

KEEPING IN TOUCH



Message from Mr M

Welcome Back

I am pleased to welcome Mrs Cafferty back to school this week following an operation in the summer. Over the next couple of weeks, she will be present around school even more and will be touching base with many of our families.

Late Arrivals

The school day starts at 8:45am with doors opening at 8:40am and pupils are expected to be in class prior to this ready to start their learning.



We have seen a spike in the number of late arrivals over the last couple of weeks and will be making contact with 'repeat offenders' to form a plan of action.

Getting your child in on time means they are accessing all of the learning opportunities and getting their day off to a great start!

Financial Contributions

Thank you to the numerous families making voluntary contributions towards the educational visits and events that we have planned. These contributions mean events can go ahead!



Items of Clothing

We are constantly trying to reconnect missing clothing with the rightful owners and have seen a big spike this week in the number of items just been left around the school.

Please help by;

-Making sure your child's items of clothing have names on them

-Speak to your child about taking care of their property and knowing where they are leaving things



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

St Francis Xavier, Richmond -
Thursday 9th October

Giggleswick School -
Saturday 11 October, 9.30am to 12.00

Volunteers

We were delighted to hear from many of you last Friday regarding the support you can offer to school.

We now have a number of people who are underway with becoming volunteer readers in school and this will really help support all of our children.

It was also positive to hear a number of people wanting to help with Friends of Le Cateau. This is a vital group of volunteers who raise additional funds to support the children. More details around meetings etc will be shared in the coming weeks.



PARENT MEETINGS



- 14/15/16th October 2025
- Appointment times: 3:30pm - 6:30pm
- Face to face meetings take place in your child's classroom

We are pleased to host face to face Parent Consultation meetings with your child's class teacher.

Book your appointment via the ARBOR app.

NEED ASSISTANCE WITH BOOKING?

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Equally Different



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

'DIY SOS' style

We have the paint and materials ready but need helpers to paint two of our learning areas during the October half term.

Are you good with a paintbrush?
A dab hand at 'sanding down' and 'taping up'?

Following a volunteer programme during the summer holidays, we now have 2 more areas that we intend to refresh by re-painting them.

We are inviting anyone who enjoys decorating or is handy with a brush to join us in school on

Thursday 30th October

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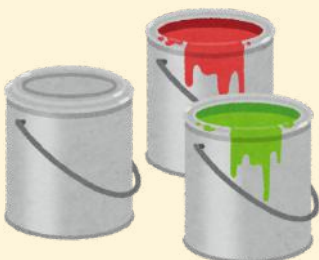
Friday 31st October

from 8:30am onwards

We will provide the refreshments to keep you going.

If you can help, please speak to the office or email;

admin@le-cateau.n-yorks.sch.uk



Awards Assembly



Well done to everyone for their
hard work!

YEAR 5 EDUCATIONAL VISIT TO THE RANGES FOR THE WW1 DEMONSTRATION AND REENACTMENT.





**PLEASE REMEMBER WE ARE
A NUT FREE SCHOOL.**



***Nuts, peanuts or any other
products containing nuts or
peanuts are NOT allowed.***

H A L L O W E E N

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Thursday 23rd October

Tickets include unlimited juice £4

FS1 & FS2

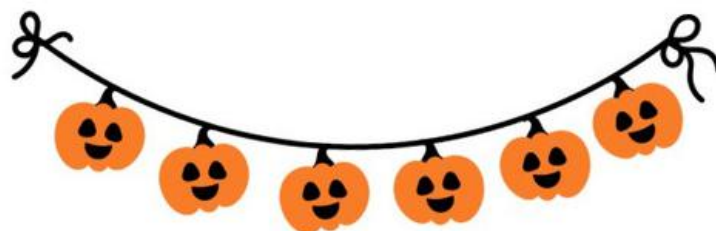
4-5pm

Y1/2/3

5:15-6:15pm

Y4/5/6

6:30-7:30pm



**Tickets will be on sale at the FOLC
hub from Monday 6th October.**

Dates and times TBC.

Cash only!





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TUESDAY 28TH OCTOBER

2025

1600 - 1930

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October Timetable

All sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long

£24 each or FREE with School Membership

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Recordings available for 48 hours (excluding Free Talk)

Understanding The Teenage Brain	6 Oct 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	6 Oct 7pm
Supporting A Child With ADHD	13 Oct 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	13 Oct 7pm
Autism Improving Communication	14 Oct 10am
Improving Family Communication	14 Oct 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	20 Oct 10am
Facing Defiance	20 Oct 7pm
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	21 Oct 10am
Understanding Anger	21 Oct 7pm
FREE - Raising Self-Esteem	23 Oct 7-8pm
Anxiety Explained	27 Oct 10am
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	27 Oct 7pm
What Is ACT?	28 Oct 10am
Introduction To OCD	28 Oct 7pm



Let's Talk - Secondary School Transitions



Thursday 16th October
10.00 - 11.30am

To sign up, please use the following link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1729978495249?aff=oddtcreator>

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SCHOLARSHIPS

We are proud to offer Academic Scholarships to students who demonstrate exceptional academic achievement in their GCSE examinations. Additionally, we provide Sports Scholarships and Rugby Scholarships. The development of our Rugby Scholars is facilitated through our collaboration with Ealing Trailfinders.

OUTSTANDING OPPORTUNITIES

Beyond the classroom, students explore their passions through an extensive co-curricular programme featuring over 60 weekly clubs, regular productions, and a high-performing sports programme—all at no additional cost. Every Year 7 student benefits from free individual music lessons and as a Duke of Edinburgh's Award Accredited Centre, we proudly offer opportunities to achieve Bronze, Silver, and Gold Awards, encouraging personal development and resilience.



*More Information &
Book an Open Morning*





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Take a wintry walk through the Arboretum towards the cosy cabin nestled deep in the woods where the elves will be waiting to welcome you into an enchanting winter wonderland.

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If you've been good, there's a little gift waiting for you!

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FS1 Bears



We have had a lovely week following the children's interests. We have enjoyed playing games with the parachutes, making obstacle courses and painting with our hands and our feet.

On Thursday 16th October, we will be hosting a Bedtime Stories event after school. Please drop your child at the breakfast club door for stories, hot chocolate and biscuits. For more information and timings, please see the poster shared on Seesaw.



Forest schools: Tuesday AM & Thursday PM



Caterpillar Room



What a lovely week we have had following our movement topic and leading from the children's interests. We have created a new mark making station which has been enjoyed by all and have enjoyed a wonderful forest school session, working on our gross motor skills with lots of tree climbing and big movements.

Next week on Thursday 16th October, we will be hosting a Bedtime Stories event after school. Please drop your child at the usual drop off door for stories, hot chocolate and biscuits. For more information and timings, please see the poster shared on Seesaw.

With the weather being so unpredictable please ensure your child has a coat with them every day as we like to be out in all weathers.

FS2 Mice & Hippos



We have had a wonderful week reading our book 'The Leaf Thief' Who was the leaf thief? Ask your children to tell you all about it!

We have been discussing the seasons and what happens in the autumn.

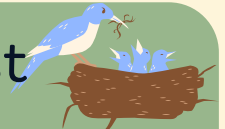
In maths we have been busy learning all about the number 5. The children have been finding the correct number of artefacts that make 5 using 1:1 correspondence to make sure they select the correct amount.

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We have been mixing colours to make the colours of autumn and printing leaves. We have been taking part in a science experiment to see what happens to the coloured cloth when dropped in a saucer of milk.

Remember to book your parent consultations for next week!

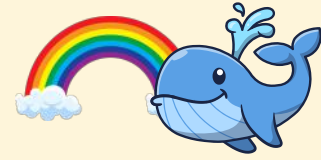
News from the Nest



Next week we are continuing to look at the story "Leaf Thief".

We will be exploring Autumn colours, working on our cutting skills by adding spikes to hedgehogs and looking at the changes in seasons.





This week in Year 2

The week in Year 1

Next week we will be basing our learning on the book Emma Jane's aeroplane.

This is a fantastic book to link our English lessons to the geography curriculum. The children will be predicting the story. Then sequencing the story and planning their own version around famous landmarks in the 6 continents.

In maths, we will be looking at numbers to 20. The children will have fun making numbers, exploring value and forming written numbers. In geography the children will be looking at famous landmarks and linking them to the 6 continents. History will involve the children comparing boats through the years.

Don't forget

Outdoor PE: Monday afternoon.

Indoor PE: Tuesday afternoon.

As a whole school target, all year groups are working on enhancing reading. The children will come home each day with their reading book. They must bring this back to school daily as they will have reading opportunities throughout the day.



Special Shout Outs for Y1

1E- Saira, Billy, Kai

1C- Layla, Swornima, Axel

IH- Athena, Rory, Sophia,
Charlotte

Well done Year 2 Yet another amazing week. We are absolutely smashing it in Year 2. This week in English we have been writing poems about Harvest, which we hope to perform in our upcoming Harvest Festival Celebration (more on that later).

In Maths, we have moved on to adding two digit numbers, which everyone is doing very well with.

We have also been working hard on our Harvest Festival Assembly, which will be held at 2:15pm Friday 24th October (location to be confirmed). We would like to invite parents/guardians of our Year 2 children to come and watch our performance which should last about 20 minutes. There is no requirement to book in advance, simply come to the 'Breakfast club' entrance to school and you will be met there.

On the same week, Thursday 23rd October, we would very much like to take Year 2 on an Educational visit to Richmond Castle. This links in with our topic of Castles and knights for this term. We would leave at 9.30am and be back for 2.45pm.

There are still a number of payments yet to be received, before we can commit to this trip. Also, please make sure you have booked in for a Teacher consultation slot, these meetings are an ideal opportunity to chat about your child's progress and how they are settling in to Year 2.

Shout out this week goes to:

Lottie B in 2R for amazing work in her Maths this week.

Oliver B in 2W also for his hard work and effort in Maths

Thank you for your continued support



Year 3 Heart & Aces & Incredible Llamas



This week we have been adding with renaming in maths and writing setting descriptions about the stone age in English, we have had a successful computing lesson and even learned about the Jewish festival Yom Kippur!

Next week we will continue with addition and will be basing our written work on the story stone age boy, we are looking forward to our forest school session on Tuesday (please come to school in your forest school clothing - something warm that you don't mind getting mucky! With suitable footwear / wellies.

Shout outs:

Lincoln, Ivy, Thea, Esme and Tobi. Daisy and Melissa for working hard in maths.

Well done!

Reminders:

Forest school Tuesday 14th November
Indoor PE - Monday
Outdoor PE - Wednesday



Year 4 Butterflies & Tigers

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This week, we have completed our diaries in role as David. Doing this writing has really helped us understand what it was like to be a child evacuee. In maths, we have consolidated our learning about place value with 4-digit numbers. Next week, we will move onto comparing and ordering numbers.

We will also be continue to learn the 6 times tables. In history, we discovered what The Blitz was then created a wonderful piece of art work to represent the scenes during the Blitz.

In science, we completed our work on making circuits using electrical equipment then discussed why a circuit needs to be closed. In Geography, we have been locating countries in Europe and trying to describe their location in comparison to the UK. In French, we completed the last of the phoneme sounds that we need to learn. Next week, we will use those phonemes to read words in French and aim to get pronunciation correct!



Congratulations...



Butterfly of the Week: Naomi for excellent effort in all areas of the curriculum.

Tiger of the Week: Lillie for putting lots of effort into her work this week!

Don't Forget

Indoor PE: Tuesday morning.
Outdoor PE: Friday morning.

Monday 20th October: visit to Beamish (all day)



Year 5 Hummingbirds & Stars



We enjoyed our first educational visit of the year! The children loved the WW1 reenactment and are going to put all of their fantastic facts and experiences into their writing for the next couple of weeks.

Science we have looked at reversible and irreversible changes – look out for an activity on SeeSaw!

Upcoming Events:

Keep a look out for parent's evening booking – the sessions will take place over the 14th, 15th and 16th of October.

Xmas fair 28th November – if you, or anyone you know, would like a stall please contact FOLC.

Reminder of our expectation of reading; please sign your child's reading record. The expectation is to read at least twice weekly, and we still have children with 0 reads since beginning year 5. Alongside this, please support your child with their Zappers and spellings.

Shouts out this week go to:

5S – Beth for beautifully presented Science work and Aria S for effort in her handwriting.

5H – Harrison for effort in all areas. Deon for his perseverance.



Year 6 Hawks & Heroes



As part of our English, we are reading *The Explorer* by Katherine Rundell, which about four children who crash into the Amazon Rain Forest. They must survive on eating a range of strange things; including bugs! We would like the children to taste some dried locusts, crickets and meal worms. Unfortunately, they do contain gluten, therefore we will have some berries for children with gluten intolerances/Coeliac. Should you NOT want your child to try these foods, please advise your class teacher before Tuesday 15th October.

Shout out:

6RH

Charlie - Being the first to achieve 20 dojos!
Isabella - Always being ready to learn.

6JH

Auden - being the first to achieve 20 dojos!
Rosa - always producing high quality work
Blayk - some great Maths work



PE days:

Wednesday AM - Indoor

Friday PM- Outdoor

You can come to school in your correct PE KIT all day.

Upcoming events:

Marrick Priory residential
information meeting

22nd October 3:30 – 4pm in the hall,
please enter via breakfast club door.