



KEEPING IN TOUCH

Message from Mr M

Attitude & Behaviour

We have become increasingly concerned about the attitude and behaviour of a number of pupils across the school over the last couple of weeks. Some pupils are demonstrating a 'I don't care about learning' attitude whilst others are really not giving it their all. We are actioning this with a number of children checking in with senior leaders at the end of the day. Pleasingly, the vast majority of pupils are wanting to do the right thing and maximise the opportunities they have. With Parent Consultations looming, there may be some challenging conversations about individual pupils attitude.



Fidget Toys

There has been a distinct increase in the number of pupils bringing 'toys' into school under the label of 'fidget toys' stating they need them to concentrate. However, what they are actually using them for is to play and mess about. It is important to note that the use of a 'fidget toy' needs to be approved by the class teacher and SENDCO or other Senior Leader and medical guidance may be required. We know a number of our pupils do require these tools for learning and make reasonable adjustments to accommodate individual needs however, pupils using toys to mess around with will have them removed especially if there has been no conversation with the class teacher.



Pupil Voice

One of the actions we have now introduced following our Pupil Voice survey is a new rota for lunch sittings. This means pupils in Year 3,4,5 & 6 will rotate when they come for their lunch on a daily basis making it fair for all age groups. The older pupils were very clear that this was something that they felt was unfair and are pleased that this has now been changed.



Year 6 SATs Parent Events

Calling all Year 6 parents...



Year 6 teaching staff will be hosting a Parent Workshop providing key information about the Year 6 SATs which take place in May. The sessions outline the important ways in which you can support your child prepare for these assessments.

Tuesday 10th Feb @ 3:30pm Year 6 Block
Thursday 12th Feb @ 2:30pm School Hall
(enter via Breakfast Club door)

Swimming Survey - KS2

Thank you to those who have completed the Swimming Survey that has been shared. Your input will be really helpful to share with the Governing Body next week as we consider how best to meet this National Curriculum requirement.

If you have not completed it, please follow this link and share your thoughts. The survey will close at 5pm on Monday 2nd Feb.

[SWIMMING LINK HERE](#)

Key Stage 2 Snacks

The roll out of our play time snacks policy for Key Stage 2 has been well received this week and a noticeable difference with some pupils having a better focus having eaten something healthy! Only a small number of children have had to be reminded about what they are allowed to eat at break time! The school policy is; fruit and veg unless a reasonable adjustment has been agreed with a senior member of staff.



Parent Consultations

Bookings go LIVE on Thursday
5th February via Arbor

Safeguarding

Weekly Message from Mrs Cafferty

Recent investigations by [Ofcom](#) have targeted AI "companion" chatbots that may expose children to harmful or pornographic content due to weak age verification.

The government recently announced plans to ban AI-driven "nudification" tools and has made cyberflashing a priority offence to protect children from unsolicited explicit images.

This week coincides with Data Protection Day, highlighting risks like "digital footprints" and apps that collect excessive personal data from children who may not recognize the dangers.

Unexplained absence is increasingly treated as a "red flag" for potential neglect or exploitation, please make sure you inform the school office before 9am on the morning of each absence. If we have not heard from you one of our admin staff will always call you to check where your child is.

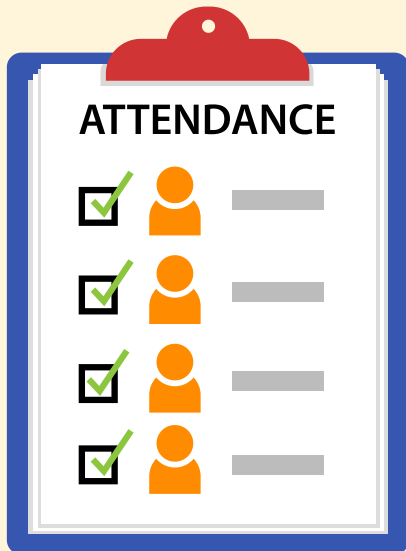
If you have any worries about your child please speak with the class teacher or one of our designated safeguarding leads.



Attendance Matters

This weeks attendance winners are

Year 1 Hedgehogs
with an amazing
100%



Lateness



Please do ensure that your child is at school on time as there are valuable learning opportunities set for before and during register time

This week we have had **446 minutes** of lost learning due to lateness. **58 pupils** were late this week

Equally Important

Equally Different



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KS2 STAR ASSEMBLY



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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.

PANCAKE DAY



Join us

ON: Tuesday 10th
February

for a **FLIPPIN'**
delicious lunch



NYES | Catering

PANCAKE DAY



Crispy Chicken Wrap

Potato Wedges

Pancake with Ice-cream

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NYES

**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](#)

online talk by Jane Keyworth



Supporting a Child with ADHD

Challenging the stereotypes, offering practical support and explaining more about this condition

3rd February 10-11:30am

3rd March 7-8:30pm



Book online

facefamilyadvice.co.uk

£24 or Free with a school membership code





FEBRUARY 2026 Timetable

All sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long

£24 each or FREE with School Membership

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Recordings available for 48 hours (excluding Free Talk)

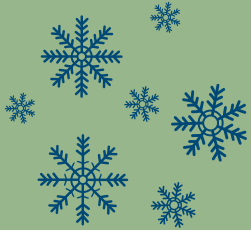
Autism - Improving Communication	2 Feb 10am
Improving Family Communication	2 Feb 7pm
Supporting A Child with ADHD	3 Feb 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	3 Feb 7pm
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	9 Feb 10am
Anxiety Explained	16 Feb 10am
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	16 Feb 7pm
What is ACT?	17 Feb 10am
Introduction to OCD	17 Feb 7pm
FREE - Reducing the Harm from Screens	19 Feb 7-8pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	23 Feb 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	23 Feb 7pm
Decreasing Depression	24 Feb 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	24 Feb 7pm
Understanding Anger	9 Mar 7pm
Facing Defiance	10 Mar 7pm



FS1 Bears



This week in FS1 we will be reading 'The Big Freeze' by Pippa Curnick. This is a story about working together. The children will be exploring the theme of winter changes and how we dress for winter weather. We will be designing our own winter jumpers and using all kinds of wool to create patterns.



Reminder:

Please return any clothes that have been loaned from FS1. We are running out of socks!! Thank you



Caterpillar Room

This week we have had lots of fun with our ice skating penguins and jelly igloos. The children have been working on their colour recognition and colour matching and have really enjoyed ice painting. We got super muddy at forest schools, where we made a mud slip and slide and created a large scale mud painting using our hands and natural resources as painting tools. Next week we will be focusing more on colours and our book of the week will be 'Little Winters Rainbow' we will be doing a science experiment with skittles and water and will be creating some large scale rainbows with big movements in our EPIC painting.

Please can we ask that all children have a warm coat everyday



FS2 Mice & Hippos



This week, we have continued learning about the emergency services. We needed the help of the fire service after an exciting alien invasion! We also helped the police by creating a wanted poster to help catch Orin the alien. In maths, we have been practising addition. We enjoyed making emergency vehicles using junk modelling, and we learned how a dentist helps us keep our teeth healthy. We talked about the importance of brushing our teeth twice a day to keep our smiles bright.



News from the Nest



Next week we are looking at the book ***Dinosaurs Love Underpants.***

In maths we will be looking at size- some activities will be measuring Dino's with cubes- how many cubes? Sorting our dino's in size order from small to big.

In literacy we are looking at some soft and hard materials and sorting them into areas. We will also need to make a shopping list for our baking activity, what will we need to make rice crispy Dino eggs?

We will be enjoying some Dino crafts and messy tuff trays. **Please pack spare clothes!**





The week in Year 1

This week the children have enjoyed learning all about the famous explorer **Neil Armstrong**. The children have been busy creating questions to gain a deeper understanding of *'The life of an Astronaut'*.

Next week the children will be using their new knowledge to write a non fiction account of the moon landing. In math's the children have been exploring numbers to 40. They have worked hard comparing numbers, finding more, counting in tens and ones and making number patterns. In geography the children have enjoyed exploring the local area and identifying human and physical features. In DT we have been exploring healthy and unhealthy foods, next week they are categorising foods.

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.

Reminder: Next week we will be testing the children's knowledge of the common exception words that were sent home.

Special shout outs for Year 1:

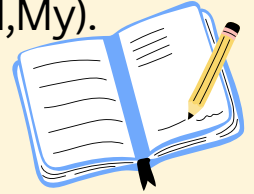
IE - Billy, Arthur and Lexi

1C - Rosie, Evie

IH - Albie, Rory and Umika

This week in Year 2

This week in Year 2 we have started looking at how we write a diary entry. This will be linked into our work about Mr Ferris and his amazing wheel invention. We are consolidating our understanding of using the past tense and first person (I, My).



Maths has been challenging this week as we have faced some difficult word problems based upon mass and length. The children will be coming home with homework to support this. The challenge is in understanding what the question is asking them to do.

Next week, we will be completing our mid-year GL English and Maths quizzes, which can be discussed at Parents' Evening. We will also be finishing off our Ferris Wheel models in DT.

Shout out this week goes to:

Maddie (2R) and Hollie (2W) - our School councillors - for their outstanding work in the recent councillor assembly in front of the whole school.



Year 3 Heart & Aces & Incredible Llamas



Year 3 are working hard on lots of problem solving in maths! We are working together to come up with lots of different ways to explain our reasoning.

We have been trying really hard on our handwriting and are producing some impressive writing about the Egyptians.



Fantastic teamwork in PE as always!



Ellie, Henry and Mivika for their continued hard work and extra effort at home!

Hannah and Coby for amazing writing.



Year 4 Butterflies & Tigers

Year 4 are really enjoying the History topic, this term. They have been writing some fantastic sentences linked to the Romans. In maths, we are trying really hard to understand how to multiply large numbers using formal written methods.



In DT, we evaluated how effective the model of a helmet was and how we could improve this. In science, pupils have identified the main parts of the digestive system before making their own model of the digestive system using crackers, bananas, water and a pair of tights! Disgusting, but lots of fun!



Well done!



Congratulations...
Butterfly of the Week: Jale for excellent sentences and fantastic presentation in maths.

Tiger of the Week:
Elizabeth for brilliant work 100% of the time
Don't Forget

Tuesday am - Indoor PE
Friday am - Outdoor PE

Monday 9th February: Year 4 to work with an author in school.



Year 5 Hummingbirds & Stars



Swimming is going incredibly well and all children are showing signs of progress – well done Year 5 😊

We are truly underway with our fractions work and so far we have looked at changing improper fractions to mixed numbers and how to create equivalent fractions. Next week we will be beginning to add and subtract fractions – again, keep an eye out for support videos on SeeSaw.

Our class novel, Kensuke's Kingdom, has inspired our writing this week and we have created detailed setting descriptions. Next week we will write letters, from our deserted island, to put into bottles!



Upcoming Events:

5S Swimming every Wednesday
5H Swimming every Friday

Tuesday 3rd February (next week!) –
Darlington railway Hopetown visit
Any money to be paid for swimming or trips can be paid via the school office or Arbor.



Shout out:

5S – Jacob L and Harry for perseverance in maths changing improper fractions to mixed numbers. Isla for reading most nights and recording it in her reading record.

5H – Thomas for his enthusiasm in lessons and Jackson for working incredibly hard with his spellings.



Following on from the informative school council assembly for the children and last week's KIT – our school councillors are prompting healthy eating of fruit and vegetables during morning play.

Fruit and vegetables support children's focus by providing essential vitamins, minerals, and antioxidants that fuel brain function and stabilize energy levels. In addition, fruit and vegetables improve cognitive performance, enhance memory, and increase blood flow to the brain, directly impacting attention spans and academic success – **this is just what we need with 57 school days until we sit our SATs!**

Year 6 Hawks & Heroes



Shout outs:

6RH

Teddy: for impressing Frank with his maths!
Axel: for working hard
Lukas: Working hard and showing kindness

6JH:

Blayk – Hero of the week
Romey – Lovely art work

Reminder for parents:

Outdoor PE – Thursday
Indoor PE – Friday



Supporting your child with SATs meeting.

We have a DT project planned that involves every child needing a shoe box – please can you start to save your shoe boxes; a great excuse to go shopping!