

# KEEPING IN TOUCH

## Message from Mr M

### Gold Award - Reading

Congratulations to our Gold Reading Award winners for the last half term. They enjoyed a celebration event earlier this week with a movie and popcorn! The growth in numbers is great to see meaning so many more of our pupils are reading more at home and putting in a great amount of effort. Due to this, we are seeing a lot more impact in lessons and through the focused reading work that takes place on a daily basis.



A big thank you to parents and family members for supporting the daily reading - you are making a difference!

### Message from North Yorkshire

You may be aware of recent media coverage regarding a meningitis outbreak in Kent. Although this situation is not affecting schools in our area, we recognise that it may prompt questions or concerns from staff, parents and carers. The following information may be of use.

**UK Health Security Agency** **Meningitis + SEPTICAEMIA** **Meningitis now**

Meningitis is a serious condition where the protective layers around the brain and spinal cord become inflamed. Septicaemia is when the bacteria enter the bloodstream to cause blood poisoning. They can happen to anyone, so it's important to know the symptoms and risks.

Early symptoms, such as fever, vomiting, aches, muscle pain, cold hands and feet and headaches, can look similar to common illnesses like colds or flu. But someone with meningitis or septicaemia will usually become seriously ill in a matter of hours. That's why it's crucial to keep checking on anyone who is unwell.

**MENINGITIS SYMPTOMS?**

- fever
- a very bad headache (this alone is not a reason to get medical help)
- vomiting
- stiff neck
- dislike of bright lights
- rash (DO NOT wait for a rash to appear before seeking medical advice)
- confusion, delirium
- severe sleepiness, losing consciousness
- fits

**SEPTICAEMIA SYMPTOMS?**

- fever and shivering
- severe pains and aches in limbs and joints
- vomiting
- very cold hands and feet
- pale or blotchy skin
- rapid breathing
- diarrhoea and stomach cramps
- red or purple 'bruised' or blotchy rash on skin that does not fade under pressure - do the glass test. On dark skin, check paler areas of the skin, such as the palms of the hands, soles of the feet, inside the mouth (roof), and the eyelids
- difficulty walking or standing
- severe sleepiness, losing consciousness

If you become worried about yourself, your child, or a friend, particularly if symptoms are getting worse, seek medical help urgently.

**EARLY TREATMENT CAN BE LIFE-SAVING.**

## 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 17th & Thursday 18th June 2026

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

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

Wensleydale - TBC



# Safeguarding

## Message from Mrs Cafferty



*Dear Parents and Carers,*

*I write to you with immense pride and joy as a recall some of the wonderful conversations I have had with children across school this week. We have so many talented, confident and brave pupils who are trying very hard to be the very best they can be.*

*However, when things go wrong and mistakes are made; children, just like adults, get frustrated. Emotions run high and sometimes it is hard for them to stay in control. This can often lead to behaviours that challenge us. In school we all work hard to support our pupils with dignity and respect during these difficult moments.*

*Sometimes we hear pupils swear and lash out. Rarely (but increasingly) we have witnessed prejudicial and racist language e.g. name calling and unkindness.*

*On other occasions children use bad language because they are copying what they may have heard from others e.g. other children or adults/social media. In these instances, children have not always understood the meanings behind the words they have said and need reminders to know that using bad language is not o.k.*

*Please be reassured that use of inappropriate language; swearing or prejudicial comments is deemed totally unacceptable and will not be tolerated in school. All incidents of this nature are actioned and recorded. In some instances, they are also shared with the police, in line with our school policies and procedures.*

*Please help us to help all of our pupils learn with the kindness and care they deserve.*

*Have a good weekend Mrs C*

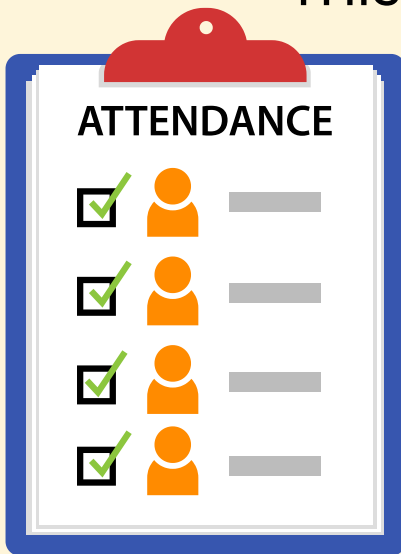


# Attendance Matters

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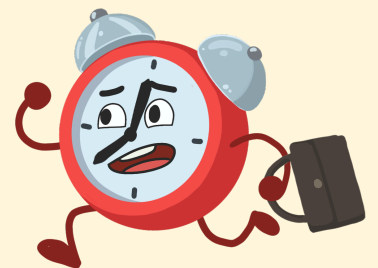
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with an amazing  
**99%**



## 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 **289 minutes** of lost learning due to lateness. We have had **32 children** arriving late this week!



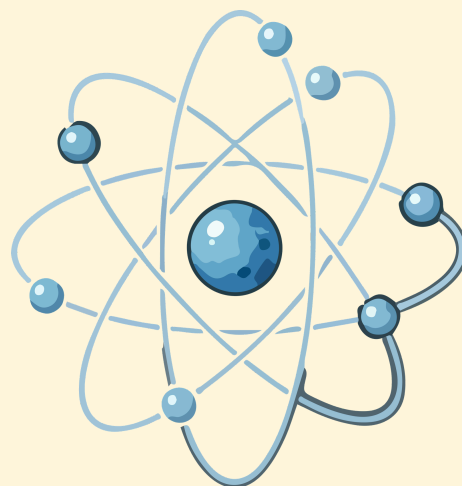
## Absences

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.





# KS1 STEM AWARDS

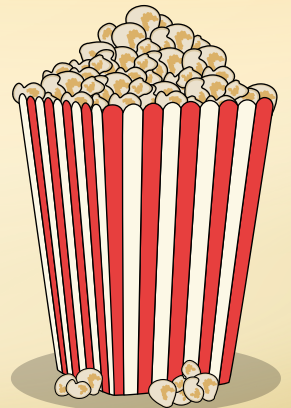


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# Gold Reading Award



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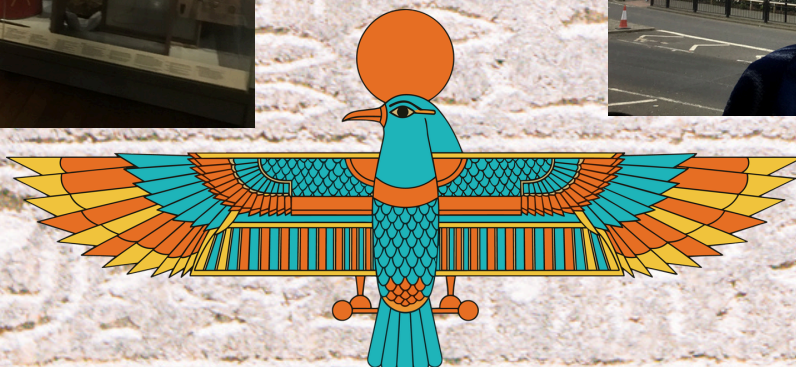
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# Year 3 Egyptian Museum



## Trip



**WE ARE RECRUITING...**

**AN ADVANCED TEACHING ASSISTANT FOR OUR FOUNDATION STAGE 1 (NURSERY)**

**33.75 HOURS PER WEEK**

**MONDAY TO FRIDAY 8.30AM - 4.00PM**

**(INITIALLY FIXED TERM UNTIL JULY 2026)**

**START DATE: AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**

**PAYPOINT: GRADE E / SCALE POINT 6 - 9**

**(£25,989 - £27,254 FULL TIME EQUIVALENT)**

**CLOSING DATE: SUNDAY 15TH MARCH 2026**

**INTERVIEW DATE: WEDNESDAY 18TH MARCH 2026**



Considering applying? For further information, please contact Mrs Galloway regarding the role. For an application pack, please email: [admin@le-cateau.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@le-cateau.n-yorks.sch.uk) All applications should be accompanied by a letter of application.



## FS1 Bears

Next we will be reading 'We're Going on an Egg Hunt' by Martha Mumford. You can listen to the story here.



The children will be hunting for eggs and making Easter cards and crafts. Look out for yummy chocolate Easter nests.



Just a reminder that forest school will now take place on  
Monday- am  
Friday- pm



## Caterpillar Room

What a week we have had, we love being outdoors in all weathers however we have certainly embraced the sunshine this week and have taken lots of our learning outdoors.

We have explored painting with different parts of our body, lots of messy fun was had, please have a look at seesaw for the photos.

On Friday we had a Hungry Caterpillar themed day in celebration of Eric Carle's story 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' Our fruit kebabs were very tasty.

Next week we will be looking at the book 'We're going on an Easter hunt' by Martha Mumford. We will be celebrating Easter with lots of Easter crafts, making Easter nests and enjoying an Easter egg hunt at forest schools.



## FS2 Mice & Hippos

What a fun filled week! We have had 2 very exciting visits this week. On a Tuesday we had BBC musical storyland come and visit to tell us the story of Ananse and the monkeys. It inspired the children to know more about the orchestra and playing musical instruments.

On Thursday we had Zoolab come and visit which gave the children the opportunity to learn more about different insects and we also were able to hold them! They were all very brave children!

We have continued our learning about mini beasts. We have started to write a fact file together as a class. In maths we have been focussing on capacity, using full, had full and empty when playing in the water tray. Next week we will be focusing on the importance of bees and we might try some honey too!



## News from the Nest

We have had a very busy week explaining our outdoors as we have fed our chickens and guinea pigs at the Retreat. We have done lots of painting, cutting, sticking and sequencing relating to the tree little pigs book. Math's has been focused on 1-5 writing skills.

Next week we will be doing lots of Easter activities, sensory play and crafts which require us to follow instructions and turn taking. We will end the week with a big Easter egg hunt at forest school.





## The week in Year 1

Wow what a great week in Year 1. We started the week of by exploring musical story land. The children explored the benefits of of the orchestra to our mood and emotions when listening to a story. We were all then amazed and excited when the orchestra came in on Tuesday for a live performance. This was a wonderful, interactive session where the children all took part in the experience. Also, we had a fantastic visit from ZooLab on Thursday. The children were able to use their learnt knowledge on the 5 vertebrate animal classes, when exploring a range of animals.

In maths they have continued to explore multiplication by examining equal groups. In science we have moved into investigating herbivores omnivores and carnivores. The children enjoyed sorting animals into different categories based on their diet.



*Don't forget*

PE: Monday - Outdoor - Health and well-being  
Tuesday - Indoor - Ball skills (Hands)

Our Year 1 production is:

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 9:15am and  
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2:15pm



**Special shout outs for Year 1:**

**For a great contribution in STEM week**

1H - Jack and Albie .

1C- Maisie and Yousef

1E - Leighton and Adi.



## This week in Year 2

Year 2 have been build on their teamwork skills in PE and enjoyed working together.

Fantastic writing work from everyone - we are excited to invent our own flying machines.



2W - amazing golf tournament.



We are exploring rhythm in music and working on listening carefully to the beat.

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

***Emma and Isla from 2W***

***Max for his great start in 2R***

***PE:***

***Wednesday afternoon - indoor***

***Friday afternoon - outdoor***



## Year 3 Heart & Aces & Incredible Llamas



What an exciting week we have had in year 3. Thankyou to all of those parents who came to see our magnificent Egyptian work on Tuesday. We are so proud of our efforts and loved sharing it with you. On Thursday we thoroughly enjoyed our trip to The Great North Museum and hopefully you have seen lots of photos on Seesaw.

The children experienced a virtual journey to the Afterlife in the Egyptian section and enjoyed looking at the mummy and other Egyptian artefacts. We spent a lot of time sketching the different animals and dinosaurs and were fascinated by the stone age mammoth teeth and bones. All in all, a great day was had by all.

For the next couple of weeks, in our Geography lessons, we will be looking at the Human and physical geography of Egypt compared to North Yorkshire. Please be aware that we are swimming next term, check your email for more details. Please make your child's class teacher aware if there is anything they need to know about that.



Look out for a letter at the beginning of next week regarding swimming lessons for class 3 Impressive Llamas which are due to start on April 17th



*Shout outs!*



*All of Year 3 for their excellent behaviour on our school trip.*



## Year 4 Butterflies & Tigers



This week in Year 4, we have started our new maths unit on fractions. The children have made a fantastic start and have shown great understanding and enthusiasm. In English, the Tigers have been writing setting descriptions of Pompeii, using vivid language to bring their ideas to life. Meanwhile, the Butterfly class have been busy creating Roman roads and writing clear instructions to explain how they made them. Next week, we will be taking part in a range of exciting activities linked to history and the Romans as we prepare for our trip to Hadrian's Wall on Thursday.



*Well done!*  
**Congratulations...**



**Laurence & Bodhi for super writing this week in English.**

**Don't Forget:**

**To check the kit list for Hadrian's wall so you know what to pack and when to be at school.**

**Year 5 Hummingbirds****& Stars**

The children have had a busy, productive week.

In maths we are reading and writing decimals.

In English we have been learning how to debate in a respectful way.

The children are debating whether they should be allowed to watch the Kensuke Kingdom movie during learning time.

In Science the children have been learning about reproduction in flowers, they have looked closely at the parts of a flower with magnifying glasses and carefully laid them out onto baking paper so they could label all of the parts.

**Year 6 Hawks & Heroes**

A massive thank you to Mr Hollocks for organising a fantastic STEM week, full of amazing activities, not only for Y6 but the whole school! Great Job Mr H!

6RH

Henry – always ready to learn.

Jude – Excellent conversion work in maths

Zala – Great maths work

6JH

Isaac – another brilliant week!

All of the Y6s who helped set up and tidy away for the Gold Award afternoon on

Thursday – you were so helpful!

**Upcoming Events:**

Cinema visit Wednesday–25th March.

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

Half term breaks up Friday 27th March

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

**Shout out:**

5S – Isla, Grayson and Kiyomi for always being ready to learn.

5H – Lily-Mae and Mabel for their consistent effort and presentation across all areas of learning..

**Upcoming Events:**

**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.

**Tuesday 24th March** – We have a retired High School Science teacher visiting Year 6, who will be teaching us about the circulatory system, and we will take a closer look at a heart.

**Reminder for parents:**

Please remember to sign your child's reading book.



Homework given on a Friday  
Due in the following Thursday



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