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Autumn Term **Newsletter 6** **Friday 16th October 2026**

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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK

Our focus book in **Nursery** this week was 'Family and Me'. Children conducted various activities based around the story such as; creating their own self-portraits and drawing members of their families. The children also spoke about family members that live in their homes, and they then used magnetic shapes to create models of their houses. Children displayed amazing creativity and imagination when constructing their houses!

What an amazing week we have had in **Reception**! We have been very busy and had lots of fun exploring our topic book, 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea'. The children thoroughly enjoyed the story and took part in a range of exciting activities inspired by the book. We had lots of fun creating our own tigers, exploring different smells and pretending to host our very own tea parties! It has been wonderful to see the children's creativity, imagination and enthusiasm shine through. There has been lots of laughter, excitement and fantastic learning throughout the week!

In PSHE this week, **Year 1** continued their discussion on rights and responsibilities. Over the course of this half-term, the children have learnt about what makes a safe and happy classroom. In this lesson, the children began by completing the sentence, "I like learning when…", sharing their thoughts and ideas about what helps them to enjoy learning. They then reflected on the importance of having rules that make learning happy, safe and enjoyable for everyone. Each child thought of one important rule that helps to create a positive learning environment, recognising that listening carefully, showing respect, being kind and taking turns all help us to learn together. The activity encouraged the children to understand that everyone has a part to play in making our classroom a happy place where everyone feels valued, supported and ready to learn.

In RE this week, **Year 2** explored how some Christians use music and song lyrics to express their gratitude to God. They discussed the meaning behind Christian songs and considered why singing is an important way for many Christians to praise and thank God. The children then used their creativity to write some of their own lyrics about thankfulness, sharing ideas about the things they are grateful for. We enjoyed thoughtful discussions about how music can communicate beliefs, feelings and gratitude.

"Transparency is the antidote to hypocrisy."

-Britt Merrick

Year 3 had a fantastic morning this week, making and assembling their very own seasonal vegetable tarts! Using a recipe to guide them, the children carefully prepared their ingredients and chose their own favourite seasonal vegetables to create their delicious, individual tarts. They showed great enthusiasm, creativity and independence throughout the process. Everyone was very proud of their amazing creations and took their tarts home to enjoy for tea. What a tasty way to celebrate seasonal vegetables and develop our cooking skills!

Year 4 have been getting fit and active in their Games lessons this half term! Through a range of fun and energetic activities, the children have been developing their agility, balance, coordination, speed, stamina and strength. It has been fantastic to see everyone challenging themselves, showing determination and, most importantly, enjoying being active!

This week in History, **Year 5** have been stepping back in time to explore the fascinating world of the Vikings. To bring our learning to life, we were fortunate to receive a collection of Viking artefacts from Chertsey Museum. The children thoroughly enjoyed becoming history detectives, carefully examining the artefacts and using clues to investigate what life was like during the Viking era. From everyday objects to historical replicas, the collection sparked curiosity and discussion, helping pupils develop a deeper understanding of Viking culture, beliefs, and daily life. This hands-on experience provided an exciting opportunity to engage with history in a meaningful and memorable way.

Year 6 welcomed a special visit from Queen Victoria and members of Parliament as they stepped into the shoes of Victorian children to deliver powerful persuasive speeches, fighting for their rights and demanding change! Our budding Victorian orators spoke passionately about the injustices children faced, showcasing their persuasive writing, oracy and historical understanding in a fantastic showcase of learning!

"Stay patient and trust your journey." -

-Unknown

Online Safety

Please Visit Our Online Safety Page for Parents.

https://www.castleview.slough.sch.uk/Parents/Online-Safety-for-parents/

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

This week, Alan shares two valuable updates!

AI tools can now be used to manipulate ordinary photographs of children into sexual or otherwise harmful imagery. The Internet Watch Foundation and the National Crime Agency have produced practical guidance for parents and carers about reducing the risk of image misuse. The advice includes thinking carefully about privacy settings, who can see photographs, how much identifying information is shared and involving children in decisions about posting their images as they get older. The guidance also explains what parents can do if an image has been manipulated or misused. You can find the guidance on our website.

AI chatbots are increasingly able to hold long, personal conversations and may sometimes feel more like companions than simple information tools. For parents, it's useful to understand how repeated conversations with an AI system can encourage trust or emotional attachment, particularly for children who may find the interaction supportive or easier than talking to another person. Children and Screens has produced a short research overview explaining some of the opportunities and concerns around AI companions and young people.

Please follow our website for the links.

We have uploaded the #WakeUpWednesday features from The National College. Please click below to see the highly useful guide on our website. This guide explores the risks of AI companions for young people, including emotional dependency, inappropriate content, privacy concerns and mental health.

Click here :-

Please visitour website to find out more about the these and other valuable updates!

"The moment you stop treating people like people, that's the moment you lose humanity."

- Sir Broyne

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Online Safety Committee

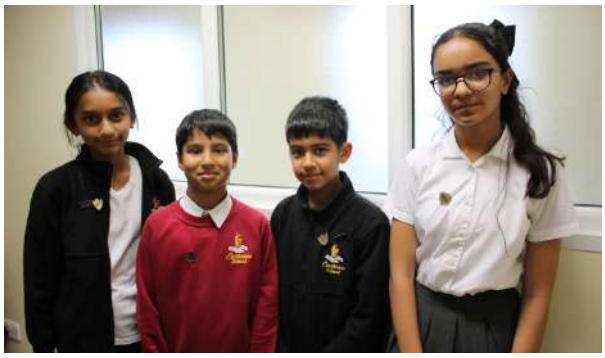
Autumn 1 - Meeting One 09/10/2026

On Friday 9th October we held our first Online Safety Committee meeting of the year. The Committee is made up of stake holders from across the school. We are delighted to have Mrs Mukheja representing the teaching and learning assistants. Mrs Aamer is both a parent and TLA. Mrs Harris and Mr Macgill represent the teaching staff. Along with Mrs Ahmed our school technician and Mrs Mughal, who is a Governor. Finally, the Year 6 Digital Leaders add pupil voice to the group.

Items discussed included:

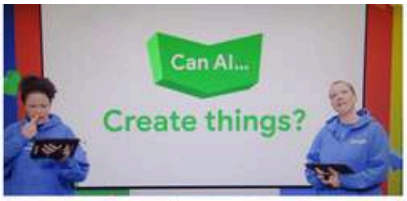
- IT updates and changes across the school.
- Planning for future events.
- Discussions on AI
- Password security
- Presenting of Committee Badges!

The Year 6 Digital Leaders made some valuable contributions. Their feedback on password security and use of AI was very much appreciated and will be taken on board.



Be Internet Legends.

Year 6 took part in an engaging assembly hosted by Be Internet Legends, exploring the fascinating world of Artificial Intelligence (AI)! Pupils discovered how AI works, how to spot the difference between real and fake content, and why it's important to think carefully about the information we share online. They also explored how AI uses our data and why staying safe online is so important. Thank you so much to Mrs Harris for arranging such a fabulous assmebly!



"We rise by lifting others."

- Unknown

Head Teacher's Awards

Khadija, 3F, has been awarded for making fantastic improvement in her computing skills. She practiced typing at home and managed to type seven amazing sentences in class! Well done Khadija!

External Achievements

Arjun (6R) and Kiaan (3F) recently participated in the Guinness World Record title attempt organised by Vitality Westminster Mile. They took part in the official 'Pyjama Party Wave', which was organised to set the Guinness World Record for the most people wearing pyjamas to complete a one-mile run on 26th September 2026 in London. Well done boys, for your fantastic achievement!

Head Teacher's Message

Year 4 enjoyed a wonderful session with an author, which has inspired them to write some incredible stories. I also had the pleasure of listening to two children read stories they had written in their own time about school life. One featured a visit from inspectors, I explained that it was a brilliant story, although a slightly daunting prospect for the staff!

We are gathering quotations for improvements to our Reception outdoor area. We are excited to get this work underway and create an outdoor space that reflects the quality of our indoor provision.

Finally, we have been experiencing problems with ParentMail. Thank you for your patience while we liaise with the provider. Although the technical issues are outside our direct control, we are working with them to resolve these as quickly as possible.

Have a wonderful break!

Miss Austin

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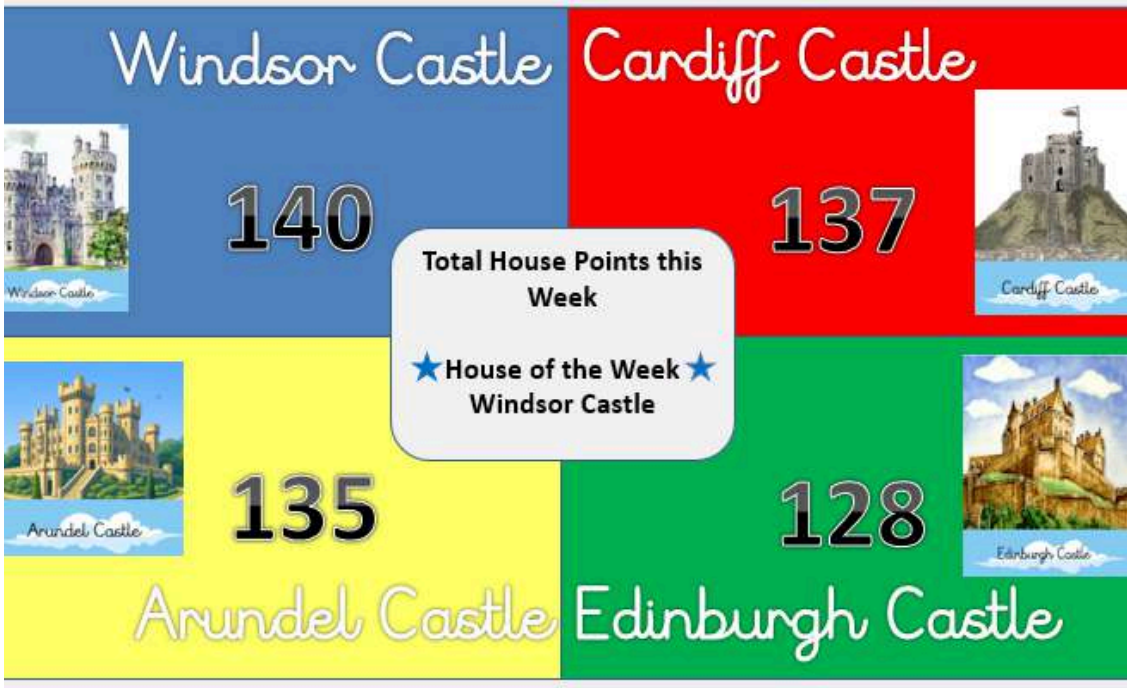
Star of the Week Awards

The proud Stars of the Week are; Celia (1G), Yawar (1R), Aliyah (2B), Sahasra (2YK), Zakariya (3F), Arjan (3Y), Hoorain (4DG), Eesa (4S), Arham (5A), Jaisvi (5S), Lahith (6B), Simran (6R)

House Announcements



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