview students have towards music; Mrs Steele was incredibly proud!



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Deputy Head Teacher's Award

Year 5 have continued showcasing their love of writing by continuing their very own 'Astro' comic novel series. The boys have now written three brilliantly entertaining stories and have told me the fourth; 'Astro and the Intergalactic Terror of Toothless' is currently in production. We are all looking forward to it already!



Head Teacher's Awards

Jaxon, Copernicus, Year 5 created a fantastic piece of artwork using his shading and sketching skills, showcasing his passion for art, even outside the classroom. Well done Jaxon, keep up the good work!



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Head Teacher's Awards cont'd

Ovie Ted, Resource Base, Year 1 has been presented an award for his great story telling! Well done Ovie Ted!



Message from the Head Teacher

As another successful year comes to an end, I would like to thank all of our children, families and staff for their continued support.

This year has seen significant progress across the school, and I am incredibly proud of what we have achieved together. Alongside this, our children have benefited from a wide range of opportunities beyond the classroom, from sporting events and performances to educational visits and enrichment activities. These experiences help make Castlevue such a special place to learn and grow.

Whilst we celebrate this year's successes, we are already looking ahead to September. We have exciting plans to build on the progress we have made and continue providing the very best education and opportunities for every child.

I wish you all a safe, restful and enjoyable summer break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.

Miss Austin

Raffle Prize Winners!

Yellow 129 Neeraja - Nintendo Switch

Yellow 322 Hasika - Henry the Hoover

Yellow 392 Mila - Samsung Tablet

Yellow 179 Cameron - Tablet (other)

Yellow Alex - Oakwood Hamper

Yellow 142 Uday - Meal for Two

Yellow 321 Arun - Ninjago Lego



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We have the Winners!



Well done **Anika**, **Amayah** and **Mukta**!!! Your poem on seasons was the winning entry!

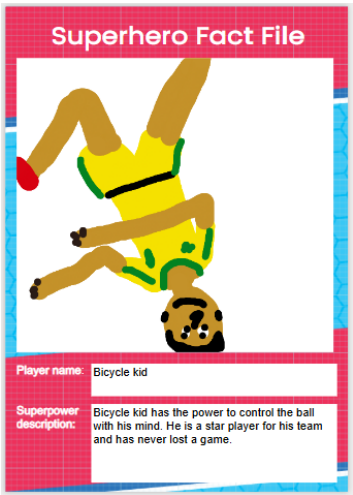


Purple Mash Under 9's Winner



Naran, Orion, Year 3

Has won the first prize across many schools for creating a fantastic Superhero! He has won a football jersey of his choice, a Purple Mash goodie bag and 40 footballs for the school.



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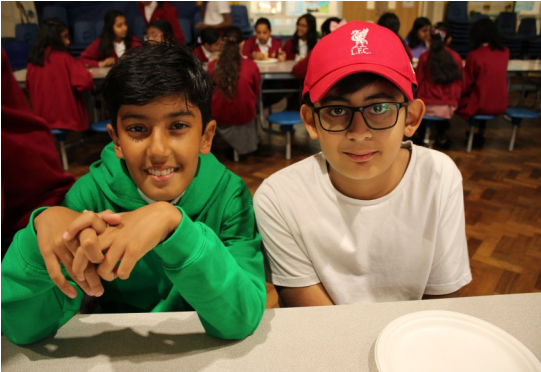
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GOOD LUCK We will Miss You

Today we said goodbye to our wonderful Mr Tamimi. We wish you all the very best in all your future endeavours! You will be sorely missed!



THANK YOU



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Star of the Week Awards

This proud Stars of the Week are: Tyler (Saturn), Salahuddin (Mercury), Sofia (Jupiter), Zoya (Neptune), Aditi (Andromeda), Anika (Orion), Anabia (Pegasus), Nakshatraa (Scorpius), Simran (Copernicus), Jovan (Couper), All of them (Galileo), All of them (Herschel)

Stars of the Week



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House Announcements

Windsor Castle

Cardiff Castle



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Total House Points this week

105



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★ House of the Week ★
Windsor Castle



74

Arundel Castle

Edinburgh Castle



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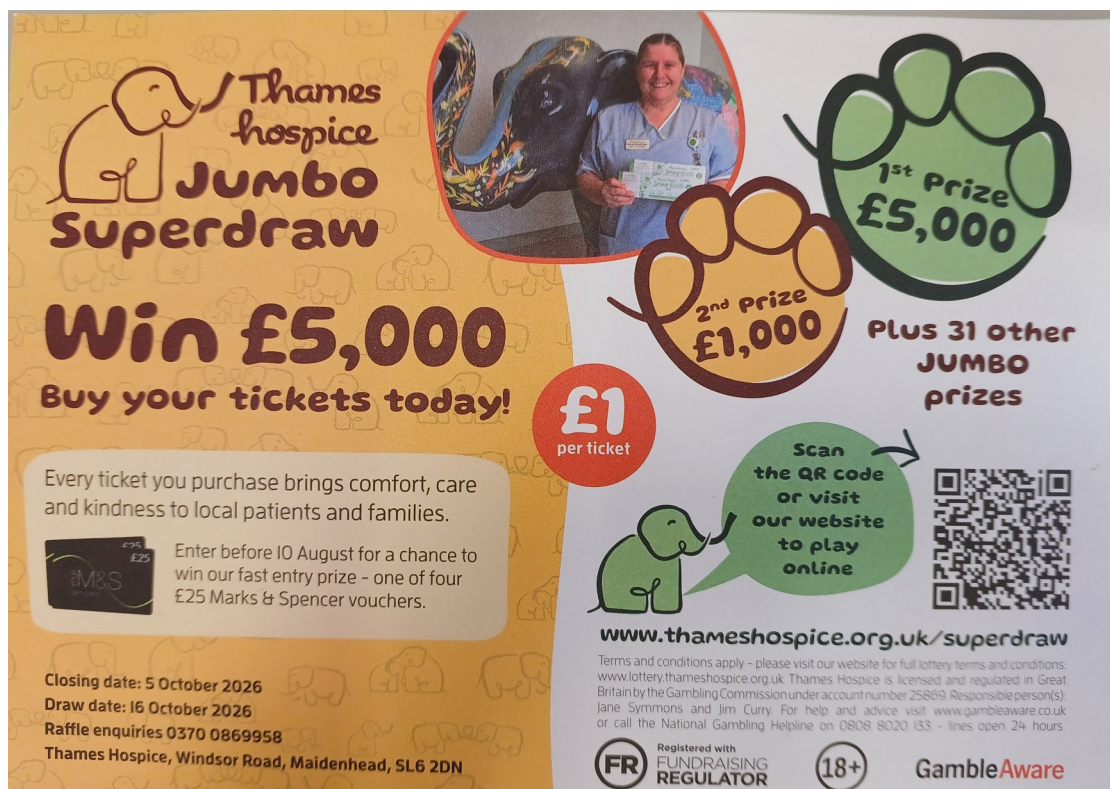
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