



KEEPING IN TOUCH



Message from Mr M...

We have had a great start to the new school year and can already see how settled the children are in their new classes. Having walked around school this morning with Mr Dixon, Chair of Governors, we were delighted to see the level of focus in every area and how the pupils are already responding to the standards we expect.

As you have hopefully seen this week, our expectations around school uniform have been highlighted. This includes the tying up of long hair with a bobble and the only jewellery to be worn is a watch and stud earrings.

With a number of new arrivals across school along with the new starters in Reception, I would like to share a big warm welcome to #teamLeCateau!

Staffing Update

Mrs Whitby (SENDSCO) has had major surgery during the holidays and is now on a long road to recovery. She is still in hospital but pleased with the success of her operation. It will take the Autumn Term to recover so I have asked Mrs Stephens and Miss Tait to become Interim SENDCOs until she returns.

Mrs Cafferty is also absent following surgery last week. She is expected to be absent until October half term. Miss Bell will be undertaking the role of Interim Deputy Head until she returns.

General Messages

The start of a new school year is always a busy one as people establish the new routines. With a slight alteration to some of the entrance and exit points, it will take a few days for people to get into the swing of things. Your patience with this is much appreciated!

Staff Welcome

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Seymour to school. She has joined the office team on a temporary basis and will be working at the front office each morning.

Miss Shippen has joined us as a teacher working in Year 4 and Year 6 every Friday. She is an experienced teacher who already knows our school having worked alongside us over the last few years.

We also welcome Mrs Heather to our Year 5 team. She is a trainee teacher with Red Kite.



School Calendar

We are finalising the important dates for the 25/26 Academic Year and will be adding these to the school calendar on our website for easy access.

The weekly KIT will also provide you with regular updates so please use this to keep you informed.

School Uniform

School Shop is our dedicated uniform store and is available [here](#).

We do hold a small amount of uniform in stock and this is available from the school office.

If you have any question in relation to uniform, our designated uniform email is uniform@le-cateau.n-yorks.sch.uk





The Year Ahead

We have scheduled 4 'non-uniform days' for the 25/26 Academic Year. These are days where pupils can attend in non-uniform/themed costumes and partake in activities.

We know people like to be prepared in advance hence we are sharing these with you now.

Wednesday 17th December 2025

Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch

Thursday 5th March 2026

World Book Day - Dress as a Book Character

Friday 24th April 2026

Purple Day - Month of the Military Child

Friday 22nd May 2026

SHINE - Non-uniform/party clothes to celebrate the annual talent show.

Seesaw

Hopefully you are up and running with your Seesaw account and have already accessed it. This is our dedicated communication app that supports interactions between parents, pupils and staff members. You should now be able to access all the relevant information about your child's class however, if you require a new access code, please contact the school office or speak to your child's teacher.

Year 6 Open Events Secondary School

Secondary School Applications for 26/27 must be made by 31st October 2025.

Applications are made via the North Yorkshire Admissions Team;
<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-admissions/starting-secondary-school>

Open Evenings

Risedale School -
Thursday 25th September - 6pm

Richmond School -
Thursday 2nd October - 5pm

St Francis Xavier, Richmond -
Thursday 9th October

Wensleydale School -
Wednesday 24th September - 6pm

Bedale High School -
Wednesday 24th September - 5pm



Volunteers & Jobs

Relief Midday Supervisors and Play Assistants required to work during lunchtimes.

To find out more, please email; admin@le-cateau.n-yorks.sch.uk

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

We are also seeking a number of volunteers to join us in school on a regular basis. We would really like to increase the number of volunteer readers that we have in school and are also interested in adding volunteers with a particular interest eg artist, gardener. Again, please email to find out more.



School Meals

The latest menu for the Autumn Term has been shared with all parents via Arbor. Please check your emails so you know what is on offer.

A reminder that children in FS2, Year 1 and Year 2 are eligible for Universal free school meals.

For children in Key Stage 2, meals are priced at £2.95.

Parent Information Sessions: Phonics

We are hosting an Information Sharing Session for parents to find out all about our Phonics scheme and the vital role you play in supporting your child develop their reading knowledge.

FS2 Parents

Wednesday 10th September
3:30pm
FS2 Classroom
Creche Available

A refresher session for parents in Year 1 will also be provided although this will be an on-line video that will be shared on Seesaw. A drop-in session will be available after this if parents would like to find out more.

School Policy: Jewellery in PE

The school policy aligns with the guidance from the Association for Physical Education (AfPE).

The National Guidance has always been that NO jewellery should be worn in PE (including swimming). This is the school stance. Please ensure your child can remove stud earrings for any sporting activity in school!

Plasters or tape are NOT allowed to be applied as an alternative.



Extra-Curricular Clubs

We have planned a number of extra-curricular clubs that will run during the Autumn term for an 8 week period.

Details will be shared on Monday 8th September along with an e-form to sign up for any clubs you are interested in.

Allocations will be made by the end of next week and notifications will be sent indicating which club/s your child has secured a place in.



Year 6 Residential Marrick Priory

We will be updating the Arbor payment system in the next few days allowing parents to make further payments for the forthcoming Year 6 Residential to Marrick Priory. For information on how to make payments, please contact the school office.

An information evening will be held ahead of the residential - keep an eye out for the date and time.



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North Yorkshire

Family Food

Helping North Yorkshire families to access healthy food

www.healthyschoolsnorthyorks.org

Worried about the cost of food?

We can help you find the right support, if you're struggling with the cost of food and worried about feeding your family healthy meals.

You'll find information at www.northyorks.gov.uk/costofliving in the children and families section.

Our cost of living web page also has information about emergency financial support, managing debt, benefit entitlement, energy bills and staying connected.



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Foodbanks

Enter your postcode to find your local Trussell Trust food bank, including their contact details, website and opening times.

<https://www.trusselltrust.org/get-help/find-a-foodbank>

If you need emergency food, you'll find contact details and information on the food bank's website.

If you're looking to donate food, you can find a list of items and how to donate on the food bank's website.

Please note: This only includes Trussell Trust food banks but other food banks and sources of emergency food may be available in your local area.



Free School Meals

You could **save up to £450** a year with free school meals for your child. As well as saving you money, free school meals can also save you time and provide peace of mind that your child is enjoying a healthy, fresh, and nutritious meal at lunchtime.

Free school meals are available to all Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils through the Universal Infant Free School Meal Scheme.

If you receive certain benefits, your child could also get free school meals during all school years.

To find out more and apply online, go to <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/education-and-learning/free-school-meals>



Healthy Schools
North Yorkshire



Healthy Start

With the NHS Healthy Start scheme, you could be entitled to weekly support towards:

- Vegetables
- Fruit
- Milk
- Infant formula milk
- Pulses
- Healthy Start vitamins

Could you be eligible? If you or your partner receive benefits and are currently expecting, or have a child under 4, you may be entitled to a weekly allowance of £4.25 to help buy healthy foods and milk.

Find out and apply online today: www.healthystart.nhs.uk



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Year Group Pages

Commencing next week, each year group will have a dedicated section in the weekly KIT.

Each year group will share information about what they are learning each week and what the highlights have been.

They will also share key updates on what the children need to have with them, when PE days are and any other useful information that parents need to know. Please take the time to read these updates so you know what is going on. We do get questions from time to time and always refer people back to the KIT!

FRIENDS OF LE CATEAU WELCOME MEETING & AGM

Tuesday 9th September
at 5:30pm in school hall
Creche available.

The perfect way to meet other parents, see what Friends of Le Cateau have planned for the year and to have your say on future events.

Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided.



Secretary Required!

Contact a.grant@le-cateau.n-yorks.sch.uk

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