



KEEPING IN TOUCH

Message from Mr M

Welcome Back

We hope you had an enjoyable Easter Break and managed to spend time with family and friends. It has been great to see everyone back in school this week and eager to go.



CONGRATULATIONS!

I am sure you will join me in congratulating Miss Jobson-Wood who held her wedding during the Easter Holiday. We are elighted for her and her partner as they start married life.



Junior Duke Success

Over 100 pupils attended our first ever Junior Duke session on Monday this week. There was a real buzz around the session and I know the pupils who are involved with this scheme are really excited about what they are doing. A big **Thank You** to Mrs Hellens who is leading on this project and the other staff who have got involved.



Mrs Ramsbottom Update

Following the early arrival of Mrs Ramsbottom's baby boy, we are pleased to hear that he is doing well despite remaining in hospital. He is putting on weight and is now 9 week's old!



Mrs Ricketts

A number of you will remember Mrs Ricketts who was a highly valued member of staff and worked across a number of areas. We sadly heard of her passing during the Easter Holiday following a battle with cancer. We send all of our love to her family at this time.



DRUMBA is Coming!

We are really excited to introduce DRUMBA to Le Cateau and have purchased a whole class set of DRUMBA kits to use as part of our PE, sport and healthy living agenda.



We will share more over the next few weeks as we introduce the pupils to it. We are also planning to start some weekly **parent sessions** either during the day or after school! Watch out for more details!

SHINE 2026!

5 Weeks and counting! Today, we launched this year's **SHINE** Contest with auditions taking place over the next few weeks. The FINAL will take place on the last day of this term - **Friday 22nd May 2026**

Year 6 Welcome Evenings

Richmond School - Wednesday
17th & Thursday 18th June 2026

Risedale School - Wednesday
24th June

SFX - Tuesday 30th June

Wensleydale School - Tuesday 9th
June





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BIKE DAY 2026

Our annual BIKE DAY will take place on Friday 5th June 2026.

An action packed day filled with a wide range of cycling activities and events.

Details to follow later in the term.



SPORTS DAY 2026

2 Year Old & EYFS

Friday 3rd July - 1:15pm

Year 1 & 2

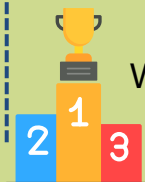
Wednesday 24th June - 1:15pm

Year 3 & 4

Friday 17th June - 1:15pm

Year 5 & 6

Wednesday 8th July - 1:15pm



The Garrison ASSIST Project EMBED

Meeting With Department for Education

This week has seen Mr Mottram head to London to meet with the Minister for School Standards, Georgia Gould MP. This was following a request made in the Houses of Parliament by the Education Secretary, Bridgett Phillipson MP to meet following the success of the Garrison Assist Project that has been co-led by Mr Mottram over the last 3 years. The DFE are really interested in the work that has been undertaken in the Garrison linked to Service Pupils and SEND. There are a number of initiatives that have been implemented through the GAP Project that could now be rolled out nationally ensuring Service Pupils with SEND and their families are not disadvantaged due to postings and mobility. This links with the Governments White Paper on Education and SEND.

We were delighted that the parents of two of our former pupils could attend the meeting and could share their experiences. Mr and Mrs Cottier were able to inform the Minister of the challenges and failings in the system since that they have encountered since leaving Le Cateau and Catterick Garrison





Safeguarding

Message from Mrs Cafferty

Your mental health and wellbeing is vital...

Tiny Moments of Relaxation
In your hectic daily cycle of parenting

Mental health tips and coping strategies for parents

You can't pour from an empty cup. Try out three well-being activities for parents from Dr Emma Hepburn.

... BBC Tiny Happy People / Dec 15, 2021

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/articles/zgwd96f>

Compassionate thoughts

“Parenting children can be stressful, and every parent is learning on the job. It seems that when you become a parent, guilt and worry come along as part of the picture... When we add stress, uncertainty and sleep deprivation, it can result in us being more sensitive to negative information and more critical of ourselves...critical thinking can then make us more stressed. However, kind thoughts about ourselves help to reduce stress.”

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Attendance Matters

This weeks attendance winners

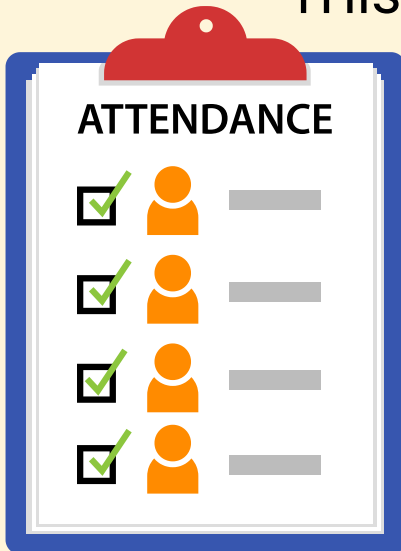
are

6 Heroes

with an amazing

99%

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 **249 minutes** of lost learning due to lateness. We have had **16 children** arriving late this week!

Absences



All absences need to be reported by **9 AM** to the **school office**. Messages passed through the teacher don't always make it to the office.



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Extra Curricular Clubs

This terms clubs are now live and ready to book, get your childs name down to avoid disappointment

BOOK YOUR SPOT NOW

EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS - SUMMER
TERM 2026 – FILL IN FORM





KS2 GOLD AND SILVER STAR AWARDS



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Y6 Titanic Afternoon Tea Party



MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

PURPLE UP DAY!

Friday 24th April

Children are invited to come to school wearing something purple to celebrate purple up day.

This can be a full outfit or just a single item e.g. socks/jumper etc.

We will be running various events for the children look out for more information in the coming week.

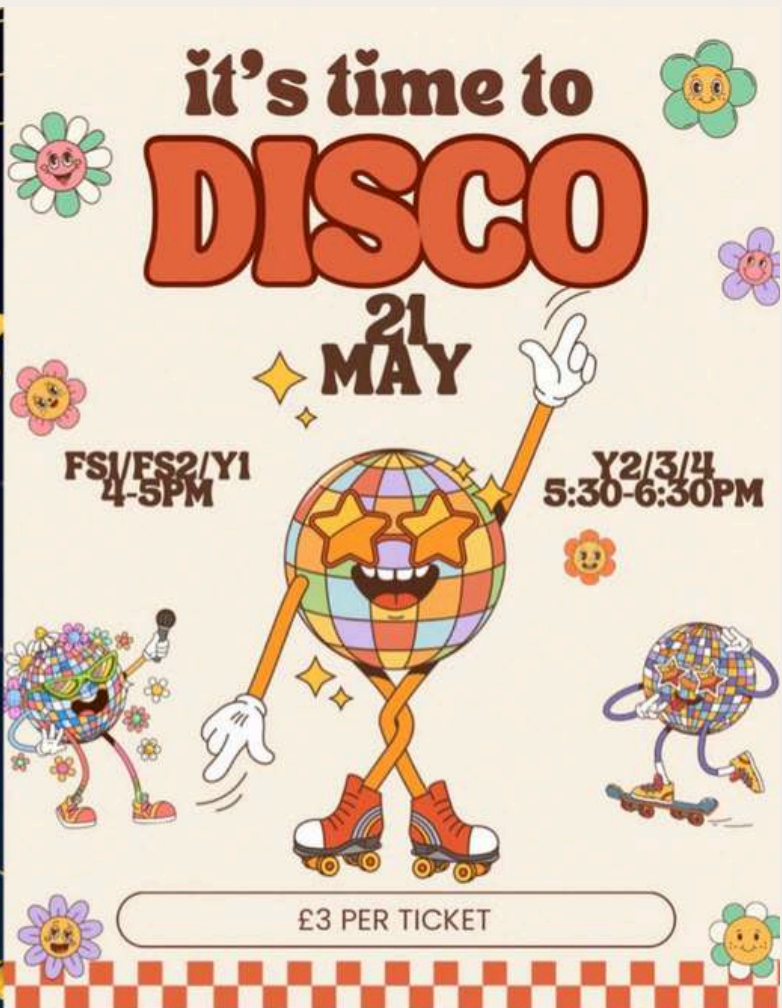
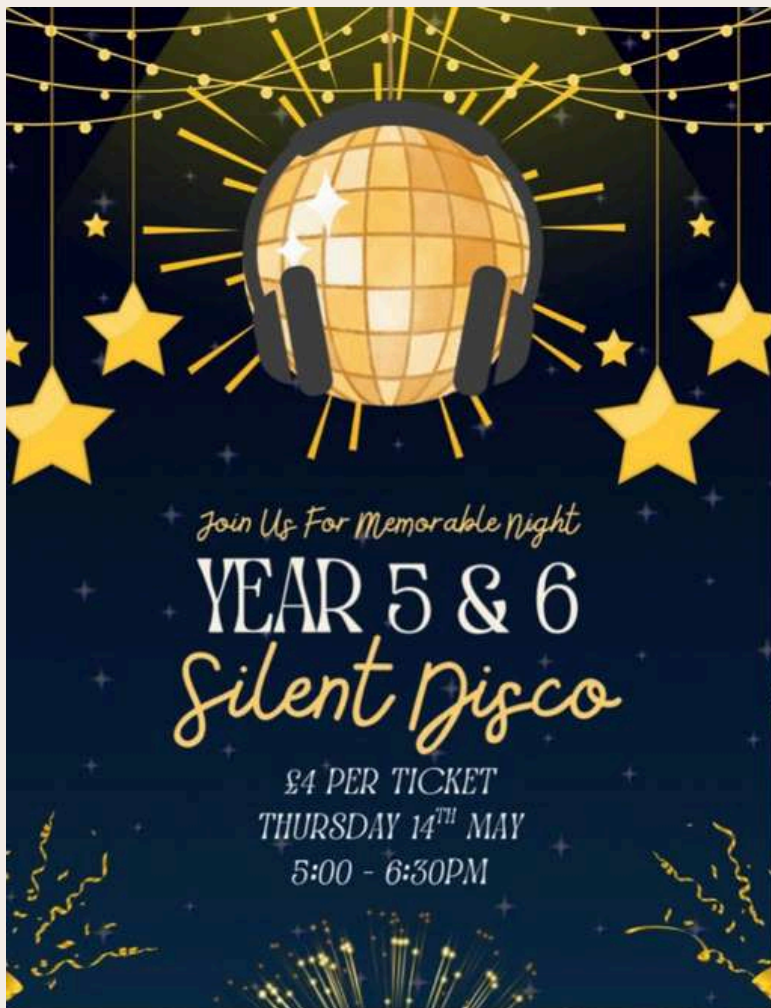
Win!

In respect of the Military child month, you have the opportunity to win a purple hamper filled with goodies!

Tickets are £1 available from the office, from Monday, and the winner will be drawn, and contacted, on Friday 24th April!

Good luck!





ALL TICKETS WILL BE ON SALE FROM THE FOLC HUB ON THE FOLLOWING DATES -

- MONDAY 20TH APRIL 3:15-3:45
- TUESDAY 21ST APRIL 8:20-8:45
- THURSDAY 23RD APRIL 8:20-8:45/3:15-3:45
- MONDAY 27TH APRIL 8:20-8:45/3:15-3:45
- WEDNESDAY 29TH APRIL 3:15-3:45
- THURSDAY 30TH APRIL 8:20-8:45/3:15-3:45
- FRIDAY 1ST MAY 8:20-8:45
- TUESDAY 5TH MAY 8:20-8:45/3:15-3:45
- WEDNESDAY 6TH MAY 8:20-8:45
- FRIDAY 8TH MAY 8:20-8:45

IF YOUR CHILD ATTENDS BREAKFAST CLUB AND WOULD LIKE TO COME ALONG TO ONE OF OUR DISCOS, THEN PLEASE PUT EXACT MONEY IN A SEALED ENVELOPE WITH CHILDS NAME AND CLASS ON THE FRONT. WE WILL THEN GET A TICKET TO YOUR CHILD.

UNFORTUNATELY NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AFTER THE LAST DATE ABOVE.

ALL DISCOS ARE DROP OFF/COLLECT FROM THE BREAKFAST CLUB ENTRANCE.

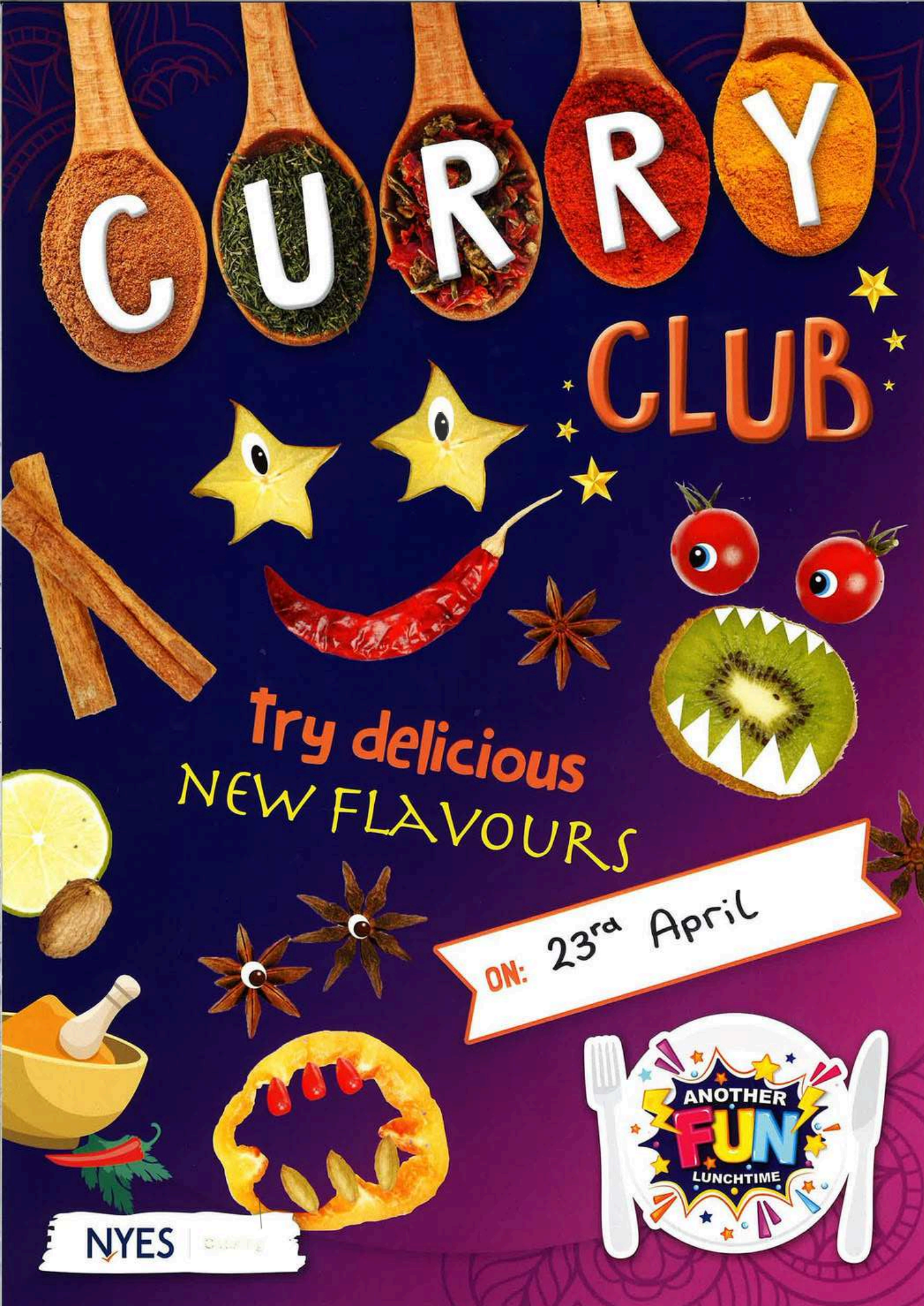
CURRY

CLUB

Try delicious
NEW FLAVOURS

ON: 23rd April

NYES | curry



CURRY CLUB

Try delicious **NEW FLAVOURS**

A selection of Chicken
Curries with Rice,
Naan and Poppadum
Iced fruit Smoothie



NYES

Are you aged 8-18 and have a parent serving in the military?



We want to hear from you!

What is it about?

Help us understand your experiences of growing up in a military family.

Age

8-11



Age

12-15



What do I need to do?

Just complete a short online survey (10-15 minutes). All answers are private!

Scan your age group QR code for more information and to take part.!

Age

16-18



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KCMHR



SHINE is back!!

Our school talentshow, SHINE, is returning and we can't wait to see your amazing talents.

Do you have something special to share? You could sing, dance, play an instrument, perform a magic trick or show any other talent you have. You can perform on your own or with friends.

This competition is open to children in Year 2 and above.

Start practising and get your act ready. This is your chance to take to the stage, have fun, and show everyone what you can do.

It's your time to SHINE.

First auditions will be held in the next couple of weeks.





April 2026 Timetable

All regular sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long

£24 each or FREE with School Membership

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Recordings available for 48 hours

Understanding Anger	6 April 10am
School Anxiety	6 April 7pm
Facing Defiance	7 April 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	7 April 7pm
Anxiety Explained	13 April 10am
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	13 April 7pm
Introduction to OCD	14 April 10am
What is ACT?	14 April 7pm
Decreasing Depression	20 April 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	20 April 7pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	21 April 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	21 April 7pm
FREE Decreasing Depression	23 April 7-8pm
Improving Family Communication	
Autism: Improving Communication	27 April 10am
Supporting a Child with ADHD	27 April 7pm
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	28 April 10am
	28 April 7pm



May school holiday family learning in Catterick



Jack and the Beanstalk – Growing Beanstalk & Plant Pot Craft

This hands-on family learning session uses the classic story Jack and the Beanstalk to inspire creativity, early reading skills, and simple scientific exploration. Children and their parents work together to create imaginative crafts that bring the beanstalk and its magical setting to life, while also planting their own “magic bean” to observe and care for at home. Across three engaging activity stages, families explore the story’s characters, setting, and key events while promoting talk, prediction, and story sequencing.

Thursday 28 May 2026
2pm to 4pm
Catterick Library

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.

www.northyorks.gov.uk/adultlearning
Tel: 01609 536 066
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FS1 Bears

The Nursery garden is really starting to come to life now that spring is really on it's way. The plants are beginning to grow and there are insects and new life appearing everywhere. The children are really enjoying exploring and seeing what they can find.

This week we have been reading **10 Little Bugs by Mike Brownlow**. You can hear the story here,



Caterpillar Room

We have had a fantastic first week back after the Easter break! It has been wonderful welcoming back our Caterpillars, as well as meeting some new faces. The children have thoroughly enjoyed exploring the setting, getting creative with painting in our new art area, and beginning to build new friendships. We are incredibly proud of how well everyone has settled back into their routines especially those who are adjusting to brand new ones.

Next week, we will continue to follow the children's interests in our activities.

On Wednesday, we will be celebrating Earth Day by taking part in a litter pick and creating bird feeders for our outdoor area, creating a bug hotel at forest schools and focussing on the idea that Earth is our home, and we love it by keeping it clean and caring for nature.

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FS2 Mice & Hippos

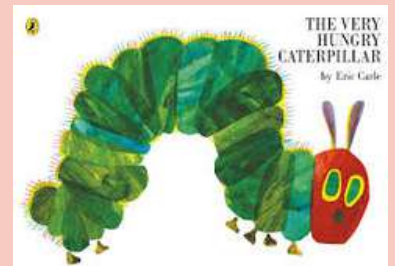


Welcome back to all our children after the Easter holidays! We hope you had a restful break.

This half term, our new theme is Ready, Steady, Grow and we are excited to begin exploring it together. We will be learning about how we have changed since we were babies, as well as discovering the fascinating life cycles of butterflies and frogs. The children will also have the opportunity to get hands-on with planting and caring for plants, helping them grow and change over time.

We look forward to a fun and engaging half term ahead!

Next weeks book is *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*.



News from the Nest

We have had a great first week back and have done lots of Space themed learning.



In Maths we have continued with number formations and introduced number bonds of 10.

We will be continuing to develop our independent writing skills in both literacy and maths throughout the term, building on our phonics and communication activities.

Equally Different



The week in Year 1

Welcome back after the Easter break. It was great to see the children running in on Monday with smiles on their faces and full of exciting tales of fun experiences.

In English this week we have been looking at the sound collector and different ways to describe the sounds we hear. The children then explored poems describing sound. This will lead to the children creating their own detailed poems on the sounds we have explored.

In maths the children have been exploring doubles, making doubles, calculating doubles and even singing doubles.

In geography we have moved onto a study of the weather. The children will be keeping a daily record of the weather, please ask them about their findings.



Don't forget

PE: Monday - Outdoor - Rackets, bats and balls

Tuesday - Indoor - Locomotion (jumping)

A reminder all jewellery, including earrings, must be removed before all PE sessions.

Also, children need to bring their reading record into school daily. The children's daily phonics session requires their reading diary and book. Also, teachers take to opportunity to read with the children whenever possible.



Special shout outs for Year 1:



All the children in Year 1 for coming into school with a huge smile and a great learning attitude.



This week in Year 2

It has been lovely to welcome everyone back, refreshed and ready for our final term in Year 2! The children have settled in brilliantly and are already showing great enthusiasm for their learning.

We have launched our new topic, Our Wonderful World, and the children are very excited to begin exploring it. In English, we have been reading stories from around the world that explain how people once believed different parts of the world were formed – including the story of the First Koala Bear, which sparked some fantastic discussions and imaginative thinking.

In Science, we have started our new topic on plants.

Over the coming weeks, the children will learn about the different types of plants and discover just how important they are to our world and to us. You may have heard the children chatting about 3D shapes, which is our new Maths focus. Please feel free to challenge your child at home to spot and name 3D shapes in real-world objects – they love showing off their knowledge!

Important Reminder

Next Friday, Year 2 will be visiting Foxglove Nature Reserve. Thank you to the parents who have already paid the contribution via the Arbor account. Please remember to send your child with:

- Appropriate footwear
- A packed lunch



Shout out this week goes to:

2R – Well done to Aela and William for producing some fantastic work this week.

2W – A big shout out to Izzy and Freya for challenging themselves and trying new things.

We are very proud of you!

Thank you for your continued support – we're looking forward to an exciting term ahead!



Year 3 Heart & Aces & Incredible Llamas



We have had a lovely first week back, with some excellent maths skills, pupils have been finding the length of classroom objects and converting cm to m.

In English we have enjoyed beginning our new topic 'Ey Up Yorkshire!' and have begun researching local areas and writing about where you can dine! In RE pupils are learning about prayer across the religions and in PSHE have learned about different jobs as well as thinking about a range of roles adults have.

We also attended an interesting assembly delivered by Mr Hollocks on the latest NASA space mission. In art we have researched a local artist who creates landscapes using digital art - watch this space!

Dates for your Diary:

Swimming Friday 3IL

PE Monday 3HA

PE Wednesday 3IL & 3HA

Shout outs!

Rose Tu

Ellie Griffith

Imara Gurung

Harry Jacob

Year 4 Butterflies & Tigers



This week In Maths, we have started our new unit on time, learning how to read clocks and understand different units of time.

In English, we have been exploring fables, learning what they are and beginning to use speech within our writing. We have also really enjoyed our P.E. lessons, taking part in outdoor tag rugby, and we were very excited to have our first swimming session.

Next week in Year 4, we will be finishing our Maths unit on time before moving on to learning about money. In Art, we will be creating some beautiful work inspired by cherry blossom trees. We will also be continuing our outdoor P.E. lessons on Wednesdays, where we will keep developing our skills in tag rugby.

Dates for your Diary:

Swimming: Monday 4B and

Thursday 4T

Outdoor P.E: Wednesday



Well done!



To all of Year 4 for coming back into school after the holidays ready and eager to learn, we all did a great job at swimming this week too!



Year 5 Hummingbirds & Stars



Fantastic first week back!

We hope everyone had a restful break – as always we have an incredibly busy term ahead!

In maths we have continued with our decimals topic and the children are incredibly confident with adding and subtracting decimal values.

For English, this term we will be creating non-fiction reports on dragons, writing our own Viking battle scenes and using AI to create pictures from our descriptions. Indoor PE is all about counter tension and counter balancing whilst outdoor PE, it is the first ever time we will be taking part in triathlon events.



Upcoming Events:

Friday 24th March – Murder mystery @ Wensleydale

Week beginning 11th May – SATS week

Thursday 14th May – York & Jorvik

Friday 15th May – Viking Day

Friday 22nd May – SHINE (Le Cateau's famous talent show) own clothes day

Check SeeSaw for more information.

Shout out:

5S – Arya for brilliant reading over the holidays!

5H – Oliver and Caiden for a brilliant, positive attitude for coming back.

Year 6 Hawks & Heroes



A massive thank you to Mrs Grimes and Mrs Biggins for organising the Titanic afternoon tea. Thank you to Mrs Neville for popping back to help out with service (with a smile) with Mrs Buxton, to make the day a memorable experience. Well done to all the Year 6 pupils for making our special guests so welcome.



Shout outs



To all the wonderful Titanic costumes at our afternoon tea.

Reminder for parents:

We have 3 weeks to go until SATs. If you have the revision books, pupils could have a go at the areas they are less confident with.