

# KEEPING IN TOUCH



## Message from Mr M

### Pupil Voice

Mrs Cafferty, Miss Bell and myself have met with over 100 pupils this week to talk to them about their daily experiences in school.

We will share the overall findings once we have compiled the responses but can share some of the key themes that we have found.

#### Highlights:

Pupils feel safe in school. They talked about having lots of adults and understanding how the CCTV and door fobs help us.

They enjoy a wide range of subjects especially the practical ones. They also talked about how the learning helps them and they enjoy finding out new things.

#### Areas we will focus on:

Peer pressure has been highlighted. Helping children find their voice when they do not like how other pupils act is an area we will explore.

More equipment and things to do at lunchtime

Making sure pupils are not sat too long in lessons - they want to be doing more.



## The National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP) - height and weight checks for children in Reception and Year 6

The NCMP will soon be running in our school for children in reception and year 6. This involves health staff coming into school one day to do height and weight checks with each child.

Height and weight measurements are taken as part of the NCMP. This information is collected because it is in the public interest to understand how our children are growing and developing, and also so we know how many are underweight, a healthy weight, or are above a healthy weight, so that support and advice can be offered to parents.

More information about this will follow this newsletter.

If you have any questions please contact your local (North Yorkshire) NCMP team on: [hdfn.ncmp@nhs.net](mailto:hdfn.ncmp@nhs.net)

## 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>



## Date for Your Diary

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

- Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> Feb
- Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> Feb
- Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> Feb



# A MESSAGE FROM ONE OF OUR CLASS-READING AMBASSADORS.

Lucy asked to go to the library as she joined it last year and has taken out 5 books to read. She has read 2 books already this morning before going then had a quick read of each book to check if she would like them enough to take home.



**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 throughout 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 Scout Hut, Richmond
Family Fun with Pancakes - Richmond	17/02/2026	Tuesday	10:00 - 12:00	Stokesley Library, Stokesley
Family February Fun Stokesley	17/02/2026	Tuesday	14:00 - 16:00	Norton Hive Library, Norton
Family February Fun Norton	17/02/2026	Tuesday	14:00 - 16:00	Knaresborough Library, Knaresborough Skipton Library, Skipton
Family February Fun Knaresborough	18/02/2026	Wednesday	10:00 - 12:00	Selby Classroom, Selby
Family February Fun Skipton	18/02/2026	Wednesday	10:30 - 12:30	Harrogate Library, Harrogate
Family February Fun Selby	19/02/2026	Thursday	09:30 - 11:30	Filey Library, Filey
Family February Fun Harrogate	19/02/2026	Thursday	10:30 - 12:30	Thirsk Learning Resource Centre, Thirsk Pickering Library, Pickering
Family February Fun Filey	19/02/2026	Thursday	14:00 - 16:00	Malton Library, Malton
Family February Fun Thirsk	19/02/2026	Thursday	14:00 - 16:00	Northallerton Library, Northallerton
Family February Fun Pickering	20/02/2026	Friday	10:00 - 12:00	
Family February Fun Malton	20/02/2026	Friday	10:00 - 12:00	
Family February Fun Northallerton	20/02/2026	Friday	10:30 - 12:30	

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# Happy New Year!



A secondary school with 1000 pupils, pays 38p/student,  
a primary school with 300 students, pays 77p/student  
for their parents to have free access to all these sessions for 12 months



- Autism: Improving Communication**
- Raising Self-Esteem**
- Supporting Healthy Screen Use**
- Supporting Healthy Sleep**
- Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness**
- What is ACT?**
- Introduction to OCD**
- Anxiety Explained**
- Anxiety-Based School Avoidance**
- Supporting a Child with ADHD**
- Facing Defiance**
- Understanding Anger**
- Addictive Behaviour**
- Understanding the Teenage Brain**
- Decreasing Depression**
- Improving Family Communication**



contact Jane  
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[facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)



# 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



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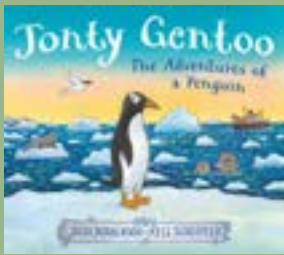
## FS1 Bears



This week the children will be reading Jonty Gentoo by Julia Donaldson. You can watch video of the story below. We will be learning about the adventure that he goes on and the characters that he meets

The children will be exploring ice; we will be painting with it, finding out what happens when it melts and creating a slip and slide for Jonty the penguin.

The children will looking for patterns in snowflakes and creating their own.



### Reminder:

Please make sure the children are wrapped up warm and have plenty of spare clothes.

## Caterpillar Room



Next week we will be looking at the book One Snowy night by Nick Butterworth. We will be creating snowy pictures with paint and salt and looking at cold colours. We will also be working on our fine motor skills and will be using scissors to create snowflakes. We will be talking about kindness, sharing and helping others and learning about all the different animals in the story and why we should be kind to animals, others as well as ourselves. You can listen to the story here

<https://youtu.be/K-8AAisU1w0?si=40t3PyScOASllyyY>

Please ensure your children have a warm coat everyday and plenty of spare clothes .



## FS2 Mice & Hippos



This week we have been reading Snowball by Sue Hendra. We had enjoyed discussing the story and predicting what will happen next. We have been busy creating lists and using our Fred Fingers to spell simple words. The children will be coming home with books from their phonics lessons, please take time to read with them. Every little practice helps and builds confidence.

In maths we have been learning about 1 more and 1 less. Also ordering numbers to 10 correctly.

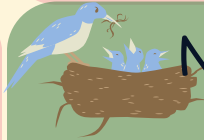
Next week we will be finding out about people that help us in the community. We may have a few visitors coming into school to discuss their role in the community.

In PE we have started our gymnastics topic and the children are enthusiastic in their learning.



Forest schools on Monday, please remember to bring in waterproofs and wellies.

## News from the Nest



Next week we will be looking at the book **Simon**



**Sock.** We will be

concentrating on matching and pairing various objects.

Also we will be looking at what makes a great friend.

We will have our own sock washing line to find their friends!

On Friday we will make fruit smoothies.



## The week in Year 1

This week the children have had fun learning all about explorers and their achievements. The children have worked hard on creating questions for an explorer. Then they were amazed to have a visit from an explorer and were excited to get answers to all their questions. In Maths we have been continuing our work on length and height with the children using cm to measure familiar items. Through hard work the children have finished this Maths topic. Next week they will move onto numbers to 40 including place value. In Science we have moved onto our topic of animals including humans. The children were excellent at thinking of animals beginning with all the letters of the alphabet. This week they will be categorising animals and exploring their different features.

*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:

All of the children in Year 1 for welcoming an explorer into our Year group and asking some well thought out and imaginative questions.

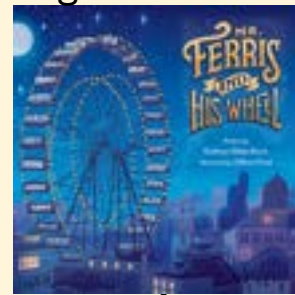
## This week in Year 2

We have had another very productive week in Year 2!

Children have been demonstrating great measuring skills and are starting to apply these skills to solve problems. The children have made an excellent start at producing a biography about Alexander Bell. In RE, they have produced some beautiful posters about looking after sacred books.

Next week in maths we will be moving on to looking at mass. We will be looking at the invention of the Ferris wheel and reading, 'Mr Ferris and his big wheel'.

This links nicely to our Design Technology project whereby the children will be building their own fairground wheel.



### **Shout out this week goes to:**

2W - Megan - for a great start on her biography!

2R - Lacey-Mae for her lovely dance skills!

Our PE days are:

Wednesday (indoor - dance)

Friday (outdoor - ball skills)



## Year 3 Heart & Aces & Incredible Llamas



Year 3 are becoming experts about Ancient Egypt and finding out about how historians work. We are having fun making globes and exploring the different hemispheres.

In science, we are planning healthy meals and looking at nutrition and food groups. Musical highlights - we have composed 8 beat rhythms in South African Style and are now moving onto Calypso style!



### Shout outs!

*A great learning attitude from everyone but special mentions to Coby, Grace and Cameron 3IL - Thea, Jenique and Malachi 3HA.*



## Year 4 Butterflies & Tigers

This week, we are developing our understanding of multiplication and how this is linked to division. We are exploring how multiplication and division facts are related. In English, we have started to plan our own version of the classic legend 'Romulus and Remus'. The children have used drama to create different versions of the legend. In science, we are starting a new topic and considering what we would like to know by asking enquiry based questions. In History, we are looking more closely at significant events that took place during the Roman Era and the rise of the Empire. In RE, we are considering scenarios which display right and wrong behaviours and how we can advise someone who makes wrong choices.



*Well done!*



### Congratulations...

**Butterfly of the Week:** Ethan for trying really hard in focused reading.

**Tiger of the Week:** Teddy for fabulous work in class.

### 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



We have completed our topic on statistics, and we have done a fantastic job at reading data from graphs and tables in order to answer a variety of questions. We have created line graphs, which links our maths, science and computing topics.

Science we delved into the human life cycles and stages of development from foetus to old age. Ready for our visit to Hopetown we have started to look at the history of transport – how did it all begin?

## 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:

Kiyomi, Grayson and Isla for showing year 5 high standards and expectations in every lesson.

Lincyn and Jackson for positive learning attitudes – well done boys!



## Year 6 Hawks & Heroes



Outdoor PE – Thursday  
Indoor PE – Friday

Come to school in your correct PE kit.

Tuesday next week (20th) - Titanic dress up day – come to school dressed as a shipyard worker (or another character from the Titanic if you like)

There are a number of children who have not been reading at home – please read at least 2 times a week at home and get your reading record signed by a parent/carer. Make sure your reading record comes to school every day. We are checking your records every Thursday.

6RH:

Riley – for speaking up and contributing lots in class  
Lukas – getting his head down and working hard  
Lola B – for settling in to her new class really well

6JH:

Bharat – excellent job as a play leader, using his initiative and being really helpful  
Lewis – brilliant Science work  
Rosa – fantastic effort with home reading