

KEEPING IN TOUCH



Message from Mr M

Happy New Year!

I trust you have had an enjoyable festive period and managed to see family and friends. May I take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy New Year and welcome you back to school in 2026.

2026

New Staff Members

We are delighted to welcome the following staff members who joined us this week;

Mrs Barnes - Foundation Stage 1

Miss Jobson-Wood - Foundation Stage 2

We are delighted to add them to the team!

We also welcome **Miss Harding** this term. She is a trainee teacher with Red Kite and will be working in 4T until the end of June.

Assistant Headteacher

I am also delighted that Miss Bell has commenced her Assistant Headteacher role and she is delighted to be adding additional Leadership capacity across the school. Many of you will know Miss Bell and she is a great addition to this post.

Pupil Voice

Senior Leaders are looking forward to next week when we start a series of 'Pupil Voice' conversations. These discussions will be led by Mrs Cafferty, Miss Bell and myself and will take place with pupils from each class. It is a great way to hear what pupils really think about school, what is working well and how they think we can improve their learning experiences.

We will share their 'voice' over the coming weeks and how we will action elements.



Extra Curricular Clubs

SIGN UP



If you would like to book your child onto this terms Extra Curricular Clubs, please fill in the form below.

[Extra Curricular Clubs - Spring Term 2026 - Fill in form](#)



Date for Your Diary

Parent Consultation Meetings will take place straight after February Half Term;

Tuesday 24th Feb
Wednesday 25th Feb
Thursday 26th Feb



Applying for School

Application to start Reception in September 2026 must be made by Thursday 15th January 2026. Applications are made via the North Yorkshire Council website.

APPLY NOW

Term Dates - 26/27

All of the term dates for the 26/27 Academic Year are available on the school website. Please take notice of these especially if you are considering booking holidays.

Please remember, leave in term time can only be authorised under very stringent circumstances.

**WE ARE
RECRUITING.....**

**MIDDAY
SUPERVISORS AND
PLAY ASSISTANTS**

**INITIAL RELIEF POST - VARIABLE
HOURS AND DATES**

**Are you looking for some additional hours
work during term time? We require a
number of additional posts to support our
pupils during lunchtimes.**

Considering applying?

**Please contact the school office to
request an application pack and to seek
further information**

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



All applicants are subject to a DBS Check

JOIN US

PIZZA PARTY

ON: Thursday 15th
January

Enjoy delicious pizzas
with your favourite
toppings!

NYES



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PIZZA PARTY

Enjoy delicious pizzas with your favourite toppings!

Pizza Sub

Different toppings available

Crispy Garlic Potatoes

Chocolate Dipping Pot

NYES





FS1 Bears



Happy New Year! We hope you all had a lovely Christmas.

We've enjoyed hearing all the children's news and seeing them back at school this week.

We started our week looking at the Owl Babies story, where the children have enjoyed taking part in lots of different activities.

Next week we'll be making owl nests and pictures of our families.



Reminder:

Forest School
Tuesday morning
and Thursday
afternoon.



FS2 Mice & Hippos



We have really enjoyed welcoming the children back to school and seeing them settle so well back into the new term. They have shown positive attitudes and enthusiasm for learning already.

It has been great fun exploring the colder weather and discussing the snow and ice. We have also been investigating how to melt the ice to save the mermaids from the icy water.

Our theme this term will be Me and My Community, and we will be learning about the different people in our community that help us.

A gentle reminder that it is PE on Friday and Forest schools will resume on Monday.

Caterpillar Room



What a wonderful week back we have had, a big hello to all of our new children, we're so excited to welcome you into our class and have you start your journey through school with us. This term we will be exploring the cold weather, snow and ice. Alongside this we will be observing what interests the children have and we will extend this in our learning through books and songs.

Next week we will be looking at the book 'The Gruffalos child'. Will we be able to make marks in the snow like the Gruffalos child?

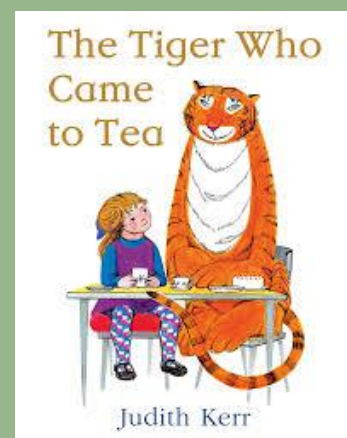


Forest schools is a Wednesday -
Waterproofs and wellies/thick socks or boots
please.

News from the Nest



Next week we will be reading
The Tiger Who Came To Tea.



*We will also have a Tea Party
and do number activities
surrounding that topic.*



The week in Year 1

Happy new Year, we hope you all had a lovely Christmas.

We have really enjoyed the first week back, hearing all the stories from the children of their exciting break.

This week we have been concentrating on writing. The children have been working hard on when to use capital letters and correcting missing punctuation in sentences. The children have also worked hard on their handwriting this week, developing the formation of their letters.

In Maths we have moved onto the topic of length and height. There was excitement in the classroom as they used body parts to measure things in the room.

Next week we will be engrossed in our new topic of 'Explorers', we will be combining this through our lessons.

Don't forget



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.


We are still exploring the outdoor areas - please ensure your child brings warm clothing so they can enjoy playing outside.

Special shout outs for Year 1:

All of the children in Year 1 for coming back into school with a great learning attitude and jumping straight back into their work.

This week in Year 2

We have had a lovely first week back! It has been great to see the children return to school and tell us all about their break over the Christmas period.

This week we have launched our new theme, "Little inventors, big ideas!" 

We have looked at some of the weirdest inventions in the world and have been learning about Alexander Bell who invented the first telephone.

We have looked at our next maths topic, length. This has included measuring in centimetres and metres. In RE, we have looked at fables and the children enjoyed learning the moral of the story from 'The boy who cried wolf!'

Next week the children will continue to learn about length. We will be producing a biography on Alexander Bell. In PE, we will be learning to respond to music through movement (dance) and recalling how to use a ball with our feet.

We would just like to thank you all for your support with our reading challenge last half term. If we could please continue this it would be amazing!!

Shout out this week goes to:

A big shout out to ALL of the Year 2 children for returning to school with such positive learning attitudes!

Our PE days are:

Wednesday (indoor - dance)

Friday (outdoor - ball skills)



Year 3 Heart & Aces & Incredible Llamas



What a start to the New Year in Year 3.

We have begun exploring the fascinating world of Ancient Egypt, how they lived and what it would have been like.

We will be learning all about musical instruments in French and listening to some different styles of music.

Our PE days remain Monday and Wednesday. Please remember that if your child is not able to remove their earrings, unfortunately they will not be able to join in.

We are continuing our home reading challenge- let's make Year 3 the winners this half term with as much reading as we can!

Shout outs!

Shout out to McKenzie and Arlo in 3HA / Sienna and Jackson in 3IL. Great work on the Egyptian pyramids.

Reminders:

Advance notice - We are planning a museum visit to enhance our learning - watch out for confirmation of the date.



Year 4 Butterflies & Tigers

Fantastic first week back and a great way to start 2026!

This term, we are excited to travel further back in time to discover how the Roman Empire became so powerful. We launched straight into the topic this week by reading the Legend of Romulus and Remus. We will use this information to begin our historical journey into how the Romans lived. This is building up to an exciting experience in Hadrian's Wall. In maths, we have started multiplication and division and will be focusing a lot of the recall of multiplication facts as we get closer to the MTC in the summer term. In French, we are learning key words for a well-known traditional story - Little Red Riding Hood. Don't be worried if the children shout out 'un loup' but please do ask them what it means!



Well done!



Congratulations...

Butterfly of the Week: Albie for improved sentences and handwriting in writing.

Tiger of the week: Evanna for a very positive attitude to her learning!

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



Fantastic first week back and a great way to start 2026!

This term, we are starting brand new topics in most subjects and our theme 'We are Eco Champions'; we will be looking at climate change, persuasive writing and creating artwork with wire and mod-roc. In DT, we will be creating our very own mechanisms and in computing we will be planning our own party by using data handling skills using programs like Microsoft Excel. This term swimming will replace our indoor PE session – keep an eye on SeeSaw for videos/photos!

Upcoming Events:

5S Swimming every Wednesday
5H Swimming every Friday

Tuesday 3rd February -
Darlington railway Hopetown visit

Shout out:

All of year 5 for coming back with positive attitudes and high expectations. Both classes had 100% attendance the first day back, nobody was late and all had the correct uniform on! Well done parents!



Year 6 Hawks & Heroes



Happy New year to you all!

Hawks swimming on Monday 12th January (due to cancellation)

Outdoor PE – Thursday

Indoor PE – Friday

Come to school in your correct PE kit.

We would love to have a couple of Titanic dress up days this term. The first one being a worker, building the Titanic: flat cap or a waistcoat.

The second event will be a grander affair of afternoon tea on board the Titanic. Therefore, when passing a charity shop – pop in a take a look.

Please **do not** spend lots of money. A flat cap borrowed from grandad or a dress from mum will suffice.

Dates to be confirmed shortly – we just wanted to give you the heads up.

6RH:



Finley – Coming back ready to learn!

Henry H – For outstanding work as a play leader!

Lukas – 13 home reads over Christmas break!

Logan – 10 Home reads over Christmas break!

Aiva – for being a wonderful member of 6RH – We will miss you.

6JH:

Finn – great sentence writing, using dashes and relative clauses

Rhys, Romey, Denzel, Bharat and Quinn – for some great Maths work!