



# KEEPING IN TOUCH



## Message from Mr M

### Christmas Fair

A big thank you to the FOLC for organising last week's Fair. It was lovely to see so many of you joining us after school and picking up some Christmas treats.



The Fair managed to raise **£950** for our Friends of Le Cateau fund.



### Christmas Parties

- FS1 - Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> pm
- FS2 - disco on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> Staff will provide party snacks and the children should wear their own clothes.
- Year 1 - Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>
- Year 2 - Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> pm
- Year 3 - Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>
- Year 4 - Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> am
- Year 5 - Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> am
- Year 6 - Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> pm

### Parking Plea

A number of our local residents have been in touch with concerns around parking on Teessdale Road.



Please can you make sure you use the designated parking areas and consider the impact on our residents.



### Christmas Jumper Day Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Get your CHRISTMAS JUMPER ready and join in the festive cheer. Children can ditch their school jumper/cardigan and wear a CHRISTMAS JUMPER for the day.



### Keeping children safe online

From understanding apps to setting parental controls, we've got information and resources to help you understand online safety and talk about it with children and young people.

With Christmas fast approaching, there is a likelihood that pupils will be getting new devices and accessing more things on-line. The NSPCC have some excellent resources for parents and family members that support on-line safety. Take a look; [www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety)

### Parent Governor Vacancy

Following on from the Parent Governor recruitment process, we have now reached the deadline for nominations.

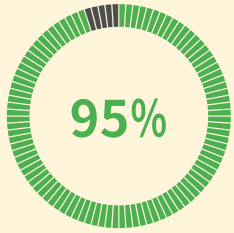
With two vacancies on the Board of Governors for parents, I am pleased to say that we have received two applications and will be processing these over the next week.

We do still have vacant positions for co-opted governors if you are still interested.



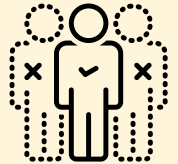


# ATTENDANCE MATTERS



We are delighted that our overall School Attendance is **ABOVE** the National rate

**45** pupils are classed as **PERSISTENTLY ABSENT** meaning they have been absent for more than 10% of the time in school!



**157** pupils have **100%** attendance so far this academic year! Well done.

**41** pupils have been **LATE** on more than **5 occasions** since September! This is having a huge impact on the individuals learning.



## Lateness - Lost Learning

Minutes lost each day	5 minutes	10 minutes	15 minutes	20 minutes	25 minutes
School days lost per year	3 days	6.5 days	10 days	13 days	19 days

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# FS2 & KS1 STAR ASSEMBLY



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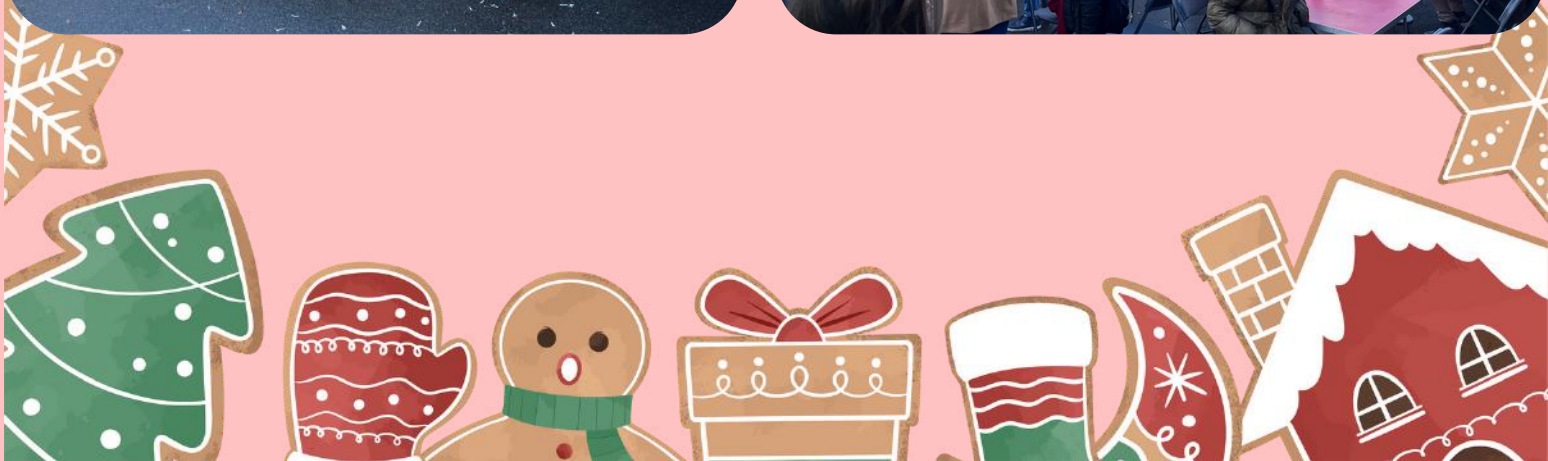
# INTERSCHOOL HOCKEY EVENT



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# Le Cateau Christmas Fair



# Friends of Le Cateau **NEED YOUR HELP**



We need a group of parents, grandparents, aunties, uncles or even older siblings who can help at our future events such as discos, movie nights and fairs.

If you are able to spare just a couple of hours for these events can you please contact [a.grant@le-cateau.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:a.grant@le-cateau.n-yorks.sch.uk)



# Big Red Advent Challenge

25 Days, 25 Challenges, One Foundation

From **1st to 25th December 2025**, Liana is completing a surprise task or challenge **each day** to raise awareness and funds for the **Ruth Strauss Foundation**.

*“Stepping out of my comfort zone for this challenge is nothing compared to the daily reality faced by families and individuals living with cancer.”*





# Merry Christmas!



## December Timetable

All sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long

**£24 each or FREE with School Membership**

Book online at [facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

Recordings available for 48 hours (excluding Free Talk)

Decreasing Depression	1 DEC 10am
Raising Self Esteem	1 DEC 7pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	2 DEC 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	2 DEC 7pm
Autism - Improving Communication	8 DEC 10am
Improving Family Communication	8 DEC 7pm
Supporting A Child with ADHD	9 DEC 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	9 DEC 7pm
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	15 DEC 10am
Understanding Anger	15 DEC 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	16 DEC 10am
Facing Defiance	16 DEC 7pm

## FS1 Bears



We have had a very Christmassy week this week! We have been practising for our Nativity, making Christmas crafts and decorating our costumes. Thank you to all the parents that came in to help with this on Tuesday.

Next week will be a busy week with the Nativity performances. There will be refreshments available before and after each performance. Each item will be priced at 50p. Please bring change where possible.

Due to this we will be doing forest schools on Tuesday morning and Tuesday afternoon next week. Please ensure children have wellies and waterproofs.



## Caterpillar Room



What a wonderful week we have had this week. We have had lots of fun rehearsing for our Nativity with the rest of EYFS and we cannot wait for you to come see us perform next week. Thank you so much for your support in providing costumes.

Please keep a look out on seesaw for information regarding our Christmas party.

Nativity dates:

- Wed 10<sup>th</sup> 2:00pm - **Fulltime children only**
- Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> 2:00pm - **Fulltime children only**
- Fri 12<sup>th</sup> 9:30am - **All children**

Wed 17<sup>th</sup> - Christmas dinner and jumper day

## FS2 Mice & Hippos



This week, the children in FS2 have been super busy rehearsing for our Nativity next week. They have all been excited about the Christmas Elves and we have shared stories about their antics at home!

Next week, we will of course, be performing our Nativity across 4 days. In between shows, the children will be involved in a range of Christmas activities.



At each performance, refreshments will be available. There will be tea, coffee, hot chocolate and cake. Each item will cost 50p - please bring change where possible. These refreshments will only be served before and after each show and we ask for no movement whilst the children are performing. They are still very young and as such, are easily distracted.

## News from the Nest



Next week we are looking at "Wanted Reindeer" We will be making wanted posters, reindeer food following instructions, messy math and more Christmas art





## The week in Year 1

This week the children have been continuing their English focusing on the Wright brothers. They have been writing detailed reports on their first successful human flight and discussing the determination and perseverance they had. In maths the children have been completing the unit on addition and subtraction. The children then started the unit on shape, space and measure by identifying 2D and 3D shapes.

The children are starting a new creative project on the no sew snowman. This will be continuing into next week when they will be able to show off this amazing masterpieces.

*Don't forget*



**The importance of reading** - Please ensure your child brings their reading book into school daily. These are needed for all phonics lesson and a great opportunity for your child to share their reading experiences at home, with their teacher. **PE days** are still Monday outdoor - we will be out at every opportunity, therefore the children need to bring suitable outdoor PE clothing. Tuesday indoor PE clothing. If your child wears earrings, please can we ask that these are removed before school on PE days please, thank you.

### Special shout outs for Year 1:

**IE - Prensú and Elliot**

**IH - Jack, Alisha and Umika**

**IC - Evie, Swornima, Imogen, Jack, Theo**

## This week in Year 2

This week the children have started writing their own ending to 'the dragon machine'. They have thoroughly enjoyed the planning process and being able to let their imagination run free!

We have also started our new maths chapter working on multiplication of the 2, 5 and 10 x tables. The children will come home on Friday with maths homework based on this.

In gymnastics, the children have been trying so hard and we can confidently say all children have significantly improved their performance on the vault! A huge achievement!

We have also been looking at the surrounding seas of the UK in geography.

Next week we will be looking at different sentence types within our writing (exclamations, commands, statements and questions). We will be talking about Christmas and what it means to us. Following this discussion, we will be using our sentence types to describe a photograph of a Christmas scene. We will be continuing to work on our 2, 5 and 10 multiplication tables and in addition to this, focusing on division facts.

On Monday we have been invited to watch the Christmas nativity play performed by EYFS, which we are very much looking forward to.

**Shout out this week goes to:**

**2W - Thomas N for his outstanding effort with reading.**

**2R - Lacey Johnson for her fabulous writing!**

Our PE days are:

Wednesday - indoor PE kit

Friday - outdoor PE kit

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## Year 3 Heart & Aces & Incredible Llamas



Fantastic work in Year 3 this week! We are learning our 3 times table and building up our sentence work.

We continue with magnets in science and are learning the names of animals in French!

As we head to the last few weeks of term there are a few dates to note.

We will continue PE days as usual next week but not in the last week of term.

In the last week it is bring a board game on Monday, Christmas party on Tuesday - come in your own clothes and bring party food if you can (savoury for boys/ sweet for girls - no nuts!)

Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day on Wednesday.

Christmas crafts on Thursday.  
We look forward to lots of fun!

*Shout outs!*

*Shout outs to everyone who has been learning their spellings.*

**Reminders:**

*Christmas Dinner - 17th Dec  
Christmas Party - 16th Dec*

*Indoor PE - Monday  
Outdoor PE - Wednesday*



## Year 4 Butterflies & Tigers

This week, we have completed our information texts about our dragons. They are very descriptive and detailed. We certainly are dragon experts now. In maths, we have completed our work with adding and subtracting using a column method so next week we will focus on solving problems involving addition and subtraction before we delve into multiplication and division methods for calculation. In history, we enjoyed learning about the significant changes to life in Britain following WW2 and the 1940s. The children particularly liked listening to classic rock n roll music from the 50s! In science, we completed an investigation to test how different materials could change state. The children were very mature and sensible when using science equipment to measure weight and temperature. In music pupils practised singing to prepare for the whole school coming together to sing Christmas songs in a few weeks time.



*Well done!*



**Congratulations...**

**Butterfly of the Week: Naomi for fantastic effort with her writing!**

**Tiger of the week: Cooper for putting so much effort into all of his work this week.**

**Don't Forget**

**Indoor PE: Tuesday morning.**

**Outdoor PE: Friday morning.**

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December:** Year 4 Christmas party.

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December:** Christmas jumper day and dinner!



# Year 5 Hummingbirds & Stars



We have started our new topic of division in maths and we have started with short division; the children have been working incredibly hard, using resources to support and seem to be getting the hang of it!

Next week we will be finishing our history linked writing, on WW1, and focusing on the Christmas truce by writing a narrative (story). Please look out on SeeSaw for the finished pieces! In Science we have continued to explore forces and looked at air and water resistance – we will hopefully finish our force topic by Christmas

## Upcoming Events:

Last parent Maths Workshops – Tuesday 9th December 3.30- 4pm

Wednesday 17th December – Christmas jumper and Christmas dinner!

Payments towards trips can be made at any time via Arbor.

## Shout out:

5H – Harvey and Macy for their resilience and perseverance in short division.

5S – Harry for fantastic ideas within his writing and using resources to support in spelling.

Beth, Amber, Kacey and Arthur for completing their Zappers! Well done!

# Year 6 Hawks & Heroes



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