

Castlecroft News

Spring Edition!

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Hi everyone and welcome to the Spring 2025 edition of Castlecroft News!

I hope you all enjoy reading about the many exciting events that took place during the last term.

At the time of writing this report, we are moving into assessment season and will be carrying out the statutory assessments in Phonics for our Year 1 pupils, Times tables for our Year 4 pupils and assessments in Reading, Writing, Maths and Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation. The children have worked so hard and made so much progress. We are proud of them all.

Exciting news! Mrs Jones is busily planning our second local history week which will take place after half term WB 23rd June. The children will be exploring the fantastic local history on our doorstep, building on the experiences from last year. More information will follow shortly.

Finally, please can I remind all parents of the importance of regular attendance. Please make every effort to get your child to school on time every day unless they are really ill. If you have any concerns or difficulty in getting your child to attend school, please contact us so we can support you.

Mr Dyall

The Three Musketeers

By Amber



On Wednesday 15th January, I went on a school trip with my friends to see 'The Three Musketeers'. I loved the dancing and the costumes, we were all clapping and smiling. The Queen was my favourite character because she was very pretty in her golden dress and she wore a beautiful diamond necklace.

I was so happy. It was a really good trip!

Drawings by Kiera and Simran P

Our Theatre Trip

By Isabella D



On Wednesday 15th January, Year 1 and 2 went to the New Vic Theatre to see 'The Three Musketeers'. It was a long way on the coach. When we got to the theatre, we sat in our seats.

I sat next to Olivia. There were lots of other schools there too. The Musketeers were very brave and there was lots of sword fighting. The guards carried real fire which was really cool. All the characters went round the theatre so we all had a great view of them. In the interval, we got to have our drinks and snacks.

One of my favourite parts was the party at the end. Everyone danced and wore beautiful golden costumes. We all had a brilliant time at the show.

Polyphones

By Anaya and Thea

Year 5 worked with Mr Clark on Thursday, 16th January, to make some nice music with the polyphones. It was really fun and we worked our socks off. The music was fun to make and we loved making the different beats. The polyphones had four different sized pipes which made different sounds depending on which one you hit. The big one made a low sound and the small one made a high sound. We had to be careful when hitting the polyphones, as we have to make sure that the bats are the right way round and covering the pipe. If we hit the polyphone with the plastic bit on the bat, it makes a weird sound.

At the end of the day, we performed what we had learnt throughout the day in front of the whole school. We performed it twice because we were in partners. It was really tiring playing the polyphones.

It was an amazing day!!!



Polyphones

By Deacon

On Thursday, my class did polyphones with my Dad. My Dad was doing a lot of talking, telling us how to play the polyphones. I was hitting the polyphones with a bat, the harder I hit the polyphones, the louder the sound it made. My Dad was playing the drums while me and my friends were playing the polyphones. We didn't learn a song, we just hit the different pipes to make different sounds.

I enjoyed playing the polyphones because it was a lot of fun and I had a really good day.

Art Week

By Sienna L

During Art Week we looked at the painting called 'A Regatta on the Grand Canal', painted by the Italian artist, Canaletto in the year 1740.

On the first day, after studying the painting, Year 5 did some abstract art with oil pastels and drew reflections in water. On the second day, we drew gondolas. On the third day, we drew sketches of venetian buildings. On the fourth day, we used watercolour paints on our buildings. And on the last day, we did some printing.

I was good at the watercolour painting and liked creating the water reflections with oil pastels. My favourite art activity was using the oil pastels because I was really pleased with what I had made.

At the end of the next week, we had a whole school assembly, where each class displayed their Art Week work. Every class's work was so creative and different, but were all very beautiful.



Football Match Report **Castlecroft v Bhylls Acre** **By Archie and Silvester**

Archie was chosen as our captain for the match against Bhylls Acre on Monday 3rd February. The game kicked off, and after a few minutes, we won a corner, which deflected off one of Bhylls Acre's players, setting up a cracking goal for Jakob. This followed by Bhylls Acre scoring a goal. We scored again but it was disallowed just as the half time whistle went. The second half kicked off with a free kick for Castlecroft, we hit the cross bar. Bhylls Acre had the final attack of the match with our goalkeeper saving their shot. The final score was 1-1.



Cross Country Report **By Erin H and Ishrah**



On Wednesday 15th February, 18 children went to Fordhouses Cricket Club to run in a relay race. There were 2 girl's and boy's teams. We ran a lap of the track to warm up and just before the race started, we got our numbers pinned onto our shirts. The girls ran first, followed by the boys. Once the races had finished, we headed over to the scoring point. Turns out that our Year 6 boys' team finished in first place and the girls came 4th.

We were all very proud of ourselves.

Football Match Report **Castlecroft v Palmer's Cross** **By Stanley and Leo**

Firstly, the game kicked off with Castlecroft in possession of the ball. With the first attack of the game, we won a corner which resulted in a close shot skimming the post. Immediately, from a goal kick, Stanley chested the ball to James, who passed it to Leo, who crossed it to Jakob, but unfortunately, it went out, giving Palmer's Cross the ball. Luckily for us, it was a few yards off-side with our No.6 defending the ball instantly.

The second half got underway with Castlecroft piling on the pressure with our left winger, Ryan, taking a shot which rebounded to Raul, resulting in our first goal. After that, there was a counter attack with Palmer's Cross having possession and nearly scoring. Swiftly, we had ANOTHER attack, with James dribbling past multiple defenders, leaving them stunned and managed to get another good goal. The match finished, 2-0 to the winners, Castlecroft!



Fire Safety

By Lilly-Rae and Layla

We had 4 Fire Officers come into Year 4 to give us a talk on fire safety on Monday 10th February. One of the Fire Officers was so tall that he could change a smoke alarm without a step ladder. First, we played a game of 'Spot the Disasters' that could make a fire. Then, we listened to the sound of a fire alarm that would be in your house. It is loud enough so it can wake you up in the middle of the night; keeping you safe. The Fire Officers showed us a video on how long it takes for a room to catch fire. It takes 2.55 seconds, which is really quick. They told us not to make prank phone calls to the emergency services, because if someone did really need help and their closest fire station was the one investigating the false fire, the people who need the help would be in danger. We were told not to jump out of the window if we are high up, wait for help and if you find yourself on fire, you 'Stop, Drop and Roll' and cover your face while on the floor to protect your face from the fire and stop it burning.

We had a great day and learnt so much about keeping us safe.



Rabbits in Reception

By Oakley

My Mommy and Daddy brought in 4 rabbits to meet my friends in Reception as we had been learning all about rabbits in class. We coloured in some pictures of rabbits and read lots of stories about rabbits. The rabbits were called; Moshy, Stormy, Bramble and Badger. We stroked them, the fur was very soft. We also fed them spinach, which they really liked eating.

It was a lot of fun having the rabbits in my class.

VR day with Mr Ashton

By Lucille and Daisy

On Tuesday 11th February, Year 6 started our day by pairing up into partners and we were told a few rules of the VR headsets. After that, we went up to the hall to meet Mr Ashton, he told us more detailed and important rules and controls again. We learnt the space game and got to work. After a while we swapped with our partners because some of us were feeling a bit dizzy and of course everyone had to have a chance with the headsets. It was then time for a break. It was the slowest break EVER, as we were all so excited. It seemed like 2 YEARS before we went back into the hall and got on the VR sets again. Shortly after, we had more time exploring and we started the quests and challenges. We took a short break from the headsets while Mr Ashton told us about a new game called 'ROLLERCOASTERS'. We were all bursting to get back on the VR sets. There were four different coasters to choose from. When we got back from lunch, our partners went on the VR, meanwhile we were making a script for our video diary to explain what it was like to live in the space station. We kept swapping with our partner until it was the end of the day. We were all so sad but when we returned to our classroom we learnt how to airdrop something to Mr Ashton. Sadly, our day was over. Of course we all said a big 'THANK YOU' to Mr Ashton. What a BRILLIANT day!!!





Grandparent's Day

By Arthur

We went into the big hall to watch videos that we had made for our Grandparents where we said what we liked doing with them. I play hide and seek with my Nannie and Grandad at their house. I did some colouring in with my Nannie and Grandad and played with the play dough. We all ate biscuits with lots of sprinkles on top.

It was really nice when my Nannie and Grandad came to see me at school. I love them soooooo much!

Football Report

Castlecroft v Claregate

By Jakob and Leo

The first half commenced with Castlecroft on the attack, with a ball down the line, resulting in a close goal. Soon after, we were rewarded with a goal by Ryan. Searching for his second, Ryan ran up the wing and scored again with a smashing goal. Claregate went on the attack, but because of our unstoppable defence, we tackled the ball and started on the counter attack. Then, as fast as lightning, Ryan took another superb shoot from outside the box, hitting the post, but from the rebound Louie volleyed the ball into the bottom corner.

Castlecroft were still dominating the game in the second half, unable to get the final pass into the front three. Claregate went on the counter-attack but our brilliant defender, Archie, cleared the ball away.



At the full-time whistle, the final score was 3-0 to Castlecroft.



Football Report

Uplands v Castlecroft

By Harlee

We played the first half really well. Aurora played centre midfield and scored a goal for Castlecroft. We were really happy for her and we were pleased that we were 1-0 at half time. Sadly, in the second half, Uplands scored 3 goals against us and went on to win the match. We were still really pleased with how we played and we worked really well as a team. We can't wait for our next match.

Football Report

Lanesfield v Castlecroft

By Freya K

On Monday 3rd March, the Castlecroft girl's football team travelled over to Lanesfield Primary School to play a match against them. Me and Harlee were strikers which worked out quite well as we worked together to get closer to the goal. Some of the other girls were defenders and they played brilliantly, blocking the goal every time Lanesfield tried to score. Aurora scored our first goal, we all moved up the pitch, passing to everyone and she scored! We played the first half for 15 minutes and then the half time whistle blew. We were all so tired and had a few tumbles during the first half, but we pushed through it and got back out there.

In the second half, we played really well, even though I got kicked, we all carried on which is what it's all about. Harlee scored our second goal. We were all so happy, giving her high fives and then continued to play. Although we got a few kicks and bruises, it was a truly memorable match. We won which made it even better. I was the captain, so at the end of the match I had to shout, 'Three cheers for Lanesfield' which was fun. The two goals, the falls, the tackling, the defending and the teamwork made this game awesome. Mr Morgan cheered us on from the side and pushed us to play our best.



Library Visit

By Albie

Year 2 walked to Finchfield Library. I really enjoyed the walk to the library as I like exercising. The sun was shining and being with my friends was fun.

When we got the library, a lady called Elisabeth read 'A Squash and a Squeeze' to us and some poems that she had written herself. One was about a flamingo that had actually escaped from Dudley Zoo and went to the shops. Elisabeth then told us all about the library and what the different letters meant on the side of the books. We all chose a book that we wanted to borrow. A lot of us had new library cards so we could issue our books on the self-scanning machine. Using the machine to scan our books was really good.



World Book Day

By Oliver B

I came to school dressed as Harry Potter on World Book Day. It was a lot of fun coming to school dressed as a book character, as I had never done that before. It has been my favourite film for 4 years. Seeing all my friends and the teachers dressed up was really good.





Mad Hatter's Tea Party

By Sophia



Smestow School invited Year 4 and 5 to join them for a 'Mad Hatter's Tea Party' on Friday 7th March. When we got to Smestow, we were all very excited as we didn't know what we were going to do. First, we did a dance with a teacher called Miss Field. We obviously danced to an Alice in Wonderland song which was really funny. We then did some drama which was to do with the Mad Hatter's Tea Party.

After all the activities, we went to see the swimming pool and then we went into the library. In the library, we wrote a nonsense poem, which was completely nonsense. Before going back to Castlecroft, we were given a bookmark and a bag of lots of Smestow stationery.

Djembe Drum Concert

By Jaden

Year 4 had been practising on the djembe drums with Mr Craner, since September 2024. Every week we got better at playing and listening to instructions.

On Wednesday 12th March, Year 3 and Year 4 put on a concert for the rest of the school and our parents. We were very nervous to perform in front of our adults. My Dad had come into school with our dhol drums and we performed first. My Dad is a lot better than me but I have only been playing the dhol drum for a year. It was really good to perform with my Dad; I hope he is proud of me. Then, I returned to my djembe drum and Year 4 played lots of different songs, some with funny actions. Year 4 sounded really good playing all together.

After all our nerves had disappeared, playing to the children and adults was a lot of fun and we wanted the concert to last a lot longer.



French Café

By Bella-Rose

We had a French Café at school today. We drew our pictures in a passport and wrote our names in it. When we went into the hall, we had to go through passport control and have our passports stamped so we could get our food. There was a lot of French food at the café. There was bread, jam, lots of cheeses and paté. I ate all my food which was really tasty and I had a juice. I can say 'Bonjour' which is 'Hello' in French. I really enjoyed going to the French Café because it was nice eating different foods. It was so calm and I loved the French music playing.



Our Balance Bikes

By Mrs Timmins and Nancy

By Mrs Timmins

Mr Morgan and myself were lucky enough to attend a 'Get Cycling in Schools' training course, run by the Bikeability Trust, which is a government funded initiative. As a result of the course, we have been given 6 free balance bikes and helmets to use in school. We are looking forward to implementing the 'get cycling programme' in class lessons and through an after school club in the summer term.

By Nancy

The balance bikes are really good fun to ride. Mrs Timmins had stickers that we could put on the helmets, as the bikes already had stickers. The bikes are all purple which is my favourite colour. The helmets are blue. I can ride a normal bike which has pedals but a balance bike doesn't have any pedals, so it is easier to ride. We played lots of fun games!

I really like riding the balance bikes in the playground with my friends.



Cross Country Report

By Erin M

On the 13th March, the cross country team went to Smestow to take part in a race. When we got there, the air was full of tension. It was the first time we had ever raced at Smestow. It wasn't a relay like we had done at the cricket club, it was a race where all the girls ran together and so did the boys. The girls ran first. We all lined up, the whistle went and we were off. It was a hard race but we all finished. Auroa finished 1st for the girls and Ryan finished 1st for the boys.

**It was an amazing experience.
I would definitely recommend it.**



Football Report **Nishkam v Castlecroft** **By Roxy and Aurora**

On Tuesday 18th March, we played Nishkam at their school. They were a really good team but we won 2-0 with Erin H as our captain. She played great as our captain. Freya K and Aurora scored our goals and Aurora secured the 3 points.

We enjoyed this match very much because we won!



Cross Country City Finals Report **By Erica and Harlee**



In the Cross Country City Final it was a hard track to run around but we all tried our best. The girls ran together and then the boys ran together. It was a solo run. It was Harlee's first time running. Erica came first out of the Castlecroft girls and Harlee came second on the team. Overall, the boys won and the girls didn't place but they were pleased with how

hard they tried. The boys were the City Champions with many boys winning a medal. Ryan won overall.



Well done to everyone involved!

Gym Competition **By Orla, Lyla and Phoebe**

On Thursday 20th March, a group of children from Year 3 and 4 went to a gymnastics competition, where roughly 7 schools participated. When the competition started, all of Year 3 got into position to do their floor routine. After about 1 hour, the Year 3 children had finished their routines. We had to wait roughly an hour to do our floor routine. We were nervous and excited at the same time. It was another 3 hours before we did our vault routine, with mixed emotions. Once Year 4 had finished their vault, Year 3 waited another 3 minutes to complete their routine. Everyone did very well and tried so hard.

Medals awarded to Castlecroft

Phoebe-Bronze medal for Stage 2 Floor.

Lyla-Gold for Stage 2 Vault.

Orla-Silver for Stage 2 Floor.

Wynter-Bronze for Stage 1 Floor.

Isabella P.S.-Silver for Stage 1 Vault.



We finished with 5 medals. Even if we weren't awarded a medal we were very happy with all our performances, as we had all done our best.

Comic Relief Day **By Lilly-Rae**

On Comic Relief Day, we came into school dressed in something red and paid £1 to give to the Comic Relief charity.

Our class designed our very own red nose, which was a lot of fun and we did a word search.

In the afternoon, there was a talent show in the hall. Two people from each class told jokes, which was really funny. People also danced and played instruments. The talent show was good to watch.

Raising money for Comic Relief is very rewarding as well as being fun. It feels good to be able to give money to people who really need it.



Football Report **Castlecroft v The Royal** **By Erin H and Freya K**



On Monday 24th March, our girl's football team played The Royal School at home on the playing field. Roxy and Georgia were our captains. Year 6 girls spent more time on the pitch because it would be our last match. We started the match at around 4 o'clock and scored our first goal in 20 seconds. When Aurora had scored our first goal, we all ran off, celebrating and we knew we were going to do great. The next goal was scored by Freya K, just a few minutes after Aurora's. Sadly, the next goal was a home goal to The Royal School. There were no more goals in the first half.

Once we were back on the pitch for the second half, we all played a lot better as a team. Our next goal was scored by Aurora again; we were so excited because we were winning 3-1 at this point in the match. Next, we had another shot on goal (by Freya K again) but sadly it just missed. When we had some goals that didn't quite make it, we were disappointed but we pushed on. The final scored was 5-1 to Castlecroft. We were all so happy and I personally think that we worked really hard. We worked great as a team and it was a truly incredible game for us.

Tennis Day **By Layla**

On Tuesday 25th March, a tennis coach called Tim came into our school to teach years 2 to 6 how to play tennis. Our class played after Year 5. First, we made a circle around Tim, he gave us all a ball which we bounced and tried to catch in our pairs. Then, we got given our tennis rackets. To warm up, we hit the balls up in the air with the rackets and then switched hands. At the end of the session, Tim told us all about his tennis camp and gave us a leaflet. It was very exciting to play tennis and we all had so much fun. It was the BEST day ever!

Mother's Day Assembly **By Nieve W**

We had been practising some Mum songs for our special Mother's Day Assembly. We practised until we were really good. We also painted a lovely picture of our Mums.

On Wednesday 26th March, we went into the hall and sat on the benches while our Mums and Nannies came in and sat down to watch our assembly. My Mummy and Nannie came to see me and my sister, Lilian. We are the only twins in Reception.

We sang our Mum songs, which made our Mums smile. Then, we gave our Mums our paintings. My Mummy said mine and Lillian's were 'amazing'. Then we gave our Mums a bunch of flowers. My Mummy was really lucky as she got two bunches of flowers. My Mummy had happy tears when we gave them to her.

We then sat down at pretty tables to have a drink and a cake. I have special cakes because I have allergies. I also had some biscuits. They were yummy!

I was so excited to see my Mummy in school. My Mummy is so special to me because she lets me have biscuits every night and I love helping her do the Hoovering. I love my Mummy so much.



Neurodiversity Outreach Workshop

By Zarin

We had a workshop about how people are different and how their mental health changes their moods and reactions. We learnt about ADHD, Autism, Dyslexia and Dyspraxia and how they affect people. Some children in our class have siblings with some of these health conditions. We had to build a tower, with building bricks, with a partner using only one finger each. It was to show us how to solve problems in different ways. We also watched a video on how people reacted to someone with a condition that is hard to control and how to manage your 'Stress Bucket'. We wore goggles which impaired our vision to be able to experience how other people may have to view their surroundings. It is very important to look after your mental health and be aware of your situation and calm yourself down. We learnt a lot about other people's feelings and how to react in different situations.

Football Report

Castlecroft v Castlecroft

By Ishani and Rosleen



We were so excited as it was our last football match of the season, against our own school! We were waiting in the hall until we had to go out on the field and start the match. There were two teams, yellow and blue team and a light blue team. We got on the field and so were the parents, ready to cheer us on. We were about 10 minutes into the game when Aurora had a shot at goal but it was saved by Kya! But wait, Harlee got possession of the ball and made a

successful goal for the light blue team.

After the goal, everyone's confidence was boosted and the yellows stepped up their game. There were more and more corners begin played and lots of blocking and defending. Everything seemed to be getting more intense after Harlee's goal.

Mr Morgan blew the whistle for half time and everyone gathered around for a pep talk. We planned to do something about the defenders. There had been barely any defenders by the goal so Ishani suggested that we move two defenders back and two defenders up so it would be equal. It was then time for the second half.

Defenders were out on the watch; midfielders were trying to get some decent tackles. Strikers were doing their absolute best to get some good goals. Time was running out with no goals for anyone yet in the second half.

At the final whistle, everyone was finally allowed to take a sigh of relief, with the light blues winning the game.

Three cheers for Castlecroft!



Year 4 Bikeability

By Lilly-Rae and Molly

Year 4 did our Bikeability course on the school playground. First, we got split into two different groups. We then checked our bikes and put on our helmets for safety. Next, we rode around the perimeter of the playground and started to test our skill levels. Then, we rode in a circle and when we got to the first cone, we looked over our shoulder. Then, at the second cone, we put our arm out, cycled to the next cone and put our hand back on the handlebar. Last, but not least, we rode round and round doing lots of different things. Then, we moved on to trickier skills which included going around the playground and cycling into the middle, which was in the shape of a roundabout. We then had to stop when we wanted to exit to let others pass. Finally, we rode safely around in a circle.

For all our hard work we were given our Level 1 Bikeability badges. We can't wait until we are in Year 6 and can safely cycle on the road.

Year 6 Bikeability

By Roxy B and Erin H

On 1st April, the first 8 children from Year 6 participated in Bikeability Level 2. Before we started the course, we did lots of tests to see if our bikes were ready to ride.

A is air, so we checked our tyres.

B is for brakes, so we pulled the brake to see if they stopped the tyres from moving.

C is for the chain, to see if it was rusty or not and will ride smoothly.

D is for drop test, to see if the wheels were screwed on right.

Once all the checks were finished, we got on our bikes and rode around the playground a few times and then we practiced signals for turning. We practised a few more things like riding slowly and stopping quickly in case a person steps out in front of you.

After break time, we put on our Hi-Vis jackets and went on to the road by Smestow School. We practiced 'pass me' and 'follow me' positions on the road. Next, we learnt how to do U-turns and how to ride safely at a junction. We practiced signaling on the road and then rode back to school for lunch.

When we went back out on the road, we went over what we had learnt with a few other things like riding on the main road. We went by a church and rode our bikes for 20 minutes. Then, we had a break and then rode back to where we started by Smestow School, had a chat with the Bikeability trainers and then returned to school.

Back in the playground, we did some races and played for a few minutes. Once we had finished all our training, we sat in the Sensory Garden and were given our certificates for completing our level 2!

Thanks to all the Bikeability trainers for such a great day.



Dunfield House Residential

By Grace and Yasmine

It was a beautiful day on Wednesday 2nd April. Year 4 woke up so excited because we were going to Dunfield House in Herefordshire. We got to school early as we didn't want to miss the coach.

We travelled to the West Midlands Safari Park first. It was so much fun, we had two and a half hours there which felt like a billion years. Eventually, we arrived at Dunfield. We went to our bedrooms and started to unpack and then we came downstairs for a safety talk by Mr Dyall. He also told us what we were going to be doing for our stay at Dunfield.

We went back to our rooms to finish off our packing and do some chatting.

We had a walk around the grounds and were told where we could and couldn't go.

We went inside to have a very tasty evening meal. After that, we put on some warmer clothes and went outside to collect fire wood so we could have a fire. We toasted marshmallows and put them between two biscuits when they were really gooey. We were still quite full from our evening meal but the smores were delicious. Before we went back to the house for

bedtime, we told jokes around the campfire. That was so funny.

We sort of slept well but we were all too excited for all of Thursday's activities. We had a choice of hot or cold breakfast. Then, we got dressed into our climbing clothes and put a jumper, sunscreen, a snack and some water in our bags for our walk to Stanner Rocks. We headed off on the long and hard walk. The GPS that Mr Dyall was using got confused but we didn't get lost. At the top, we didn't go close to the edge as it was a bit scary. The walk back to Dunfield House seemed a lot quicker. When we got back to Dunfield, Mr Dyall said that the walk up Stanner Rocks was just a warm up. But luckily he was only joking!

We washed our hands and eventually had our lunch. Then, we did watercolour painting, den building and swimming. The den building was great fun. After we had all done all the activities, we got into small groups and went on a scavenger hunt. We had to collect things that made up the word 'DUNFIELD'. U was the hardest letter to find.



Our group collected;

D-Daffodil

U-Ugly river rock

N-Nettle

F-Flower

I-Ivy

E-A strand of Emanuela's hair

L-Leaf

D-Dirt



We then chilled in our rooms after we had tidied up for a room inspection. After our evening meal, we went to the tuck shop to buy sweets and then did our diary writing.

We then went upstairs to change into our disco clothes for a party in the church hall. Mr Dyall sang us a bedtime song which was really embarrassing, as he can't sing very well!

We went to our rooms to get ready for bed and to start our packing. We had a good night's sleep, as we were so tired from all our activities.

On our final morning, we had all slept in until 7.30am, so we only had 30 minutes to get ourselves ready and finish packing. It was total chaos!

We had our breakfast and then took the sheets off our beds before putting our bags by the front door, ready to go on the coach. We were sad to be leaving Dunfield as we had had so much fun.

We got on the coach and travelled to Carding Mill Valley, which took about 2 hours. We climbed to the top of Carding Mill Valley, which wasn't too hard but hard enough. The views were spectacular at the top. It was a lot easier coming down. We sat by the coach to have our lunch and were awarded prizes for the activities we had won and our achievements during the visit.

Then, sadly, it was time to get back on the coach and head back to school. Our parents were waiting for us.