

# KEEPING IN TOUCH



## Message from Mr M

**It is the end of another busy term here at Le Cateau.**

**School closes today Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 3:15pm for two weeks**

**Pupils return for the Summer Term on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April at 8:40am**

**Have a great Easter break and enjoy the sun if we are lucky enough to get some.**



## Pre-loved Uniform Hub

The Hub is open every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings at the start of the school day.

The Hub has a range of items of uniform that are in really good condition so head along and see what you can pick up for a very small fee.



## Year 6 Welcome Evenings

Richmond - Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2026

Risedale - Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June

SFX - Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June

Wensleydale - Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June





# Safeguarding

Message from Mrs Cafferty



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c86e3q5j992o>

## Dear Parents and Carers,

Managing the amount of time that our children spend on their phones/tech is becoming an increasing issue for some.



Many of you have shared your concerns with me and as a parent myself, I feel your frustration.

It's extremely draining when battling with our children about what and when to access; and for how long.

Our worries about the impact of online activity on children's physical, social emotional and mental health can also be a worry.

It can be hard to know when to stop using devices, as many social media platforms and online games have been specifically designed to be addictive.

**However, we can take control of this!**

Click on the BBC link above for  
**TOP TIPS** to help manage your  
children's online activity.



## HAVE YOUR SAY!

Click on link below to complete Government survey here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/growing-up-in-the-online-world-a-national-consultation>



# Attendance Matters

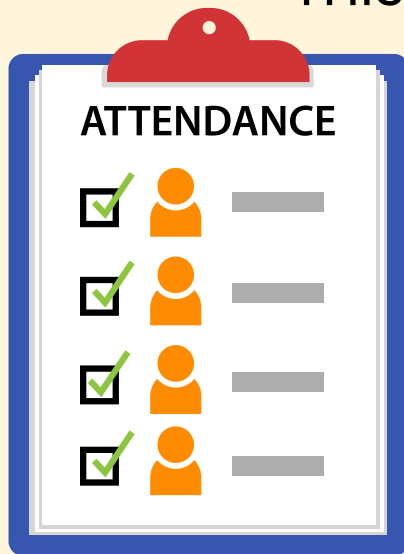
This weeks attendance winners

are

**FS2 Hippos**

with an amazing

**98.23%**



## 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 **482** of lost learning due to lateness. We have had **24** 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.



# FS2 & KS1 AWARDS ASSEMBLY



# Hadrian's Wall





CANCER  
RESEARCH  
UK

Well done to our group of year 6  
pupils who raised an amazing  
£100 for Cancer Research





# 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](http://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
<b>FREE Decreasing Depression</b>	<b>23 April 7-8pm</b>
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



**Picture  
News**

**Teaching resources to engage  
children in current affairs**



Dear Parents,

In our commitment to develop children's critical literacy skills, we have teamed up with Picture News to help develop their understanding and appreciation of the news.

Having age-appropriate conversations with your child about the news keeps them interested and informed about what's happening in the world...and you too!

They move from wanting to know what happens in MY world to what is happening in THE world and their place in it.

By having regular conversations about the news, you are able to share a whole range of topics and together make more sense of different events, issues and stories.

Some significant news stories can be frightening, and you will need to consider what your child can cope with and whether they are developmentally ready to understand certain events. For example, you might decide to listen to the news rather than watch it as there may be images they might find upsetting.

Talking about the major headlines of the day and current affairs is important for children to grow up as global citizens but it's important too to share a variety of fun and exciting news stories from the worlds of sport, entertainment, music, science, etc. as well as local news closer to home.

**Here are some quick tips:**

- Initiate discussions about the news using the Picture News resources. Ask them what they discussed in Picture News this week!
- Read and watch some news stories together from different sources.
- Find out what your child knows about the news and explore their understanding.
- Listen to what your child says and value their opinions.
- Explain simply and in a way that makes sense to them.
- Promote a habit of enquiry and make asking questions your child's default setting.
- Help your child to spot fake news and how to fact-check.
- Develop a news habit by accessing the news regularly.
- Defuse bad news and offer reassurance.
- Protect your child from distressing and disturbing news.
- Monitor your child's exposure to the news.

Discussing the news of the day doesn't have to be formal but can be done naturally and casually in everyday moments such as on the way to school or when preparing a meal. The important thing is to keep the conversation going about the news and make it a feature of your daily lives.

By working together, we can help children become critical consumers of the news so that they are 'news savvy', articulate and confident citizens.

Yours faithfully,



# OUT OF THE BOX

Thu 9 April, 2pm

★★★★★ “Chaotic and hugely enjoyable”— London Theatre 1

★★★★★ “What an utterly absorbing, charming and great fun show this is... his crowd control is sublime.” — *The Scotsman*

Out of the Box is a multi-award-winning family show delighting audiences across the UK; an hour of joyful chaos, jaw-dropping skill, and irresistible fun.

Fresh from five-star success at the Edinburgh Fringe and being named Best Family Show at Brighton Fringe, Darryl J Carrington transforms everyday objects into extraordinary adventures. A toothbrush stars in a balancing act, a string sparks a heist, and a tea party lands on someone’s head!

With over 20 years of circus and clowning experience, Darryl’s silent comedy blends world-class juggling, inventive physical theatre, and heartwarming audience interaction. His humour transcends age and language, captivating children, parents, and grandparents alike.

More info / bookings: [OUT OF THE BOX - What's On - Helmsley Arts Centre www.helmsleyarts.co.uk](http://www.helmsleyarts.co.uk) |

01439 771700

## Tokyo Sketch Studio A Creative Trip to Japan: Kawaii & Manga Art Adventure!

Mon 30 March - Tue 31 March, 10am, 10.30am & 1pm This Easter holiday join local artist Nicola Hutchinson for another incredibly exciting Art Adventure. Pack your imagination and get ready for a colourful journey through Japan — no passport required!

In this fun, hands-on art workshop, young artists (ages 5–16) will explore the vibrant world of Japanese art, from cute “kawaii” characters to manga and anime-comic inspired creations. All ideas are welcome at this super exciting fun filled event and Nicola will provide plenty of inspiration to help you develop your artistic skills and

each participant will take home their own unique Japanese-inspired artwork - a perfect souvenir for their "trip to Tokyo!" All levels and abilities are welcome; snacks and drinks are provided; please dress to get messy!

### Dates

Mon 30th March | 10am - 3pm (**Ages 8-11**) - Full day creative workshop £35.00 (Please bring a packed lunch)

Tues 31st March | 10.30am - 11.30am (**Ages 5-7**) £10.00

Tues 31st March | 1pm - 4pm (**Ages 12-16**) £20.00

To book visit [www.helmsleyarts.co.uk](http://www.helmsleyarts.co.uk) | 01439 771700 [Tokyo Sketch Studio A Creative Trip to Japan: Kawaii & Manga Art Adventure! - What's On - Helmsley Arts Centre](#)

## Little Amelie (PG)

### Wed 8 April, 2.30pm

A young Belgian girl living in 1960s Japan uses her big imagination to explore the world around her in this animated coming-of-age drama.

Length of film: 78mins

Directed by: Maïlys Vallade and Liane-Cho Han

Starring: Loïse Charpentier, Victoria Grosbois, Yumi Fujimori

To book visit [www.helmsleyarts.co.uk](http://www.helmsleyarts.co.uk) | 01439 771700 [Little Amelie - What's On - Helmsley Arts Centre](#)

# TEACHING ASSISTANT QUALIFICATION

## Support your local school

Are you 18 or over, have some spare time  
and would love to work with children?

Be a **volunteer** in your local school and gain  
a Teaching Assistant qualification too!

### Interested?

If so, the **NCFE CACHE Level 3 Certificate in  
Supporting Teaching and Learning** could be  
the perfect course for you.



Swaledale  
Alliance

## Why train with the Swaledale Alliance.

- ✔ Support children in your local school.
- ✔ Gain a nationally recognised qualification.
- ✔ Full support as you embark on a new career.

**NCFE**  
**CACHE**

**APPLY NOW FOR  
SEPTEMBER 2026**

### MORE INFORMATION

Email: [info@swaledalealliance.org](mailto:info@swaledalealliance.org)  
Visit: [www.swaledalealliance.org](http://www.swaledalealliance.org)





## FS1 Bears

This has been a busy week in FS1; the children have been getting the garden ready and beginning to sew seeds and plant seedlings. We are excited to see how they grow over the coming months.

The children have been creating crafts and gifts for Easter; they particularly enjoyed making chocolate Easter nests.

All the team hope that you have a wonderful Easter break and enjoy the time you can spend together.



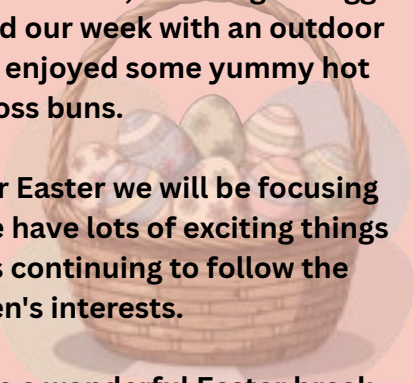
## Caterpillar Room

We have had such a fun filled week this week, celebrating Easter. Our story this week was 'We're going on an Easter hunt' the children have tried really hard with their numbers, counting the eggs in the story. We ended our week with an outdoor Easter egg hunt and enjoyed some yummy hot cross buns.



When we return after Easter we will be focusing on Minibeasts and we have lots of exciting things planned, as well as continuing to follow the children's interests.

We hope you all have a wonderful Easter break and we look forward to seeing most of you when we return on April 13<sup>th</sup> along with welcoming some new faces, those children who are moving up to FS1 we have loved having you in the Caterpillar room but we know you will be brilliant in FS1 and we can't wait to watch you bloom and grow in your next little chapter.



## FS2 Mice & Hippos

Wow! What a busy half term we have had. The children have grown so much this term along with their thirst for learning. They have loved every minute of our mini beast theme, especially our Zoolab experience where many faced their fears to hold insects and snakes! This week we have celebrated Easter and enjoyed watching year 5 in their Easter service in the church.

Our story this week was 'Omar and the bees' and we know why bees are important and how they make honey. Tasting toast and honey was a highlight this week. Yummy!

We hope you have a wonderful Easter break and enjoy your time together as a family. We look forward to seeing you back on April 13<sup>th</sup> for our new topic Ready, Steady, Grow!



## News from the Nest



We have had a great week full of Easter crafts, activities and play! In Maths we continued our number formation and ordering. After half term we will be exploring a solar system theme and focusing our maths and literacy around this theme.

We hope you have a lovely half term and will see you after the holidays.





## The week in Year 1

The children have worked hard this week performing for the whole school and parents. What a fantastic achievement to perform for such a vast audience and to do it with a huge smile. Well done from all the Year 1 team for your dedication to this performance, we are all very proud of you all.



The children have also worked hard this week completing end of unit assessments in most subjects. After all that hard work, we finished the week off with an Easter hunt and some fun Easter craft.



We would like to wish you all a very happy Easter. We hope you all get the opportunity for some quality family, fun time. We will see you all in the new term.



## Don't forget



Reading books will be collected in before the holidays. Therefore, your child will not be coming home with a reading book. They will be coming home with real and nonsense words. This is to help the children secure their phonetic knowledge by sounding out and blending. We will be holding a phonics parent meeting after the holidays, to provide information in the upcoming phonics assessment in June. Date and timings of the meeting to follow.



### Special shout outs for Year 1:

To all of Year 1 for a fantastic performance. The children have worked hard to learn all the songs and performed amazingly.

## This week in Year 2

We have already come to the end of our Spring term in Year 2, and what a wonderful final week it has been!

### English

We have been finishing our extended piece of writing inspired by the novel *Papa's Mechanical Fish*. Everyone has worked incredibly hard to bring their ideas to life, and the final pieces are fantastic. The children should feel very proud of their accomplishments.

### Maths

In Maths, we continued our exploration of 2D shapes and lines of symmetry. The class enjoyed identifying symmetrical patterns and creating their own examples. Their confidence and understanding have grown really well over the past few weeks.

### Topic Work

With it being the last week of term, we brought many of our wider curriculum topics to a close, including RE, History, and DT. The children showed brilliant engagement and enthusiasm as we wrapped up each unit.

### Art

To finish the term with creativity and seasonal cheer, we used our Art lessons to design and make Easter Cards. They turned out beautifully—colourful, thoughtful, and full of personality.

**Foxglove Nature Reserve - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April. Look out for more details after the Easter Holidays.**

### Shout out this week goes to:

A big shout out this week goes to **Hetty and Arla in 2R** for having a fantastic week and producing amazing pieces of work. Well done both of you!

In 2W, we're sending a huge shout out and a warm wave goodbye to **LL and Ashlyn**, who are moving on to new schools. We wish you all the very best in your next adventure—your new classes are lucky to have you, and we know you will absolutely smash it!



## Year 3 Heart & Aces & Incredible Llamas



As we draw close to Easter, we have been learning about the Easter story, in our RE lessons, and we look forward to watching the Year 5's assembly at the church to consolidate this on Friday.

Within our DT lessons this term we have used electrical circuits to light up pyramids to protect the Pharaoh's treasure and enjoyed designing and making Egyptian slippers.

Next term, 3IL will have their first swimming session on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April, please see Arbor for payment requests. We will walk to the Garrison pool for these lessons. Further details will be on Seesaw the first week back. 3HA will start their swimming lessons in June.

*Dates for your Diary:*

*3IL - 17TH April - Swimming*

*24<sup>th</sup> April - Dress up in purple day for month of the military child*

*Shout outs!*

*3IL - Khyren and Melissa for working hard to light up their pyramids.*

*3HA - Amelia and Henry for working hard to light up their pyramids.*

## Year 4 Butterflies & Tigers

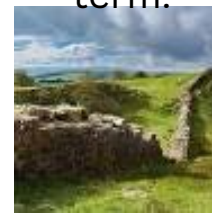


This week, pupils have started to learn about fractions and compare fractions using our knowledge of equivalent fractions.

We have been learning what the Romans did for us and what their legacy is in preparation for our residential visit to Hadrian's Wall. The children were really excited to learn all about Boudicca and how she tried to battle against the Roman settlement in Britain.

We have completed some fantastic setting descriptions about Pompeii using excellent vocabulary.

The next few days will be an exciting adventure at Hadrian's Wall, Hexham where children will see lots of wonderful hidden gems from the past. We are excited to bring together all the knowledge the pupils have gained over this term.



*Well done!*



**Congratulations to all pupils for their hard work this term and for a fantastic residential to Hardian's Wall!**

## Year 5 Hummingbirds

### & Stars

The children have been working hard all week perfecting the Easter performance. We have been visiting the church and practicing our songs. They are very excited to share the performance with you all! The cinema was a big hit with the children, they enjoyed the 'How to train a dragon' movie. We have continued working on decimals in maths and finished up all of our spring topics to a high standard.



#### Upcoming Events:

Easter service in Church – 2.30pm – Friday 27th March

**EASTER**

Half term breaks up Friday 27th March

Wensleydale Murder Mystery Trip has been rescheduled for Friday 24th April.

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

#### Shout out:

We are incredibly proud of all the children this week. They have shown our 'ready, respectful, safe' values and have worked hard all term!

## Year 6 Hawks & Heroes



#### Shout outs

Axel – helping others

Charlie – always working at 110%

Zala – sharing kindness and generosity (Ummah)

16th April – Afternoon Tea on board the Titanic.



Please can we ask for a £3.00 donation per child, to allow the children to make their own sandwiches and cakes for the afternoon tea. Please give to your class teacher.

The Leavers Hoody has stated that we should receive them on Friday 27th March. You are welcome to wear them instead of your regular jumper after the holidays.

#### Reminder for parents:

Please remember to sign your child's Reading Record.

Homework given on a Friday

Due in the following Thursday

Fruit and Vegetables only at break times = healthy hearts and brains!

Easter homework will be coming home with your child.

Please have 'good go' and try your best. If you are finding a question tricky, go onto the next one.