



Castle Hills Academy Newsletter

February 2026

“Is it still raining?”

Spring 1 has been a busy and exciting half term at Castle Hills Primary Academy, with pupils fully immersing themselves in their learning across the curriculum. From engaging topic work and creative writing to hands-on maths investigations and enriching reading activities, children have shown enthusiasm and resilience in all they do. We are incredibly proud of the progress and positive attitudes shown by everyone this half term.

After the half term break, we look forward to our KS2 Robinwood residential, visits to Magna and in-house workshops based on our current learning. We would also like to wish our 5 competitors good luck at the Doncaster Spelling Bee hosted at Hill House school on Tuesday 3rd March.

Have a wonderful, relaxing half term break and we look forward to seeing you on Monday 23rd February when hopefully Spring will show us some sunshine.



Mr Harris, Head of School

KEY DATES:



February

- Monday 23rd – School reopens
- Monday 23rd – Parent Workshop – Autism

March

- Tuesday 3rd – Spelling Bee @ Hill House
- Thursday 6th – World Book Day
- Friday 6th – Connect Coffee morning
- Wednesday 11th – SEND Sports Festival @ Campsmount Academy
- Monday 16th – Year 5 visit Magna
- Thursday 19th – Year 6 visit Crucial Crew
- Tuesday 24th – Year 1 and 2 Florence Nightingale workshop
- Friday 27th – Robinwood Residential
- Friday 27th – End of Spring Term

Full calendar can be found @

<https://www.castlehillssacademy.com>

#TEAMCASTLEHILLS

On Friday 10th January, children at CHPA attended the Young Voices 2026 concert at Sheffield Arena. After many hours of rehearsals, the children performed wonderfully and represented the school in the fantastic manner which we are accustomed to. A special thank you must go to **Mrs Sneath**, who year on year rehearses with the Young Voices Choir and organises what is a very special event.



Uniform Expectations: We will continue to uphold expectations for school uniform, including: dark grey or black trousers or skirt, white shirt or polo shirt, royal blue sweatshirt, jumper or cardigan, white, grey or black ankle/knee length socks, grey or black tights and practical black shoes (not trainers). PE Kit should include: white T shirt & shorts or plain, dark tracksuit bottoms in the colder months. All pupils must come to school in their PE kit on their allocated day. Correct uniform must be worn at all times during the day. Uniform must also be worn for educational visits unless otherwise stated. All items of uniform must be clearly marked with the pupil's name.



Domestic Abuse Charter

We are proud to share that **Castle Hills Primary Academy** has been awarded the **Charter Mark for Domestic Abuse**, recognising our ongoing commitment to safeguarding and supporting the wellbeing of all children and families within our community. This accreditation reflects the dedication of our staff to ensuring that our school is a safe, supportive environment where concerns are taken seriously and appropriate help is always available. We remain committed to working closely with parents and carers to promote safety, understanding and care for every child.

DOMESTIC ABUSE CHARTER

THIS CERTIFICATE IS PRESENTED TO :

Castle Hills Primary Academy

in recognition of adherence to meeting the five standards of the Doncaster Domestic Abuse Charter

KATHRYN ANDERSON-BRATT
Chair of the Doncaster Domestic Abuse Strategic Board

February 2026

Date



Governing Body: Our school is brilliantly supported by our team of Governors made up of parents, staff and members of the local community. Our parent roles are filled but we are seeking to fill a vacant community member with somebody who has expertise in finance. If you know of anybody that may be suitable, please ask them to contact the school for more details.

ASPIRE

In the Spring Term, CHPA are offering a wide variety of extra-curricular activities for all interests including art, computing, volleyball, dance, cheerleading, multisports and homework support. The full timetable can be found at:

<https://www.castlehillacademy.com/page/?title=Letters+Home&pid=22>

Places are sure to fill up fast with clubs often having a waiting list so sign up today!

TEACHING & LEARNING

During the second half of the spring term, our literary focus is Beyond Belief. Below are the class novels that we will be studying:

- 1P and 1/2K – All Aboard the Bobo Road by Stephen Davies
- 2A – At the Beach by Roland Harvey
- 3/4R and 3/4E – My Name is River by Emma Rea
- 4/5E – Kidnap of the California Comet by M.G. Leonard
- 5N and 6T – The Polar Bear Explorers Club by Alex Bell

