



KEEPING IN TOUCH

Message from Mr M

Christmas Fair

We look forward to seeing you at the Christmas Fair at the end of the school day tomorrow. This is an outdoor event so please be prepared for the weather!



Christmas Jumper Day

Wednesday 17th December 2025

We are encouraging everyone to come to school wearing a Christmas Jumper and to join in the festivities. This is the same day as the school Christmas Lunch.



Christmas Parties

More information will be shared next week in relation to the class Christmas Parties. These will take place in the last week of the term.



Marrick Time!

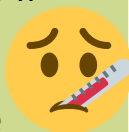
Next week sees the vast majority of our Year 6 pupils heading to Marrick Priory for the week long residential. We know they will have a great time and look forward to hearing all about it!



Illness

It is that time of year when the winter bugs start to rear their heads.

You will know your child best and know if they are well enough to attend school.



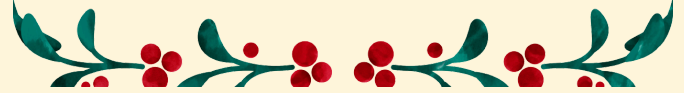
All absences should be reported to the school office on the absence line. Please do this for each morning of the absence.



Christmas dinner

Remember to book your child's Christmas dinner using the link in your email, even if your child will not be having the Christmas dinner.

If you have not received your email please call the school office.



Staffing News

Mrs Whitby (SENDSCO) is making a speedy recovery from her operation in the summer. We are hopeful that she will be back in school after the Christmas Break.

As we reach the end of the term, we are saying farewell to two of our teaching staff;

Mrs Barraclough (FS1) is finishing as a teacher and takes up a new role at the Business Team at North Yorkshire Council. We thank her for the important role she has played at Le Cateau over the last 15 years.

Mrs Hall (FS2) has also made the decision to semi-retire following many years in teaching. We wish her all the very best and know she has lots of exciting things planned.



KS2 STAR ASSEMBLY



Equally Important

Equally Different



REMINDER!

**CLUBS LISTED BELOW WILL BE
FINISHING NEXT WEEK:**

ART HUB DRAWERS – 1ST DECEMBER

MUSICAL THEATRE – 1ST DECEMBER

SEWING – 1ST DECEMBER

ALL OTHER CLUB HAVE NOW FINISHED



LE CATEAU PRIMARY SCHOOL

Christmas Fair

FRIDAY
28 NOVEMBER 2025
2:30 - 5PM

If you are interested in having a stall at our fair please
contact Amber Grant for more details on
a.grant@le-cateau.n-yorks.sch.uk



PLEASE HELP US MAKE
RAINBOW HAMPERS
FOR OUR CHRISTMAS FAIR

These are always an extremely popular part of our Christmas fair but we rely on your generous donations to create the magic.

If you can, please send in something for the hamper for your year groups colour :

2 year olds/FS1 - Red

FS2 - Orange

Year One - White/Silver

Year Two - Green

Year Three - Purple

Year Four - Blue

Year Five - Pink

Year Six - Yellow/Gold



Friends of Le Cateau

CHRISTMAS MOVIE NIGHT

Grab your blankets and cosy up for a magical evening of holiday cheer!

Join us for a special Christmas Movie Night filled with fun, laughter, and festive vibes.



EYFS, Y1 & Y2 **4-6pm**
Wednesday 10th December
The Grinch, (U) 2018

Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 **4-6:15pm**
Thursday 11th December
Home Alone, (PG) 1990

TICKETS ARE £4

& INCLUDES POPCORN OR CRISPS AND A DRINK

Tickets will be sold from the FOLC hub on the following dates -

Monday 24 th November	8:30-8:45am
Tuesday 25 th November	3:15-3:45pm
Wednesday 26 th November	3:15-3:45pm
Monday 1 st December	3:15-3:45pm
Tuesday 2 nd December	8:30-8:45am
	3:15-3:45pm
Wednesday 3 rd December	8:30-8:45am
	3:15-3:45pm
Thursday 4 th December	8:30-8:45am
	3:15-3:45pm
Friday 5 th December	8:30-8:45am

Tickets are also available from the school office from
Monday 24th November to Friday 5th December.

If your child attends breakfast club they can take the correct money
in on any morning and be given a ticket.

An illustration of several hands of various skin tones reaching upwards, each holding a red heart. The hands are arranged in a circular pattern, with some hands in the foreground and others in the background, creating a sense of depth and community. The background is a light, warm color.

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

Have FUN at our

FESTIVE FEAST

ON: Wednesday, 17th
December 2025



NYES

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FESTIVE FEAST



Turkey, Stuffing, Sausage, Gravy
Vegetarian Roast

Potatoes
Seasonal vegetables

Christmas
Celebration
Cake





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

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



This week we have been busy reading 'How to catch a star'. We have made star biscuits, made bottle rockets and some beautiful starry night pictures.

Next week, we will be having a campfire and continuing to practise for the nativity.

Due to the parent event on Tuesday, we will be doing forest schools on Monday.

Please remember to send in a named black t-shirt and black leggings/joggers for us to decorate for our costumes. We need these by **Monday morning** at the latest please.



Caterpillar Room

This week has been another fun filled week, we enjoyed a cold and frosty walk during forest schools, crunching in the frozen leaves and ending with a game of Pooh sticks

Our Christmas crafts are in full swing, we had lots of fun cutting and sticking to make Christmas tree pictures, really working on our fine motor skills. We hope you love our penguin pictures that we've bought home.

A gentle reminder that Nativity costumes need to be in by Monday morning please. If you have any problem with getting a costume, please speak to us and if you haven't already, please see Mrs King at drop off about your Nativity tickets.



Our story of the week is stick man, we've enjoyed reading this a lot this week.

FS2 Mice & Hippos



We continue to practice our phonics with some children learning about special friends such as sh, th, ch, ng, nk and qu. Please keep practising the speedy sounds at home. Look out for the Read Write Inc videos that are sent. Please write in the reading records to indicate how well your child has done in the activity or any concerns you have.

In maths we have been exploring 2D shapes, counting the sides and corners. Ask your children what shapes they can see in the environment!

The children have been busy learning their lines and practising their nativity performance ahead of our shows in a couple of weeks.

We can't wait for you to see it!

Please remember to drop off the costumes as soon as possible. If you have any problems supplying the costume please let us know at your earliest convenience.

News from the Nest

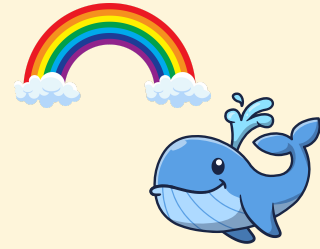
Next week we will be looking at the book *The Snow Thief*.

We will be making paper snowflakes. We will be making our own snowmen with shaving foam! Along with lots of other Christmas activities.

We will continue to go outside, please make sure children are wrapped up warm.

Thank you.





The week in Year 1

This week has been wet, windy and full of fun. In English the children have explored fact and fiction. We have combined our history topic with our writing and the children have been making detailed fact files on the Wright brothers. In math the children have been continuing to develop their knowledge on subtraction and will be using prior understanding to create fact families. In science we are continuing our topic on materials, the children will be exploring waterproof and not waterproof this week. In other subjects we will be testing the children's knowledge so far.

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:

Ewe -
Chameleons -
Hedgehogs -

This week in Year 2

We have had another brilliant week in school.

This week we have tried to master column subtraction, thank you for your support at home with this. We will send home a similar worksheet for homework this week. In English, children have loved creating their own 'dragon world' and describing what it is like. We have been so impressed with the children's level of creativity! In RE, the children have been learning about Ramadan.

Next week we will continue our work on the Dragon Machine to allow the children more time to develop their ideas and thoroughly plan the end of the story. We will be moving on to multiplication of the 2, 5 and 10 times table. If you could help at home counting in 2s, 5s and 10s this would be amazing!

Thank you to all that have contributed to our Christmas hamper! 🎄 🌟

Shout out this week goes to:

Issy 2W - for excellent reading in phonics!

Ezmae-Lily 2R - for using such brilliant descriptive language in her writing.

Our PE days are:

Wednesday - indoor PE kit

Friday - outdoor PE kit

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Year 3 Heart & Aces & Incredible Llamas



We have been exploring how magnets work and really developing our scientific skills!

In geography, we have been thinking about what we might find in a city, town or village and have really enjoyed designing our own settlements.

We are focusing on being ready and doing our best - well done to everyone who is making a real effort with this.

Keep up the good work with learning spellings and reading at home.

Shout outs!

Louie, Arlo and Liam in 3IL and Jenique, Marvin and Eva 3HA
Great attitudes to learning

Reminders:

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

Indoor PE - Monday
Outdoor PE - Wednesday



Year 4 Butterflies & Tigers

This week, we completed our novel Friend or Foe. The children enjoyed the ending and were delighted that most of their predictions were correct! In English, we have been writing information text about the dragons we designed. The children have been very creative and written some fantastic sentences.

In maths, we are moving onto working out the difference between two amounts. We will progress to using a written compact method. We will send home some calculations for pupils to practice and secure their understanding in the next few weeks.

In Geography, we have been learning about different compass points and finding out what the opposite compass points are. In science, we completed a science experiment that determined how quickly gas moves but can't be seen. In art we have been developing our sketching skills and drawing detailed images of dragons. Next week, we will continue to explore differences between solids, liquids and gases. In history, we will look at how the 1950s evolved following WW2.



Well done!



Congratulations...

Butterfly of the Week: George for excellent reading and understanding of tricky words.

Tiger of the week:

Don't Forget

Indoor PE: Tuesday morning.

Outdoor PE: Friday morning.

The days are becoming much colder now, please ensure that your child brings a coat to school as playtime will go ahead in cold weather.



Year 5 Hummingbirds & Stars



We have been working hard on our multiplication topic and used methods such as partitioning, grid method and short column. Our next topic will be division – wish us luck! Indoor PE has seen us practising our football and golf skills in one; we have loved footgolf this term and loved the year 5 ‘driving’ range! Blues music has had us singing and dancing the past few weeks and we have now incorporated the use of Glockenspiels to play Blues inspired chords.

In DT, we are looking at gears, levers and pulleys which links nicely with our science topic of forces. We are creating our own gear system using cardboard and testing levers and pulleys using LEGO



Upcoming Events:

Parent Maths Workshops – Every Tuesday 3:30-4pm in 5S classroom.

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

Wednesday 17th December – Christmas jumper and Christmas dinner!

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

Shout out:

Ethan (5S) for fantastic work in maths, using the grid method confidently and being able to explain clearly his methods to his peers. Isla for settling into 5S and Le Cateau routines this week!

Lewis and Effie (5H) for their fantastic work demonstrating multiplying 2-digit by 2-digit numbers on the board to the rest of the class using mathematical language to show their understanding.

Year 6 Hawks & Heroes



Don't forget to keep reading at home, at least twice a week -more reads could mean more raffle ticket entries!

Next week – Marrick Priory residential

- Pack together and name everything – you need to know what items belong to you.
- Remember a packed lunch on the Monday (Disposable is better – no Tupperware)
- Additional gloves are a must! It will be wet!

Children not attending the residential – come to school as normal – Mrs Biggins has a fun week planned for you all. (no swimming that week)

Swimming:

6RH – Wednesday AM

6JH - Friday AM

PE: Thursday PM - PE kit all day

Wednesday 17th December –Christmas Jumper day and Christmas lunch

Monday 15th December – 6RH swimming (due to cancellation 19/11/25)

6RH: Lily and Arabella – making good progress with long multiplication
Freddie – for a big improvement in handwriting

6JH: Auden – superlearner of the week
Rosa – incredible reading effort at home
Harley – making good progress with long division
Isaac and Quinn – making good progress with short division