

KEEPING IN TOUCH

Message from Mr M

SATS 2026

Next week sees our Year 6 pupils undertaking their SATs tests. I am sure you will join me in wishing them all the best for their assessments and hope they have a restful weekend ahead of a busy week. Good luck Year 6!



National Maths Challenge

The results are in and we are delighted to announce that out of 34 pupils who took part in the National Maths Challenge, 2 achieved SILVER and 5 achieved BRONZE.

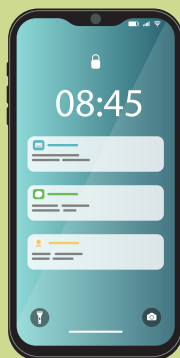
The highest scoring pupil in school was Leo Whittaker in Y5 – a fantastic achievement for all that took part in a very challenging National Competition.

Mrs Barnes was delighted with the results and the resilience of those who took part in the challenge.

Smartphone – free Zones

If you have been following the news closely, you will no doubt have picked up on the drive to ban smart phones from school settings. We await further guidance and enforcement on this and will update you accordingly.

Although not as problematic in a primary setting, there are matters that we do need to address.



Year 5 Visit to York

Our Year 5 pupils are all set to head to York to experience what life was like back in the Viking era. They head to York on Thursday 14th May.



DRUMBA Kits Arrive

Monday sees the arrival of our brand new DRUMBA kits purchased through Sports Premium.

Once up and running and training complete, our pupils will experience regular workouts using the resources! We will also be rolling our parent sessions where you can get involved in a weekly fitness session in the school hall.





Safeguarding

Message from Mrs Cafferty

Parents & Carers of Babies

Rogue practitioners practising as “maternity nurses” are advising new parents to do things which could put children at risk of harm.

With so much information available online these days, it can be hard to know what to do when babies cry endlessly, especially during the night.

How to ensure a safer sleep for babies



Lie your baby on their back with feet at end of cot



Keep their cot clear



Sleep in same room for at least first six months



Keep the baby smoke-free*



Maintain a moderate room temperature



Use a firm, flat, waterproof mattress

*Smokers should not share a bed with the baby

DON'T SUFFER IN SILENCE

If you are finding things hard and need help; speak to your GP or an NHS qualified nurse.

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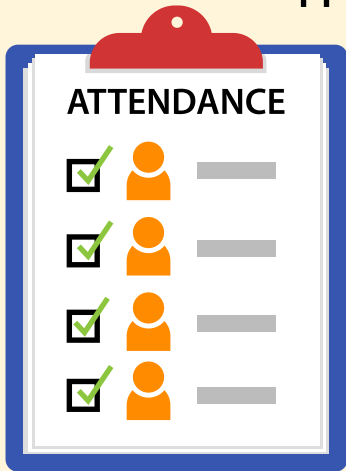
Attendance Matters

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 **249 minutues** of lost learning due to lateness. We have had **19** 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.





Junior Mathematical Challenge Winners



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Reading Rockstar Award



This half term, we have seen a large number of pupils in Year 4 make outstanding progress in reading due to all their efforts with reading in school and at home. Every pupil that has received a Reading Rockstar award has made at least one year reading age progress, with some pupils achieving almost three years age progress.

This is a fantastic achievement and we celebrated this with the pupils in school, this week. Each child has received a certificate and a brand new book! Keep up the hard work, Year 4 and 'keep reading'!

Brushing

TWICE A DAY

is just the start...



Healthy habits start at home. Don't rinse with water after brushing as it washes away the **protective** layer of fluoride left over from the toothpaste. As they get older teach them to **spit** instead.

Encourage them to
SPIT, NOT RINSE



SKIP THE SUGAR
they're sweet enough!

Too much food and drink containing **sugar** can harm your child's teeth. This can lead to **tooth decay**. To help protect their smile:

- **Avoid** adding sugar to meals
- **Swap** snacks and drinks containing sugar for healthier options like fruit, veg and water
- Choose **sugar-free** medicines where possible



Brushing **before** bedtime is important. **Don't** offer food or drink after brushing teeth at night to protect their smile.

At night,
SNACKING STOPS
when the brushing starts



PROTECT THEIR SMILE
with regular visits to the dentist

Take your child to the dentist as **often as your dentist recommends**. Under 16's, or under 19's in full-time education, are entitled to **FREE NHS dental treatment** in England.

Search Start for Life for more tips and advice for taking care of your little one's teeth.

Turnover to get the most fun out of toothbrushing time



Give your child the best start

Your 2 year old could be eligible for **15 hours** of government funded early education and childcare per week* if you are receiving some form of additional government support.



*38 weeks per year



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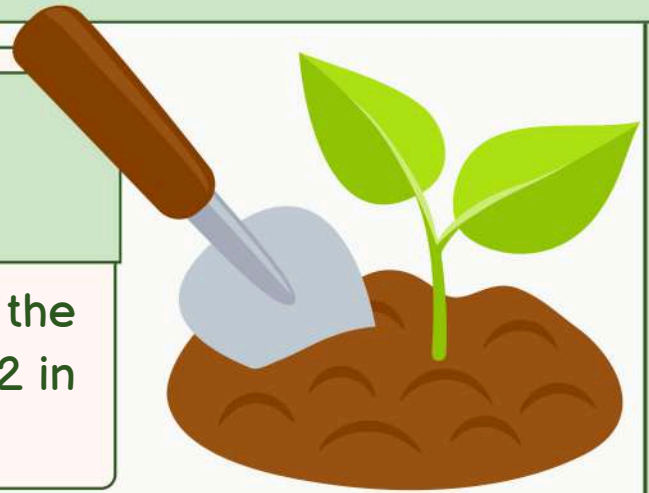
Grow and play together

EYFS PLANT A PLANT DAY

TUESDAY 19TH MAY 2026

10AM AND 2PM

Come along and join children from the Two year old provision, FS1 and FS2 in a day of planting and outdoor fun.



GET YOUR TICKETS

This year we are asking parents to purchase a ticket for £2. Each ticket can be used to purchase a plant or seeds and a cup of tea or coffee for the adults on the day. Tickets on sale from class teachers.

ACTIVITIES

- Planting seeds and plants
- Craft activities
- Willow dream catchers

And lots more!



TASTY THINGS TO EAT

Cakes and biscuits will be on sale on the day and Mrs Archer will be cooking campfire pizza. All money raised will go towards a summer treat for the children.

For military spouses and partners new* to Catterick Garrison

READING
FORCE



BOOK CLUB & CHAT



A relaxed space to chat and enjoy a great read

Hipswell Village Hall

1st Tuesday of every month (6-8pm)

or

1st Thursday of every month
(12:30-2:30pm)





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*Within the last 24 months of joining your first session.



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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

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
FREE Getting a Good Nights Sleep	28 May 7-8pm



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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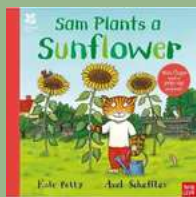


FS1 Bears

The children will be reading **Sam Plants a Sunflower by Kate Petty and Axel Scheffler**.

You can hear the story here

We will be learning about how to plant seeds and what they need to grow successfully. We will all be experts for Plant a plant day on Tuesday 19th May.



The children have been very interested in measuring things around the setting and we will be continuing this next week. The children will be comparing sticks of different lengths and using tape measures.



We are looking forward to seeing as many people as possible for Plant a plant day

Caterpillar Room

What another wonderful week we have had, we've been getting creative in art and have created some wonderful snails using paper plates, sequins, pompoms and other small resources as well as expressive arts and design it helped us work on our fine motor skills. In EPIC we have created some large scale painting outdoors, the children worked wonderfully together sharing colours.

Next week we will be looking at the book 'I'm not scary' by Rod Campbell. We will be exploring different textures with a high five sense of touch, texture activity.

In EPIC we will be painting 3D objects, keep an eye out on Seesaw for photos.

Plant a plant day is on Tuesday 19th May have a look at Seesaw for more information

Our colour of the week is YELLOW

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FS2 Mice & Hippos



The children are eagerly awaiting the moment when our caterpillars turn into chrysalids, and we are hoping this will happen very soon! This week, we are focusing on the life cycles of plants, labelling the different parts of a plant and investigating the role of each part. In maths, we are learning about 1 more and 1 less up to 20, as well as practising counting and adding on from a given number. We have also been busy creating a special birthday card for Sir David Attenborough, who turns 100 this week—we are very excited and look forward to his reply! Next week, we will continue exploring plants and are hopeful that the seeds we planted outside will begin to sprout.



News from the Nest

In the Nest next week we are continuing our Jungle theme, enjoying lots of different fun books. This week we will be using our fine motor skills to make loooooong pasta snakes in maths, the children will have to count their pasta shapes carefully to put on the wool. We will be playing eye spy finding sounds around the classroom and collecting the objects for our trays. We are still working on our pen control; the children are doing so well. In PE we will be moving like the big Jungle animals we find. In forest school we will be 'walking in the jungle'. As always, we will have fun making crafts and getting messy in the sensory trays and spending time outside exploring 😊



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The week in Year 1

What a great week we have had in Year 1, the children have worked hard achieving our weekly goals in four days. They have been creative in retelling the story of The Lighthouse keeper's lunch. Their recounts were detailed, bursting with rich vocabulary and a pleasure to read. In maths we have moved onto the topic of fractions. The children have had fun creating halves, learning new vocabulary, drawing fractions and sharing out wholes to create fractions.

In Science we have enhanced our knowledge on plants by exploring evergreen and deciduous trees. In geography we are continuing to look at the weather and comparing the weather in the United Kingdom to other countries. In Art the children have been exploring the work of Eric Carle, looking at why his famous and his most famous achievements. In history we are continuing to look at the history of our school and using historical vocabulary to compare past and present.



Don't forget

Fractions $\frac{1}{2}$

What is half?



PE: Monday - Outdoor - Rackets, bats and balls
Tuesday - Indoor - Locomotion (jumping)

The weather is proving to be quite unpredictable. Please ensure your child has a sunhat, suncream and water for when the sun is out.

Special shout outs for Year 1:

1E - Billy and Ezra

1C - Axel and Rosie

1H - Rhys and Charlotte



This week in Year 2

Year 2 Weekly News

Science Update

This week in Science, we have been learning all about plants and how they grow. The children have planted their own cress and flower seeds and are very excited to watch them develop over time.

Over the next few weeks, we will be carefully monitoring our plants and recording any changes we observe. This will help us understand what plants need to grow and stay healthy. The children are already showing great enthusiasm and curiosity as they begin their investigation into the world of plants!

Looking Ahead – History

Next week in History, we will be continuing our learning about the history of communication. The children will be writing letters and learning about how our post travels from sender to receiver, all the way to its final destination.



Le Cateau Shine

Good luck to the three acts that are representing Year 2 in the next round of the Le Cateau Shine auditions. We are all cheering you on—let's see if we can get a Year 2 act into the finals!

★ Year 2 Shout-Out! ★

A big shout out goes to Ella in 2W for her fantastic hard work both at school and at home on her Maths—especially her work on fractions. Keep it up, Ella!



Year 3 Heart & Aces & Incredible Llamas

We've had another engaging week in Year 3. The children really enjoyed a visit from a local artist, which sparked creativity and enthusiasm for learning. We also took part in a special assembly celebrating Buddha's birthday, where the children learned about its significance and how it is celebrated. In maths, the children played games to apply their knowledge of money, helping to build confidence and problem-solving skills. In English, we have been learning how to write expanded noun phrases and using them to make our writing more detailed. During reading sessions, the children enjoyed a magical text linked to Catterick Garrison, which captured their interest and imagination.

In PE, we continued with rounders, focusing on teamwork and developing key skills.

Don't forget:

PE - Monday 3HA (indoors)

PE - Wednesday 3HA 3IL (outdoors)

Swimming - Friday 3IL

SHOUT OUTS!

3HA- Zac, Zander, Arlo

3IL- To all of our Incredible Llamas for their excellent swimming!

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Year 4 Butterflies & Tigers

This week, we had a great day on Tuesday 5th May for our TTRS Day. Some pupils dressed as rock stars and we had a battle between the Year 4 classes. We used songs, poetry and flash cards to help us learn all the tricky facts that we must know in time for the Multiplication Check in June. In writing, we have been focusing on ensuring our writing is very neat, we use correct sentence punctuation and ensure we use the most effective vocabulary for excellent description. In P.E, we played 'tag' in tag rugby to develop skills of catching tags from the players belt effectively and safely. To celebrate Sir David Attenborough's 100th birthday on Thursday 8th May, Y4 listened to a story about 'The Green Man' which had a very important message about how we should care for the environment and animals in their habitat, then went into our forest school area to create images of The Green Man. Many pupils have achieved recognition, this week for excellent reading progress. Well done to all who received an award!



Well done!



Tiger of the Week: Lucas H for brilliant work in English, this week.

Butterfly of the Week: Aiden for excellent effort with his sentences in writing.

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**Shoutout:**

5S – Jacob B and Hannah for fantastic non-fiction reports.



5H – Ariana and Lily S for their perseverance with measuring angles.

Upcoming Events :

Thursday 14th May – York & Jorvik
* more info to follow

Friday 15th May – Viking Day

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

Check SeeSaw for more information.

This week in English we have been discussing and planning our ideas to write our very own Viking battle, over the next couple of weeks the children will write a setting description, character description, write some dialogue and describe their battle.

In music we are learning a Viking song.

In history, the children are making their own Viking trump cards.

In Geography we are continuing our learning of mountains.

The children have been enjoying their triathlon sessions with Mrs Buxton and Mr York.

Year 6 Hawks & Heroes**SATS week – next week!**

Monday 11th May: Punctuation and Grammar and Spelling test

Tuesday 12th May: Reading test

Wednesday 13th May: Arithmetic and Paper 2 Maths test

Thursday 14th May: Paper 3 Maths test

Friday 15th May: Picnic at the Park; a celebration of the week – Please bring a packed lunch/drink and non-uniform can be worn all day.

If your child feels unwell during this week, please phone the school as early as possible.

Please come to school promptly during SATS week: we will provide juice and a biscuit as you arrive.

Shoutout:

All the children who have been successfully running the Fruit Shack – all money raised will allow the children to buy more playtime equipment.

Please can we ask for any empty 'Fromage frais' pots that we can use in school please – just send them in with your child.

