



Castle Hills Academy Newsletter

May 2026

Summer is here at last!

As we begin an exciting Summer Term, we are looking forward to a season full of learning, creativity and memorable experiences.

This term brings many opportunities for our children to grow in confidence, develop new skills and enjoy exciting activities both inside and outside the classroom. From special events, sporting competitions and celebrations including the Summer Fair, Always Reward, cricket and athletics festivals, visit to the Houses of Parliament, Year 6 residential and finishing with our Leavers' Assembly.

Enjoy the wonderful weather forecast over the half term – don't forget your suncream! Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Harris, Head of School



KEY DATES:



June

- Wednesday 3rd – Leanimals workshop (nursery and F2)
- Friday 5th – Connect coffee morning @9am
- Thursday 11th – 12th Year 2 Gulliver's Residential
- Friday 12th – Bake Sale
- Tuesday 16th – Reception pupils hearing and vision screening
- Wednesday 24th – Friday 26th – Y6 Residential to Alton Towers and Warwick
- Monday 29th – Nursery and Reception Sports Day

July

- Wednesday 1st – KS1 Sports Day
- Thursday 2nd – Summer Fair at 1:30pm
- Friday 3rd – KS2 Sports Day
- Wednesday 8th-Thursday 9th – Transition day to new classes
- Friday 10th – Y1 visit Austerfield
- Thursday 16th Always Reward and Y6 Prom (5pm)
- Friday 17th Y6 Leavers' Assembly at 1.45pm

#TEAMCASTLEHILLS

Over the past 2 years, our cheerleading squad have won the Leger cheer competition, supported at cheer festivals and finished 4th in the National Schools Cheer and Dance Competition.

On Sunday 28th June the squad have the opportunity to go even better when they return for the 2026 National Championships in Manchester.

On Friday 12th June we will be holding a bake sale to raise money in order to buy competition standard pompoms. Good luck team!



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.



OTHER NEWS:

Attendance: Pupil attendance has been severely impacted by term-time holidays over the past 7 weeks. Where possible, please try to book holidays avoiding term-time. Thank you.

Attendance Ladder		
0 days	100%	Perfect
4 days	98%	Impressive
7 days	96%	Good
9 days	95%	Nearly There
11 days	94%	Needs to Improve
20 days	90%	Concerns
30 days	85%	Serious Concerns

Class	Attendance
F2T	94.9
F2/1P	91.6
1/2K	96.7
2A	96.1
3/4R	95.1
3/4E	95.0
4/5M	96.9
5N	97.2
6T	96.3



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 Summer Term, CHPA are offering a wide variety of extra-curricular activities for all interests including art, football, computing, Duo Lingo, cheerleading, science, multi-sports and homework support. The full timetable can be found at:

<https://www.castlehillacademy.com/page/?title=Let+ters+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 summer term, our literary focus is Wordless Books. Below are the books that we will be studying:

- 1P and 1/2K – The Umbrella by **Ingrid Schubert**
- 2A, 3/4E and 3/4R – Return by **Aaron Becker**
- 4/5M – The Midnight Fair by **Gideon Sterer**
- 5N and 6T – The Arrival by **Shaun Tan**

