



KEEPING IN TOUCH

Message from Mr M

Date for Your Diary

Parent Consultation Meetings will take place straight after February Half Term. These meetings are vital in supporting your child's progress!

Tuesday 24th Feb

Wednesday 25th Feb

Thursday 26th Feb



Arriving On Time

The school day starts at 8:45am. Arriving at or after this time disrupts learning and often makes pupils feel uncomfortable as they are entering the classroom when everyone is underway. If you are often late, please consider the lost learning time for your child and help them thrive.



Key Stage 2 - Snacks

Please see the important note later in the KIT about snacks at playtime for Year 3,4,5 & 6. We have seen a range of foods being brought in that are not healthy and are impacting on pupils focus levels.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Key Stage 2 Swimming Survey

We really need to hear your thoughts on how we deliver swimming. The Governing Body are asking parents of pupils in Year 3,4,5 & 6 to complete this survey.

<https://forms.office.com/e/v7MzdJW3vk>



Weather Alert

The weather is due to take a turn again next week with the temperature dropping, please make sure children have a coat with them and are dressed appropriately for the weather. Lets try and stop these winter bugs.



Year 6 Parent Meeting

Calling all Year 6 parents...

IMPORTANT SATS MEETING

Please join the Year 6 teaching staff to find out all about the SATs in May and how you can support your child prepare for these assessments.

Date to be confirmed



KS2

STAR ASSEMBLY



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BEE NETBALL COMPETITION



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CREATE MUSIC

Andrew Howes from Create Music visited some of our children during their guitar lessons today and was blown away by their talent, enthusiasm and behaviour.
Well done everybody



GOLD READING AWARD TREAT AFTERNOON

Well done to the 70 children who completed their reading challenge and were awarded a movie and popcorn afternoon.

Mr Hollocks is over the moon with all of the children who have worked so hard with their reading.



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BREAK TIME SNACKS

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

Children are provided with free fruit or vegetables every day and do not need to bring anything from home. Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 Children are able to bring in a piece of fruit or a vegetable (carrot sticks, cucumber etc). Cereal bars are not included in the snack options for break times.

Please be reminded that sweets, chocolates and fizzy drinks should not be part of a child's lunch.

**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

NYES SEND TEAM HAVE CREATED A SELECTION OF FREE COURSES FOR PARENTS TO JOIN; SOME ARE FACE TO FACE WHILST OTHERS ARE ONLINE BUT A VARIETY OF TOPICS TO SIGN UP FOR.



Unlocking Autism for Parents & Carers

Wed, 21 Jan 2026, 10:00 - 13:00 | Harrogate

Unlocking Autism is a free course for parents and carers of children and young people with communication and interaction needs.



Unlocking Autism for Parents & Carers

Mon, 23 Feb 2026, 09:30 - 11:30 | Community Room, Police Station, Alverton Court Crosby Road Northallerton North Yorkshire DL6 1BF

Unlocking Autism is a free course for parents and carers of children and young people with communication and interaction needs.



Unlocking ADHD for Parents/Carers

Wed, 11 Mar 2026, 13:00 - 14:30 | Microsoft Teams

Understand and support difficulties with attention, impulsivity and hyperactivity at home.



Unlocking Autism for Parents & Carers

Fri, 17 Apr 2026, 13:00 - 14:30 | Selby Library, 52 Micklegate. Selby, YO8 4EQ - Please report to reception upon arrival.

Unlocking Autism is a free course for parents and carers of children and young people with communication and interaction needs.



Unlocking SEMH for Parents/Carers

Thu, 18 Jun 2026, 13:00 - 14:30 | Microsoft Teams

To understand and support your child's social, emotional and mental health needs at home.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED PLEASE USE THE FOLLOWING LINK AND THE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE WEB PAGE TO SIGN UP.

[UNLOCKING COURSES FOR PARENTS | NYES INFO](#)



Family February Fun

Join us for FREE family fun through out the school holidays. Discover creative ways to support your child’s learning both at home and in school through a variety of exciting craft activities.

All places must be booked and enrolled online - please feel free to contact our office if you are unable to do this, as enrolment is essential to access the sessions for free. Without prior enrolment, charges may apply.

Course	Date	Day	Time	Location
Family February Fun Whitby	16/02/2026	Monday	10:00 - 12:00	Whitby Library, Whitby
Family February Fun Ripon	16/02/2026	Monday	10:00 - 12:00	Ripon Library, Ripon
Family February Fun Catterick	16/02/2026	Monday	14:00 - 16:00	Catterick Library, Catterick
Family February Fun Scarborough	16/02/2026	Monday	14:00 - 16:00	Scarborough Library and Information Centre
Family Fun with Pancakes - Richmond	17/02/2026	Tuesday	10:00 - 12:00	Scout Hut, Richmond
Family February Fun Stokesley	17/02/2026	Tuesday	14:00 - 16:00	Stokesley Library, Stokesley
Family February Fun Norton	17/02/2026	Tuesday	14:00 - 16:00	Norton Hive Library, Norton
Family February Fun Knaresborough	18/02/2026	Wednesday	10:00 - 12:00	Knaresborough Library, Knaresborough
Family February Fun Skipton	18/02/2026	Wednesday	10:30 - 12:30	Skipton Library, Skipton
Family February Fun Selby	19/02/2026	Thursday	09:30 - 11:30	Selby Classroom, Selby
Family February Fun Harrogate	19/02/2026	Thursday	10:30 - 12:30	Harrogate Library, Harrogate
Family February Fun Filey	19/02/2026	Thursday	14:00 - 16:00	Filey Library, Filey
Family February Fun Thirsk	19/02/2026	Thursday	14:00 - 16:00	Thirsk Learning Resource Centre, Thirsk
Family February Fun Pickering	20/02/2026	Friday	10:00 - 12:00	Pickering Library, Pickering
Family February Fun Malton	20/02/2026	Friday	10:00 - 12:00	Malton Library, Malton
Family February Fun Northallerton	20/02/2026	Friday	10:30 - 12:30	Northallerton Library, Northallerton

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FEBRUARY ROCK CLIMBING



Our holiday climbing sessions are an ideal way for kids to get enjoying a new sport and meeting new people during the holidays. Activities including climbing and bouldering, it is an action-packed day.

Holiday Session - £62.50 (7-17 years old)

Climbing Hub, Bradford: Tues-Fri, 10:00-16:30

The Big Depot, Leeds: Mon, Thurs & Fri, 9:30-16:00

Live for Today, Harrogate: Mon-Wed, 10:00-16:30

Childcare Vouchers accepted




Book online or contact us via email





FS1 Bears



This week we will continue to read Jonty Gentoo and we are all hoping for a little bit of snow!  We will be investigating ice to see what happens when we pour very cold water on ice. The children will catching fish to feed to Jonty Gentoo; they will working out what number the dice is showing and how many fish they need for Jonty.



Reminder:

The weather next week is due to be colder and wintry, please make sure the children have suitable warm clothing.

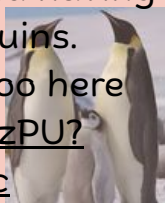
Caterpillar Room



This week we have really enjoyed our snowy themed sensory trays and exploring different textures. Talking about kindness and enjoying Percy the park keepers one snowy night story. We have explored water and ice and will be looking at that more in depth next week with melting and freezing. We will also be incorporating colours into our play and provision with ice painting and using our fine motor skills to colour sort pompoms. The story we will be reading next week is Jonty Gentoo by Julia Donaldson, we will be creating a penguin slide and having fun with ice skating penguins.

You can listen to Jonty Gentoo here

<https://youtu.be/UWtTaIB-zPU?si=v9nbYldJ&QghKPqc>



FS2 Mice & Hippos



As part of our theme Our community, we have loved reading the book 'You can't call an Elephant in an Emergency'. We have discussed who we can call in an emergency and have been very enthusiastic learning about the emergency services.

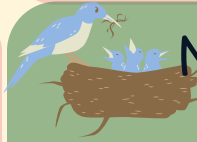
In maths we have been learning about number 6 and 7 and the composition of theses numbers. What makes 6? $5+1=6$. We have also been looking at 1 more and 1 fewer of a given number.

The children have been super creative in designing and making emergency vehicles in our junk modelling corner.

Next week we continue with the theme of the emergency services.

Phonics have continued daily with many reading books, please read these daily with your child and record in their reading record.

Gentle reminder that we still have children that do not have waterproofs and wellies in school. Please send them in with your child by Monday for forest schools please.

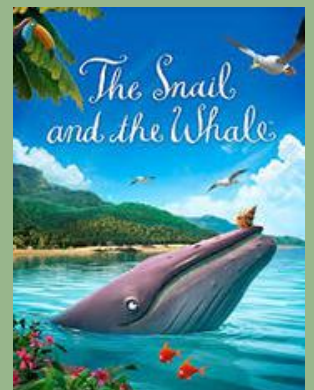


News from the Nest

Next week we will be looking at the book "The snail and the whale". We will have sensory play with water and sand. Literacy we will be focusing on sequencing the story and how we describe snail.

Maths we will be doing full and empty with water play.

On Thursday we are making snail snacks, we hope they will be tasty!





The week in Year 1

This week the children have enjoyed discussing and writing about our exciting visit from 'Peter' the explorer. They have used descriptive language to write their account of '*a day in the life of an explorer*'. In maths we have moved onto our new topic of numbers to 40. The children have had great fun counting in tens and ones and describing the value of a number.

In Art we are continuing to explore sculptures and their wonderful creations. The children had a great time creating a human sculpture out of pipe cleaners. This week, the children will be creating a human sculpture out of playdough.

In science the children have enjoyed exploring animals and sorting them by different characteristics.

Don't forget



PE Monday - Outdoor - Ball skills
Tuesday - Indoor -Gymnastics

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

As the weather can be unpredictable pupils need to bring a coat to school and appropriate outdoor clothing as we will be accessing the outdoor area as much as we can.

Special shout outs for Year 1:

In Year 1 we have been discussing friendships. A special shout out to all the children who support their friends and brighten our day with a smile.

This week in Year 2

This week we have had a lovely week in school.

The children have thoroughly enjoyed learning about Mr Ferris and the big wheel! Please ask them about it at home - they should be able to recall lots of information!

In maths the children have been weighing items using grams and kilograms.

The children have completed some beautiful singing in music relating to 'city sounds' we may hear.

Next week we will be writing our own diary entries in English. We will be finishing off our mass topic and looking at scales showing different measures. In PSHE, we will be celebrating similarities and differences that we have as individuals.

A reminder for children to please bring in their reading book and record daily, this is really important. A huge thankyou to those of you that are managing to read with your child at home - the difference it is making is great to see.



Shout out this week goes to:

Cody - For trying super hard with phonics this week!

Anna (2W) for an amazing week of work and effort.

Our PE days are:

Wednesday (indoor - dance)

Friday (outdoor - ball skills)



Year 3 Heart & Aces & Incredible Llamas



Year 3 are learning more about how the Ancient Egyptians lived and creating some fantastic writing about the Egyptian gods. We are continuing to develop our team skills in PE and using them across the curriculum. In maths we are getting much more confident with division and learning new maths vocabulary to support our fluency.



*It's all about respect in PSHCE!
Great work everyone.*

Respect shout outs to Ellie, Eva and Rob in 3HA and Maddie and Imara 3IL.



Year 4 Butterflies & Tigers

This week, we are writing our own version of Romulus and Remus using effective vocabulary and fronted adverbials. In maths, we will be using formal written methods to calculate answers to multiplication problems. In science, children will be exploring inside their mouth. They will make a model of their mouth and label teeth with the correct name. We will combine history and geography to discover which countries in the world were part of the Roman Empire. In R.E., we will learn about Temptation using the story of Adam and Eve, will your child be tempted by a sweet treat? In DT, we will be making our own paper mache helmets.



Well done!



Congratulations...

Butterfly of the Week: Jax for excellent work in History!

Tiger of the Week: Albert for trying hard in all subjects.

Don't Forget

Tuesday Indoor PE - Gymnastics

Friday Outdoor PE - Basketball

Water bottles to be brought into school. Please ensure children have a healthy snack at breaktime.

Pupils need coat (waterproof, if possible), hat, scarf, gloves. Wellies can be worn to school but please bring school shoes to change into.



Year 5 Hummingbirds & Stars



This week we have started the BIG topic of fractions – please keep an eye out on SeeSaw for support videos!

We came together as a year group to create wire animals, in our art session, and explored using a variety of mediums to sketch modes of transport.

Outside PE, this term, is focusing on the skills we would use in dodge-ball, so we have been looking at throwing and also moving away from the ball.

Upcoming Events:

5S Swimming every Wednesday
5H Swimming every Friday

Tuesday 3rd February - Darlington railway Hopetown visit

Any money to be paid for swimming or trips can be paid via the school office or Arbor.



Shout out:

Bobby and Ethan for resilience in their swimming lessons!
Mitchell and Mabel for fantastic wire animals!

Thank you for all your efforts with the Titanic costumes – the children looked amazing and had a wonderful day of drama!



Year 6 Hawks & Heroes



Shout outs:

6RH:

Arabella: excellent contribution in English
Riley: Great reading score
Lola B: Excellent contributions in class

6JH:

Poppy B, Rosa and Lola - For being really helpful

Reminder for parents:

There has been a disappointing number of children not completing and handing in their homework each week. Homework is planned to consolidate the learning that your child has been learning that week. Please support your child with their home learning. Mrs Biggins will support children with their homework at playtimes – they just have to ask!

Outdoor PE – Thursday

Indoor PE – Friday

Come to school in your correct PE kit.