



# KEEPING IN TOUCH



## Message from Mr M

### Termly Report

At the start of next week, you will receive a termly report for your child highlighting a number of areas that have been assessed by class teachers. This provides information about behaviour and attitude, standards in learning and indications as to where your child is currently operating against end of year expectations. You will find this report is sent as an email for pupils in FS2 to Year 6.



### Christmas Parties

- 2yo - Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>
- FS1 - Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> pm
- FS2 - Disco on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>
- 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

**PARTY**  
time!



### Staffing News

I am delighted to share some staffing updates following interviews this week.

Firstly, following an internal recruitment process, I am pleased to announce that **Miss Bell** has been appointed as Assistant Headteacher taking effect from January. This provides the school with further leadership capacity. It is also a vital addition given Mrs Cafferty's request to reduce her working commitment to 4 days a week. This will see her in school Monday to Thursday from January.

We have also appointed **Miss Jobson-Wood** who will take over the teaching role in Foundation Stage 2 as Mrs Hall leaves at the end of next week. We are aiming to get her in school next week to meet the children and parents ahead of January.

It is also looking likely that **Mrs Whitby** (SENDCO) will start a phased return after the Christmas Break following her major surgery. This will be a gradual increase but will see her back leading SEND.



## 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. There is NO CHARGE for this!



Merry  
Christmas



## January Return

After the Christmas Break, pupils return to school on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January is an INSET Day for staff.

**STARTING SCHOOL IN  
SEPTEMBER 2026?  
FINAL OPEN DAY**



**Thursday 8th  
January 2026  
1.30pm or  
4.30pm**

Equally Important

Equally Different

# Christmas Nativity



# 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)

**WE ARE RECRUITING...**

**PLAY ASSISTANTS /  
MIDDAY  
SUPERVISORY  
ASSISTANTS**

**5-8 HOURS PER WEEK**

**RELIEF/CASUAL CONTRACT**

**PAYPOINT: GRADE AB / SCALE POINT 2**

**COMMENCING: AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**



**Interested and want to apply?**

For further information please contact one of our admin team regarding the role.

**Email:**

**[admin@le-cateau.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@le-cateau.n-yorks.sch.uk)**

**Tel. 01748 832292.**



# 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



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Supporting Healthy Screen Use	13 Jan 10am
Facing Defiance	13 Jan 7pm
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	19 Jan 10am
Anxiety Explained	19 Jan 7pm
Introduction to OCD	20 Jan 10am
What Is ACT	20 Jan 7pm
<b>FREE Responding to Angry Behaviour</b>	22 Jan 7-8pm
Raising Self-Esteem	26 Jan 10am
Decreasing Depression	26 Jan 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	27 Jan 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	27 Jan 7pm



## FS1 Bears



The children have worked incredibly hard with 'The First Christmas' this week. They twinkled and sang beautifully. We are so proud of them all!

Next week, we will continue our Christmas crafts.



### Party time...

Our party will be on **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December** from **2pm**. Any morning children that would like to come back for it, please come to the breakfast club entrance for **2pm**.

Children are welcome to wear their own party clothes.

# PARTY



## FS2 Mice & Hippos

We are super proud of the children; I am sure you would all agree that they were amazing in the Nativity performance. They sang their hearts out and performed with such enthusiasm. Hollywood watch out!

Next week we will be enjoying festive art and craft activities. We will be having a lot of fun! Remember that it is Christmas dinner on Wednesday along with Christmas jumper day. Thursday we will have our Christmas party, children can come in their own clothes but please remember that they have suitable clothing as they will still be playing outside. We will be providing snack for the party.

## Caterpillar Room

What a fantastic week we have had, full of so much Christmas fun and joy. Thank you so much for coming to watch our Nativity, we are sure you will all agree with how super they all performed, we are so proud of every single one of them.

As well as our Nativity performances we have enjoyed lots of Christmas crafts and Christmas sensory trays it has been a very fun week and we are looking forward to carrying on the fun next week.

We will be having our Christmas class party on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>, this will be a polar express themed day and children are invited to wear their pjs, to school, look out for the staff wearing theirs too.

Christmas dinner and wear a Christmas jumper day is Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>

## News from the Nest



Next week we will be continuing with our Christmas crafts and activities.

Dont forget Christmas Jumper day on Wednesday the 17<sup>th</sup> and our Christmas party on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>.





## The week in Year 1

This week started off well with a trip to the cinema on Monday morning. The children all walked exceptionally and thoroughly enjoyed Le Cateau taking over the cinema screen.

The children have been busy this week consolidating their understanding of taught concepts through a Christmas theme. Our math has all been based around revision of topics we have covered this term.

The children are continuing to create a no sew snowman, it will be great to see their finished creations.

*Don't forget*



PE days will remain the same for next week with outdoor PE on Monday and indoor PE on Tuesday.

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December is Christmas dinner day and wear a Christmas jumper.

It is the Year 1 Christmas party on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December. The children can come in party clothes for the day. No food is required as Year 1 are providing snacks.

**WELL DONE!**

Special shout outs for Year 1:

All of Year 1 for their exceptional behavior on their recent trip to the local care home.

The residents thoroughly enjoyed our visit and appreciated the compassion and creativity of the children as they completed a Christmas craft together.

## This week in Year 2

We have not slowed down for Xmas yet. Another busy week in Year 2.

In Maths we continue to look at multiplication and how numbers are commutable (ask your child to explain), while in English we have looked at the difference between a statement, a question and a command.

In Science our new topic about Alive, not alive anymore or never alive, is prompting some interesting discussion, as we look at what does it mean if something is alive? Next week, with it being the final week of term, we will adapt our week's programme to fit in with the Xmas Theme.

On the Wednesday we would like to combine our Xmas Party with the School's Xmas dinner and Jumper Day. Children in Year 2 should come to school in their Schol uniform but with a Christmas Jumper. They do not need a party outfit or PE clothes on that day as our PE lesson will be party games.

Please see a message on Seesaw regarding snack donations for the day.

*Shout out this week goes to:*

Sadie in 2R for some outstanding art work.

Oliver in 2W for his hard work in Maths.

Our PE days are:

Wednesday - indoor PE kit

Friday - outdoor PE kit

If your child wears earrings, please can we ask that these are removed before school on PE days please, thank you.



## Year 3 Heart & Aces & Incredible Llamas



This week we have done some amazing descriptive writing about Christmas elves and Christmas traditions. We have continued with our Maths work on multiplication.

We enjoyed using levers and linkages in DT with a festive feel.

### Reminders:

Monday - please bring a board game.  
(Normal clothes)

Tuesday - party day! Come wearing party clothes. Boys please bring savoury food, girls please bring sweet food.

Wednesday - Christmas jumpers and Christmas dinner.

Merry Christmas!

### Shout outs!

Arlo, Liam, Rome 3IL working hard.

Lainey, Zachary and Lincoln 3HA for their hard work and help!

### Reminders:

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

Date for your diary.

Friday 30th January. We plan to visit the Great North Museum - Hancock in Newcastle.

This will be a great opportunity to explore our history themes for the Stone Age and The ancient Egyptians. Their will be a cost of around £8. Watch out for more details via the office and Seesaw.

Indoor PE - Monday

Outdoor PE - Wednesday



## Year 4 Butterflies & Tigers

This week, we have been working on word problems in maths involving addition and subtraction. In English this week we have been using a Christmas advent as a stimulus for our writing.

In science we had fun investigating corn starch, is it a liquid or a solid?

We finished our fact file on the 1950s in history, the children enjoyed this so much that some continued finding facts at home, well done!

*Well done!*



**Congratulations...**



**Tiger of the Week** - Charlie for excellent effort in all subjects this week

**Butterfly of the Week** - Jale for excellent manners and effort in all subjects!

**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 worked hard in our maths topics and will be finishing multiplication and division by completing a mini assessment! Our new topic in January will be graphs and statistics. Geography, we began to create a double page spread based on a country in North America; we have looked at the year 6 examples and are ready to reach those high expectations.

DT and science combined this week to create a practical lesson on gears, levers and pulleys which the children were incredibly successful at! Well done year 5. As a school we have been singing Christmas carols in our assemblies ready to spread festive cheer next week 😊

### Upcoming Events:

Tuesday 16th December – Carols at the care home. 16 children from year 5 will be visiting one of the local care homes to spread Christmas spirit; you will be contacted if your child is part of this visit.

Wednesday 17th December – Christmas jumper and Christmas dinner!

Thursday 18th December – Year 5 Christmas party. Please look for more information on SeeSaw.

### Shout out:

5H – Deon for fantastic writing!

5S – Lilly for persevering in maths – division really isn't that scary after all!

## Year 6 Hawks & Heroes



6RH (only) Have one final swim on Monday 15th December

Wednesday 17th December – Christmas Jumper day and Christmas lunch

Thursday 18th December – Christmas Party – Party clothes all day.

Boys bring savoury food

Girls bring sweet food

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



6RH: Lola – Great positivity

Emilie – excellent effort

**Mrs Biggins** for being the Year 6 Christmas Elf!

**Mrs Buxton** for giving up her own time to spend a week at Marrick!

6JH: Ollie – his positivity and joyfulness

Henry – excellent climbing

Poppy B – conquering her fear