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Summer Term

Newsletter 9

Friday 19th June 2026

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK

We continued with our topic of 'Traditional Tales' this week in **Nursery**. We looked at and acted out parts of the story of 'The Gingerbread Man' and conducted many activities in the Nursery based around the story. We also spoke about our favourite characters and parts of the story. Children enjoyed painting, designing and decorating their own gingerbread men. They were very creative in their thinking and in their choice of materials/resources/media needed for their gingerbread men.



This week in **Reception**, has been amazing! We have continued exploring the traditional tale 'The Little Red Hen', which helped children understand the importance of helping others and working together. The children enjoyed a range of indoor and outdoor activities linked to the story. We also spent lots of time outside, making the most of the lovely weather. We are also very proud of all children for their enthusiasm during Sports Day. Well done, Reception!



In our Computing lesson this week, **Year 1** had fun learning about photography. They explored the different features of a camera and discussed the purpose of each part. The class then shared ideas about how to take good-quality photographs, including checking the background so it does not distract from the main subject, ensuring there is enough light, and finding the best angle for the photo. The children then had the opportunity to put these skills into practice by taking photographs both inside and outside the classroom using a camera. Their photographs were shared on the interactive whiteboard, enabling the children to discuss each other's work and reflect on the techniques they had used.



In **Year 2** PSHE, children have been learning to recognise how their bodies have changed since they were babies and to understand where they are on a timeline from young to old. The children enjoyed discussing the many things they can do now that they could not do as babies, such as walking, talking, and learning new skills. They explored how people grow and change over time, thinking about the different stages of life. Through stories, discussions, and simple activities, pupils reflected on their own growth and celebrated how unique everyone's journey is. This learning has helped to build confidence, self-awareness, and an understanding that change is a natural and positive part of life.



"Perfection is not attainable, but if we chase perfection we can catch excellence."

- Vince Lombardi

This week, **Year 3** have shown fantastic creativity in their Art lessons! The children have been exploring Egyptian art, learning about the patterns and colours traditionally used in ancient carvings and paintings. They also examined hieroglyphics and thoughtfully incorporated some of these symbols into their own artwork. The children carefully designed their pieces before painting their final creations onto stained paper to give an authentic, aged effect.



This week in Art, **Year 4** created mood boards inspired by colours, patterns and images. The children carefully selected pictures, drawings and materials, exploring how different colours work together. They developed their creativity by designing colour palettes and identifying key features such as shapes, textures and patterns. Fantastic artistic thinking and collaboration from everyone!



This week in Reading, **Year 5** have been enjoying 'Birdsong' by Katya Balen. The children explored the themes of friendship, empathy, and communication, focusing on how the main character connects with others without using words. We discussed the author's use of descriptive language and how it helps to create mood and atmosphere. Pupils also practised making inferences about characters' thoughts and feelings, using evidence from the text to support their ideas. The class showed great engagement with the story and produced thoughtful responses during discussions and written tasks.



*"If you can change
your mind, you can
change your life."*

- William James

This week, **Year 6** began rehearsals for our end-of-year production of The Lion King. The children have thrown themselves into learning songs, practising scenes and developing their characters with great enthusiasm. We are already impressed by their confidence, teamwork and commitment, and we can't wait to see the show come together over the coming weeks!



Online Safety



Please Visit Our Online Safety Page for Parents.

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You will find the Alan Mackenzie updates, on the Parent's page, by clicking the button shown below on our page.

Alan Mackenzie - Our Online Safety Expert!



"Online safety has been a passion of mine for a very long time; I love technology and the huge benefits that can be realised through global connectivity and collaboration... I strongly believe if you educate children using the spaces they engage in, they understand more, they're more enthusiastic, they engage and therefore the likelihood of positive impact is greater."

Alan Mackenzie Updates

This week, Alan shares two important updates.

Following other countries, it looks like social media will be banned for under 16's here in the UK from Spring 2027. Announced on Monday, the government announced that 'the UK will go further to protect kids with world-leading additional restrictions on harmful features'. The detail of how this is going to happen will be announced towards the end of 2026. Please look at our Online Safety page for more information.

The second update looks at the two new releases by Internet Matters. Internet Matters have released two new videos onto their YouTube channel which I'm sure will be useful to a lot of parents. They are both very short, the first is 'what to do if a stranger contacts your child online', and the second is what to do if your child is bullied online. Please look at our page for the links.

We have uploaded the #WakeUpWednesday features from The National College. Please click below to see the highly useful guides on our website. Online sports betting can expose young people to financial risk, peer pressure and gambling-like habits around sport, gaming and social media.

Please visit our website to find out more about these and other valuable updates!

Click here:-



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"I really think a champion is defined not by their wins but by how they can recover when they fall."

-Serena Williams

Online Safety Cont'd



Social media ban advice

Following Monday's announcement about the proposed social media ban for under 16s, we wanted to share new guidance to help you answer some of the questions pupils and parents may have about the future restrictions.

While the ban has been announced, the new restrictions are not expected to come into effect until early next year. In the meantime, young people can still access social media — and some children may become even more curious about these platforms before the ban comes into place.

To support families, we've created a new explainer page that covers what has been announced so far, what is still unclear and practical steps parents can take now. We also have a guide for parents on how to support children who already use social media, including what features to watch out for and how to review privacy and safety settings.

Online safety organisation, Internet Matters has created a [new explainer page](#) that covers what has been announced so far, what is still unclear and practical steps parents can take now. Read answers to the most common questions from parents right now, and explore more on their website.

What parents can do now to keep children safe on social media



Even though the ban has been announced this week, the new restrictions won't come into effect until early next year.

In the meantime, young people can still access social media, and some children may become even more curious about these platforms before the ban comes into place.

To help parents and carers, ahead of the new measures taking effect, Internet Matters has created a practical guide to help your child stay safe if they are on social media. It explains the features to watch out for, the risks they can create and the simple steps you can take right now.

Get practical steps to take now [here](#).

"Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time."

- Thomas Edison

Nursery Sports Day



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KS2 Sports Day

On Wednesday, Key Stage 2 took part in a morning of sports activities. First, the children undertook a carousel of throwing and jumping skills. Followed by running races on the track. Arundel Castle (Yellow house) triumphed.



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Windsor Castle



Arundel Castle



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KS1 Sports Day

On Wednesday afternoon, it was the turn of Key Stage 1 to head to the field for their sports day event. Arundel triumphed again in the afternoon! Congratulations to Arundel for a clean sweep!



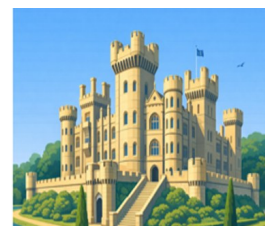
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Slough Schools' Cricket Champions

On Thursday 18th June 2026, Castleview Girls Cricket Team enjoyed a fantastic tournament, finishing with an outstanding record of 4 wins and just 1 loss.

The team got off to a flying start in the group stages, batting well and fielding brilliantly to secure victories against Iqra and Willow. The match against Willow was a real nail-biter, with Castleview holding their nerve to win by just one run. The team then faced a strong Western House side. Although Castleview came up just short, they gave it their all in a hard-fought contest and never stopped battling until the final ball. The result meant the team would play their afternoon fixtures against the other group runners-up.

Castleview continued to hit the competition for six, producing excellent performances to defeat both Marish and Claycots. These victories saw them finish as the highest team out of the runners-up (4th place)

Throughout the tournament, the children were a credit to the school. Their encouragement of one another, outstanding sportsmanship and positive attitude shone through in every game. Whether celebrating success or facing a setback, they always played with respect and teamwork at the heart of their performances.

Well done to all the players on a wonderful achievement and a tournament to remember! It is amazing that we now have over 100 children attending weekly lunch time cricket sessions, including over 30 girls.

Mr Macgill



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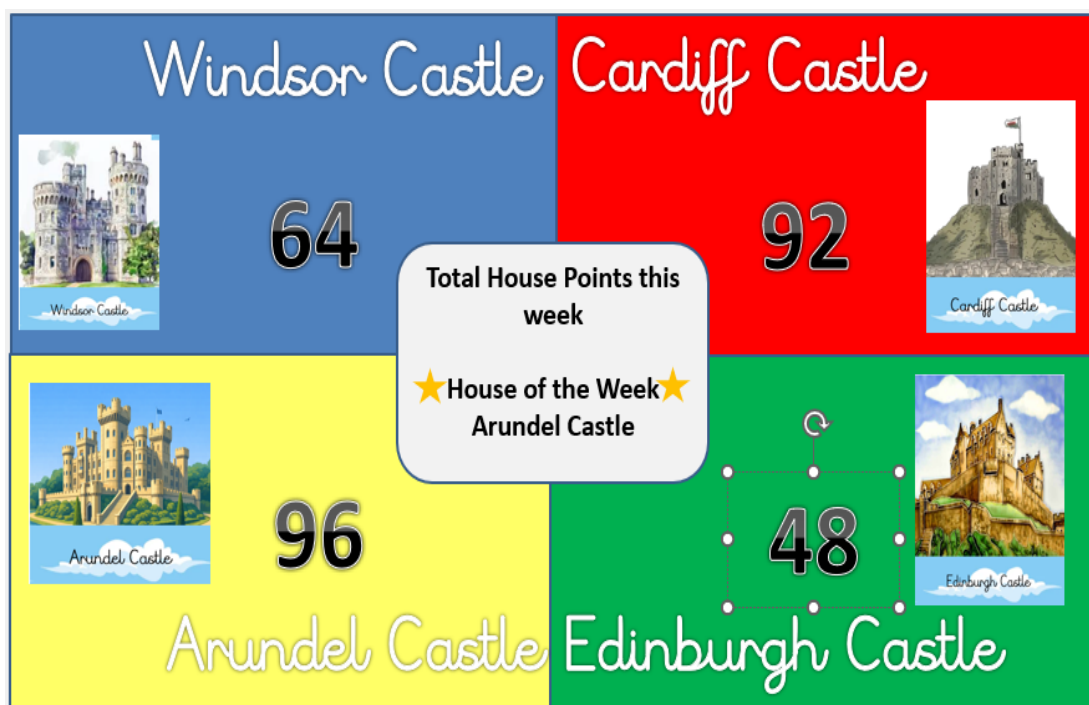
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Star of the Week Awards

This proud Stars of the Week are: Avyaan (Saturn), Kiyan (Mercury), Amayrah (Jupiter), Hussain (Neptune), Girik (Andromeda), Kanaiya (Orion), Shahraan (Pegasus), Amreen (Scorpius), Amanah (Copernicus), Meera (Couper), Ramneek (Galileo), Aarush (Herschel)



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Important Request



Hello!

As Children's Commissioner, I am writing to ask you to ensure all of your children complete my new survey, [The Big Future](http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture).

Under the Children Act 2004, it is my role to promote the views and interests of children in England, and I have done this so far by conducting the two largest ever children's surveys: The Big Ask and The Big Ambition.

Now, for the first time, hundreds of thousands of children will be eligible to vote in the next general election, the biggest change to the franchise in half a century. Yet just one in five children say politicians listen to them. That's why I'm launching my final survey, The Big Future.

Your students should complete the survey here:-

<http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>.

I want to make sure that I hear from as many children as possible, aged 0-18, from all backgrounds, in all schools and colleges, and in every part of the country. To do that, I need your help.

I am asking children about the changes they want to see in their communities, their biggest concerns, and their hopes for the future. More than anything, I want to know what they think a good childhood should look like today.

I am asking you to share the survey with all the children, parents and carers in your school or college community. Schools and colleges that achieve high participation rates will receive formal recognition for their contribution to amplifying children's voices and encouraging civic engagement, and a summary of their pupils' responses.

To support you to do this, I have created a pack of resources which include an introductory video, a lesson plan, and FAQs, which are available on [my website](#). I would be grateful if you could ensure that every child in your school or college has taken part before the deadline of Friday 23 October.

I will be publishing my findings next year, and they will be used to advocate at the highest level for solutions that children want to see, to the problems that they tell me are most important to them.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Dame Rachel de Souza

Children's Commissioner



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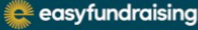


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GOOD NEWS!

Global visual solutions brand Vestel, based in Langley, have been working with us here at Castleview School to upgrade our classrooms, adding state-of-the-art interactive screens to enhance our children's education. This partnership has been in place since 2022 when Vestel donated their first board to our Nursery classroom. Since then, Vestel have donated TV screens across the school as well as interactive boards to Year 4 in 2023.

This week, they came up trumps again! Tim and Jon from Vestel delivered a new interactive board for Year 6 Herschel Class, to replace their small temporary board. In addition, they donated replacement TV screen for use in the Leadership room.

We are delighted to have built a strong working relationship with Vestel, who are going that extra mile to support Castleview.



Head Teacher's Message

What an incredible week we have had at Castleview! The highlight was undoubtedly Sports Day. It was wonderful to see the children demonstrating such enthusiasm, determination and teamwork, whilst encouraging and supporting one another throughout the day.

A huge thank you to all the parents and carers who attended. Your support helped make the event a truly special community occasion. I was also delighted to receive so much positive feedback following the event. I shared your kind comments with staff, and they were greatly appreciated.

A special thank you must go to Mrs Dogra for organising such a successful day. Coordinating an event of this scale is no small task, and we are very grateful for all her hard work and dedication.

This week, we are also celebrating 'Thank a Teacher Day'. I know you will agree that our staff work tirelessly to ensure every child makes progress, enjoys a broad and engaging curriculum, and feels happy, safe and valued at school. Their commitment to our children extends far beyond the classroom, and they consistently go above and beyond to provide the very best opportunities for every pupil.

To all of our staff, thank you for everything you do. If you would like to share a message of thanks or appreciation, I know it would mean a great deal to them.

Miss Austin



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Dates for your Diary



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