



# KEEPING IN TOUCH

## Message from Mr M

### Reception Starters September 2026



This week, we received our admission numbers for September 2026. We are delighted to welcome 53 new pupils to our Foundation Stage 2 (Reception) who will begin their full-time school journey in September. A number of these pupils already attend our setting in the Nursery but we have many more joining our school.

### Month of Military Child

Today (Friday) has seen the school turn purple as we have joined many other settings across the country to partake in Month of the Military Child. Given our school is made up of nearly 70% Service Pupils, and has the most Service Pupils in a primary school in North Yorkshire, it is important that we highlight and celebrate the contributions, sacrifices, and unique experiences made by children from Armed Forces families.

The symbol of the dandelion is used because its seeds are blown far and wide by the wind but will plant roots and blossom wherever the seeds land.



### BIKE DAY 2026

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2026

### 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 8<sup>st</sup> July - 1:15pm

## Football Champions

Two of our Year 3 boys, Ronnie & Ezra, represented Catterick Garrison Football Club U8s football team at the ESF Football Festival Tournament in Butlins at the weekend.

They played 8 games of football followed by a presentation evening where the team came home with medals and a trophy.

Well done boys!



### SHINE 2026!

5 Weeks and counting!

Auditions taking place over the next few weeks.

The FINAL will take place on the last day of this term - **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**May 2026**



### Are you moving?

**We will soon be starting to compile our class numbers for the next academic year. If you think your child will be leaving us before September please let the school office know.**





## Safeguarding

Message from Mrs Cafferty

# Please Remember!

# We are a NUT FREE school.



There are a number of people who attend our school who have severe, potentially life threatening allergies.

Help us to keep everyone safe by ensuring that nuts and any products that contain nuts are not brought into school.



# Attendance Matters

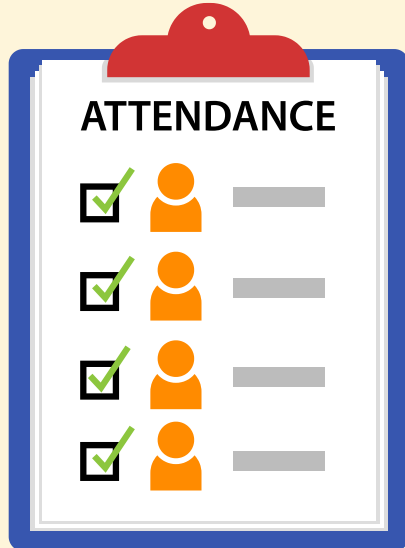
This weeks attendance winners  
are

## 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 **682 minutes** of lost learning due to lateness. We have had **30** pupils arriving late this week!

## Absences



All absences need to be reported by **9:00 AM** to the **school office**. Messages passed through the teacher don't always make it to the office.





# KS1 STAR ASSEMBLY



Equally Important

Equally Different

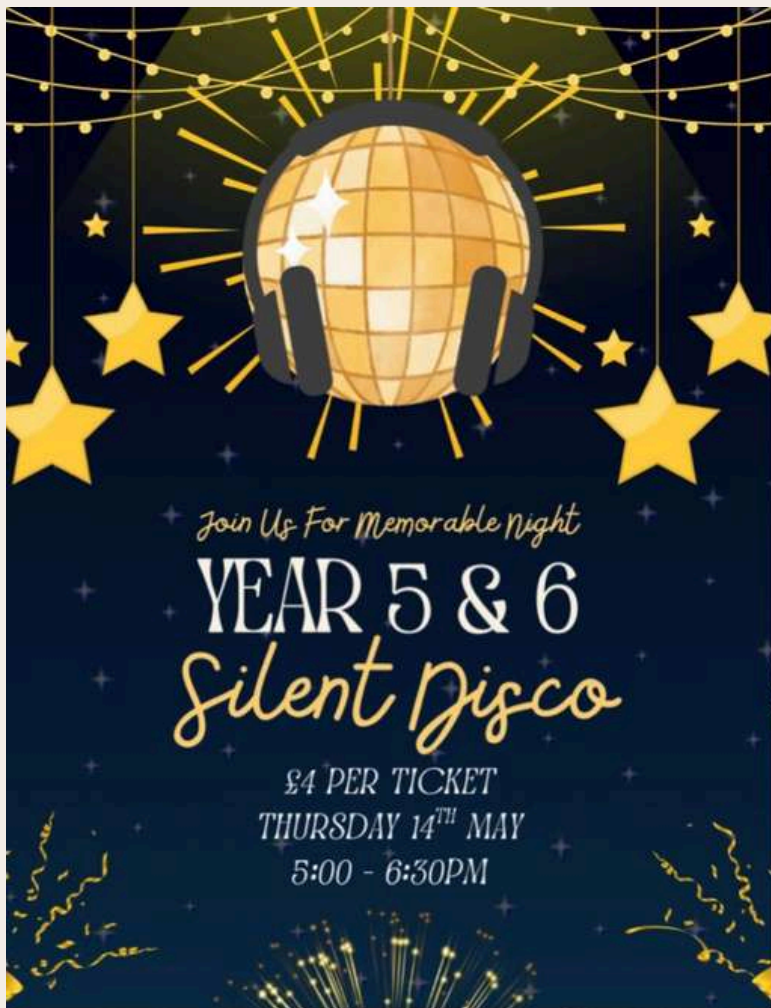


# GOLD READING AWARD

Well done to all the children who accomplished the gold reading award last term.

We spent a lovely afternoon out on the field in the sun with ice lollies and games





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

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



# 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.



# May 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

School Anxiety	4 May 10am
Understanding Anger	4 May 7pm
Facing Defiance	5 May 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	5 May 7pm
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	11 May 10am
Anxiety Explained	11 May 7pm
Introduction to OCD	12 May 10am
What is ACT?	12 May 7pm
Decreasing Depression	18 May 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	18 May 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	19 May 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	19 May 7pm
Autism: Improving Communication	25 May 10am
Improving Family Communication	25 May 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	26 May 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	26 May 7pm
<b>FREE Getting a Good Nights Sleep</b>	<b>28 May 7-8pm</b>

# MAY HOLIDAY CAMPS



LEEDS UNITED  
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5-12  
YEARS OLD

CHARITY NUMBER: 1137703

# MIXED SOCCER SCHOOLS

26TH MAY - 29TH MAY

9:00AM - 3:00PM

PRINCE HENRYS  
GARFORTH ACADEMY/ BOXT  
GSAL  
MONK FRYSTON  
MORLEY SUPER CAMP  
SCOTTON SCORCHERS

Led by FA-qualified coaches, our sessions are packed with skill-building activities, small-sided games, and friendly competitions designed to boost confidence both on and off the pitch.

Every child is fully supervised by DBS-checked, first-aid-trained coaches, ensuring a safe, supportive, and positive environment throughout.

You can book per day or make the most of it with our full 4-day course. Perfect for kids who love football and want to learn the Leeds United way!

## HOW TO BOOK:

EMAIL: [soccer.schools@leedsunited.com](mailto:soccer.schools@leedsunited.com)  
or scan the QR code.

SCAN HERE!



SECURE  
YOUR  
CHILDS  
PLACE  
NOW!



# 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.

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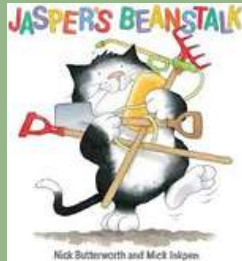


## FS1 Bears



This week we will be reading the book *Jasper's Beanstalk* by Nick Butterworth. You can listen to the story here.

Just like Jasper we will be planting beans and working in the garden. Hopefully we will grow a beanstalk just like Jasper.



We will be counting and sorting the bean seeds and making predictions about what will happen to our seeds.



Now that we are beginning to see some sunshine please make sure your child has a hat and consider applying a 24hr suncream.

Keep an eye out for Plant a plant day, more information coming soon!



## FS2 Mice & Hippos

This week, we have been retelling the story of *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* using puppets and thinking about if we were a caterpillar, what would we eat. We have also been busy planting fruits and vegetables in our garden. We enjoyed digging the soil over and looking at what the seeds look like before watching them grow over the next few weeks.

Next week, we are continuing to look at *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* and the lifecycle of a butterfly.

We will also be spending more time outside, so please make sure to bring in a sun hat. Please also remember to bring forest school clothes and wellies next week



## Caterpillar Room



We have had a very busy, very fun filled week this week. On Wednesday we went litter picking and managed to pick up lots of litter and spoke about the importance of looking after our planet. We have been working on our fine motor skills by threading cheerios onto string and practicing our snipping and cutting skills with scissors.

This term our focus is on bugs and the natural world, following this, next week we will be looking at the book 'The bug hotel' by Libby Walden. We will be creating our own bug hotels at forest school. During EPIC (everybody painting in class) we will be working together to create a large abstract painting using toy bugs. We will be using bugs to work on our counting as well as continuing to follow the children's interests. We will be introducing the children to Makaton, please look out for more information on Seesaw

Next weeks colour of the week is **BLUE**

## News from the Nest



This week has been busy with space themed maths and literacy. We have created planets using different materials as we explore our sensors.



We have incorporated a phonics session and the children are doing fantastic!

Next week in maths we are looking at quantities and it's nice weather taking our learning outside.



## The week in Year 1

We have had a busy week creating their own sound poems. They began by identifying different nouns connected to the seaside. They then got creating with different verbs, giving their nouns a sound.

In maths the children have been exploring division. They have had fun making equal groups and sharing groups equally.

In geography the children are continuing to explore weather patterns and have been creating a pictogram of the weather this week. For RE we had the wonderful opportunity to visit our local church. The children spent the afternoon on Wednesday, exploring key features of the church.

In Science the children have been exploring the topic of plants. This week they have been sorting plants and trees into different categories.



*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.



### Special shout outs for Year 1:

IE - Orla and Felicity

IC - Younus and Theo

IH - Umika and Rosalie



## This week in Year 2

We are looking forward to an exciting trip tomorrow, Friday 24 April, when Year 2 will be visiting Foxglove Nature Reserve. The children will be spending a full day taking part in Forest School activities, so please ensure they wear appropriate footwear and clothing for outdoor learning. All children will also need to bring a packed lunch. We will be leaving and returning within normal school hours.

In Maths this week, we have started a new topic on fractions. The children have been learning about  $\frac{1}{2}$  (one half) and  $\frac{1}{4}$  (one quarter). You could support their learning at home by spotting fractions together in everyday life—such as sharing food or looking at shapes.

In Science, we have been preparing for our trip by learning about plants. We explored the main parts of a plant and discussed what plants need to grow and stay healthy.



### Shout out this week goes to:

#### Shout-outs

Well done to Aleyna and Ella in 2W for doing such a fantastic job with their reading and writing this week. We are very proud of the effort and progress they are showing—keep it up!

Shout outs to Aela and Mustafa in 2R- great work this week!



## Year 3 Heart & Aces & Incredible Llamas



We've had a lovely week in Year 3 with lots of excellent learning taking place. In swimming, the children showed growing confidence and enjoyment in the water. In maths, we have been learning about mass to compare and measure. In English, the children have been busy writing informative leaflets about our local area, thinking carefully about how to engage their reader.

In RE, we learned about Islamic prayer and its importance, while in PE the children practised their skills in rounders, demonstrating good teamwork and sportsmanship. We have also continued with regular spelling practice throughout the week.

*Dates for your Diary:*

*Swimming Friday 3IL*

*PE Monday 3HA*

*PE Wednesday 3IL & 3HA*

*Shout outs!*

*A special well done to Zander, Ivy, Rose, Kaiya, Zak and Louie for their fantastic effort and positive attitude to learning this week.*



## Year 4 Butterflies & Tigers

This week has been such a good week for Year 4. We are now into our second week of swimming lessons and the pupils are doing a fantastic job with improving their swimming skills and confidence in the water. In maths, we have been learning to tell the time using 12-hour and 24 hour clocks. We have also been working on measuring angles. In English we have continued our work using speech marks and using drama to further understand the fable 'The Boy who Creid Wolf'. In Geography the children were fascinated by the concept that we have 24 different time zones and that in some countries around the world they are at a different time to us. They had a lot of fun finding out what time it was in different parts of the world.

*Dates for your Diary:*

*Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April: Junior Maths Challenge*

*Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May: TTRS Day!*

*Well done!*

**Tiger of the Week:** Sumona for always being ready for learning!

**Butterfly of the Week:** Noah for excellent handwriting and effort in writing.

## Year 5 Hummingbirds & Stars

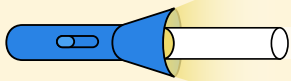


In English we are very excited to be starting our double page spread which will describe our very own dragons.



We have finished our decimal topic in maths and have started working on percentages.

In DT we have been making Viking frames, putting our measuring, sawing and joining skills to the test.



In science we have been exploring light and now know light travels in a straight line.

### 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 – Kiyomi and Kacey for putting 100% effort

5H – Mabel for being a kind and helpful and Harvey for his effort and attention to detail in English.

## Year 6 Hawks & Heroes



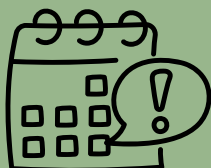
### 2026 SATs Timetable

- Monday 11th May 2026: English Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling (Papers 1 and 2)
- Tuesday 12th May 2026: English Reading
- Wednesday 13th May 2026: Mathematics (Paper 1: Arithmetic & Paper 2: Reasoning)
- Thursday 14th May 2026: Mathematics (Paper 3: Reasoning)
- Friday 15th May – Picnic at the Park.



### Shout outs

Well done to all of Year 6 who sat Mocks SATs this week with maturity and confidence.



### Reminder for parents:

We have 2 weeks to go until SATs. If you have the revision books, pupils could have a go at the areas they are less confident with.