

# KEEPING IN TOUCH

## Message from Mr M

### Warmer Conditions

With the arrival of warmer weather, it is a useful time to remind people to bring in a water bottle each day. The application of long-lasting sun lotion is also essential as the children are out and about more across the school grounds.



### Label Your Child's Clothing

It has amazed me this week by the number of school jumpers and clothing that are not labelled. Children are great at taking their jumpers etc off and leaving them laid on the field. Without a name in the jumper, we are left frustrated as we are unable to reconnect belongings with their owner. Please help by labelling your child's items of clothing and reminding them about looking after their items.



### Significant Concern

We are extremely concerned about an increase in the number of racial slurs and comments as well as an increase in the use of homophobic language over the last two weeks. This is a huge worry and is not what our school community is about. Actions have been taken against individuals and incidents have been reported via the various channels that are required.



Speaking to one or two individuals, it appears that there is growing footage on YouTube and TikTok that pupils in school are accessing.

Again, this is a huge worry and questions how much awareness parents have as to what children are accessing on-line.

Further whole school work will be carried out on this and we are adamant that these sorts of language and attacks will not be tolerated!

### Parental Responsibility

In light of the above, we are also increasingly frustrated about certain individuals behaving inappropriately in the local community then bringing matters into school! There is only so much we can do in school and have no control over parental actions!



## BIKE DAY 2026

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



## SATS 2026

Year 6 pupils are a matter of days away from their KS2 SATs Assessments.



These take place week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> May 2026 (Monday to Thursday)

## BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY



A reminder that school is not open on Monday (4<sup>th</sup> May 2026)

## SHINE 2026!

3 Weeks and counting!

Auditions are now complete and our semi-finalists will be announced shortly!

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

# Talk PANTS and help keep children safe

Pantosaurus has helped over six million parents help keep children safe from sexual abuse. Developed with children, parents, carers and teachers, Talk PANTS is here to help children understand that their body belongs to them, and they should tell a safe adult they trust if anything makes them feel upset or worried.

## Learn about Talk PANTS with Pantosaurus

Click on link below to find out more.



### Talk PANTS: Conversation to help keep children safe

Learn about PANTS rule and get expert advice on how to talk to children about their body and help keep them safe.

 NSPCC

<https://www.npcc.org.uk/advice-for-families/pants-underwear-rule/>

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# Attendance Matters

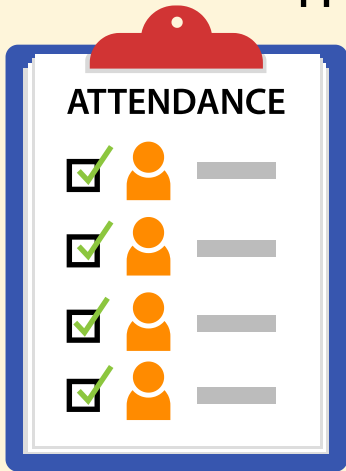
This weeks attendance winners

are

## Year 5 Stars

with an amazing

# 98.9%



## 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 **426 minutes** of lost learning due to lateness. We have had **34** 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.





# KSI Star Assembly



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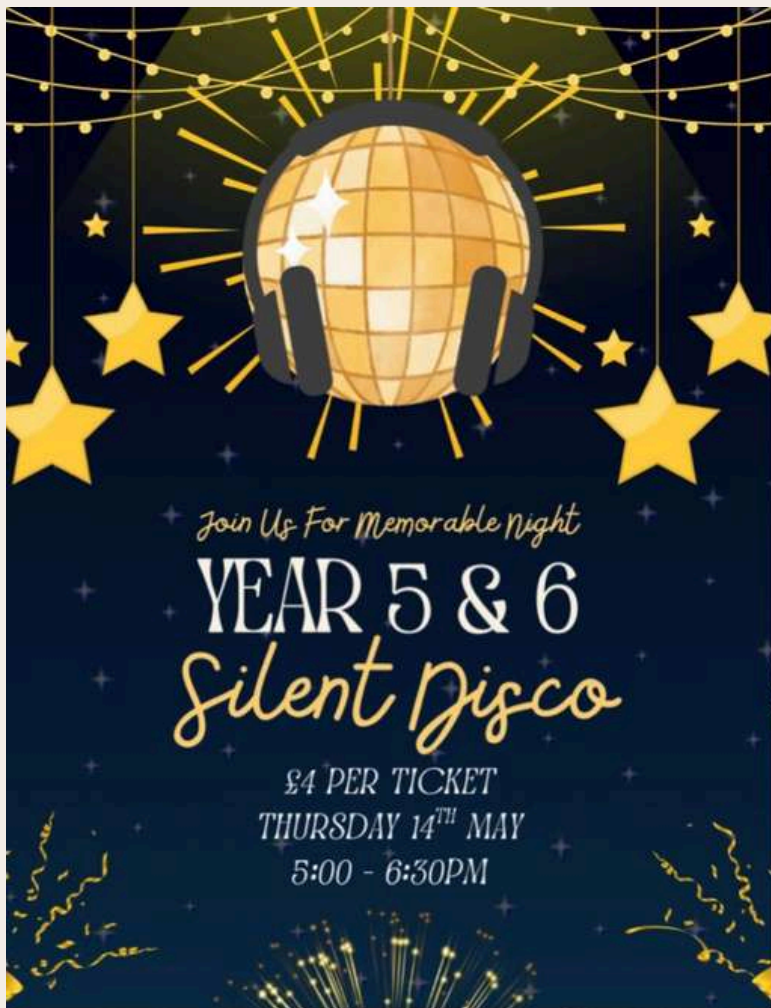


# KS2 Star Assembly



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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>



# Spring into Foxglove



Celebrate all things spring at Foxglove Covert  
Local Nature Reserve!

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2026**



**9am - 4pm**

**Explore the reserve and discover exciting wildlife with activities including:**

- **Guided Walks (£2 per person)**
- **Pond Dipping (£2 per person)**
- **Meadow Sweeping**
- **Moth Identification**
- **Crafts (£1 each) & Games**
- **Children's Trail (£1 each)**



Visit Foxglove Covert LNR for a fun-filled day out for all the family in Catterick Garrison, North Yorkshire.

No pre-booking is required for this event, but guided walks and pond dipping will have limited slots; book your place on the day at the Field Centre.

We ask for a £5 donation per vehicle for parking, payable by cash or card on the day. Parking is limited so car sharing is encouraged.

Visit <https://foxglovecovert.org.uk/visit/how-to-find-us> for more information on getting to the reserve.



# Teddy Bears' Picnic!



Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May, 11am-3pm

Collect your Teddy Bear Trail booklet from  
Leeming Bar Station!

Hunt for the bears and hop on the train to Scruton  
Station to finish the trail!

Don't forget to bring your favourite teddy and a picnic!  
(Additional snacks and refreshments available to purchase)



## Ticket Prices

£6 per child (includes trail  
and travel)

£5 per adult (only need a  
Leeming Bar-Scruton return)



# MAY HOLIDAY CAMPS



LEEDS UNITED  
FOUNDATION

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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.

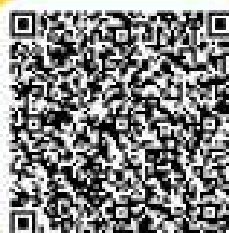
Every child is fully supervised by DBS-checked, first-aid-trained coaches, ensuring a safe, supportive, and positive environment throughout.

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!



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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.

[www.northyorks.gov.uk/adultlearning](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/adultlearning)  
Tel: 01609 536 066  
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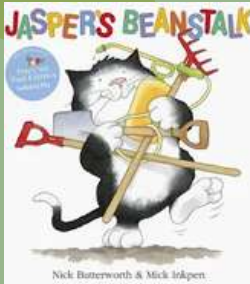




## FS1 Bears

The children have enjoyed reading *Jaspers Beanstalk* and planting some beans to see who's will grow the tallest.

Next week we will continue with *Jaspers Beanstalk* and plant more seeds.



Please remember spare clothes as we have lots of wet play happening.



## FS2 Mice & Hippos

We have had a lovely week in FS2. The children had a fantastic time visiting Colburn Primary School to take part in a multi-sports session. They really enjoyed trying a variety of activities and showed great enthusiasm throughout. We have also spent lots of time outdoors, making most of the sunshine!

Next week, we will be learning about the life cycles of plants, and we are looking forward to some exciting activities linked to this topic. In maths, we will be looking at teen numbers. A quick reminder to please ensure your child brings in a water bottle and forest school clothes next week 😊



## Caterpillar Room

What a week our Caterpillars have had, we have thoroughly enjoyed being out in the sunshine this week, can we please ask that children start bringing in sunhats as the weather is beginning to warm up and that a long lasting sun-cream is applied each morning before school.

This week we have enjoyed gymnastics during P.E and did really well at moving our bodies in different ways. We have loved listening and dancing along to MC Grammar during music, our favourite is The Guffalo, have a listen here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4lOCvwdV9Ik>

On Friday we celebrated Mayday by making nature crowns and ribbon dancing, embracing the first day of Spring. Next week we will be looking at the book *Superworm* by Julia Donaldson as well as continue to follow the children's interests.

We will continue to look at the colour **BLUE**

## News from the Nest

Mrs Clarke is back and she is excited to see everyone, she's missed the Nest lots!

Next week we are following the theme 'The Big Jungle Adventure'. In literacy we will be doing in the jungle sentence matching and describing our Jungle animals. Also playing the game 'I wonder what animal makes that noise?' We will be making some big Jungle shadow pictures, what animals lives in the Jungle? In Maths we are going to be adding our animals and sharing them. We will continue our phonics and working on our pen control. We will be getting messy in the Crocodile swamp and doing lots of fun crafts and some yummy baking. What a busy week we have planned.

See you Monday Mrs Clarke!



## The week in Year 1

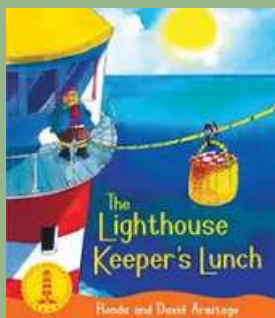
In English this week the children have enjoyed using the book *The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch* to inspire their writing.

They have explored prediction, sequencing, comprehension before writing a recount of the story. In Maths the children have continued to focus on division, learning how to share objects into groups using the one for me one for you method.

Exploring art we have been collecting rubbings to show texture.

For history the children have been looking at how the school building and surrounding areas has changed over the years.

Another exciting week in RE, when the children had the wonderful opportunity to visit the local Hindu Temple.



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 - Mabel and Kai

IC - Isla and Melanie

IH - Macie and Charlotte



## This week in Year 2

What a busy and exciting week we have had in Year 2! We were thrilled to enjoy a fantastic trip to Foxglove Nature Reserve. The children had a wonderful time exploring the outdoors, spotting wildlife, and learning about nature. Since returning, we have continued this learning in class by taking part in a variety of activities linked to our visit. It has been lovely to see the children so enthusiastic and eager to share their experiences.

In Science, we have been learning about metamorphosis. We explored how some animals change from one form to another during their life cycle, such as caterpillars and Ladybirds! The children were fascinated by how these transformations happen!



In English, we have been practising all the skills we have learned so far this year. The children have been working hard to write interesting and descriptive sentences about our visit to Foxglove Nature Reserve, using exciting vocabulary and remembering key punctuation.

Looking ahead to tomorrow, we are very excited to be holding our Year 2 SHINE auditions in the afternoon. We will be choosing three acts to represent our year group in the next round. The auditions will take place in the classroom, so please make sure your child brings anything they may need if they wish to take part. We cannot wait to see the amazing talents our children have to share!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Have a lovely long weekend! 😊

### ★ Year 2 Shout-Out! ★

A huge well done to Aleyna and Anna for their fantastic effort in learning about fractions this week. You should be very proud of your hard work—keep it up!

Shout out to William B and Aela - great ideas!



## Year 3 Heart & Aces & Incredible Llamas

We've had a busy and creative week in Year 3. In maths, the children have been learning about money, using coins and notes to solve practical problems, alongside continuing to practise their times tables. In English, we have finished our leaflets about the local area, and the children should be very proud of their final pieces.

In art, the children created prints inspired by a local artist who will be visiting us next week – they are very excited to show him their work. We have also been preparing for Shine auditions, with many children showing great confidence and enthusiasm. A big well done to everyone for their hard work this week.

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May** - TTRS Day - come to school dressed as a Rock Star!

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May** - SHINE - own clothes day

### SHOUT OUTS!

**3HA** - Emilia, Zac, Ezra

**3IL** - Zak, Grace

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## Year 4 Butterflies & Tigers

This week we have started to look closely at tenths and hundredths as decimal numbers and link this knowledge to what we already know about fractions. Understanding decimal notation will help us to complete some work related to money and length in the coming weeks. In writing, pupils will write their own version of 'The Boy who Creid Wolf'. In History, we will launch our topic 'Anglo Saxons' and discover what happened in Britain following the fall of the Roman Empire. In PE, we will learn how to hold, catch and throw a rugby ball. As scientists, we will be carrying out a series of investigations over the next few weeks. This will help us to plan, carry out and gather results for a variety of different experiments. For French, we will continue to learn words that will help us explain what items we use in a classroom. The pupils completed some amazing art work last week, this week we will look at incredible artists and try to complete work in that style - our theme is inspirational people so finding inspirational artists will be exciting.



*Well done!*



**Tiger of the Week: Evanna for beautiful writing and amazing behaviour!**

**Butterfly of the Week: Albie for excellent throwing and catching skills in rugby!**

## Don't Forget

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May** - TTRS Day - come to school dressed as a Rock Star!

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

Completing fractions, decimals and now percentages we are now moving on to angles and geometry in maths.

We are going to investigate how shadows are formed in our science and continue to put are resilience and stamina to the test in PE with Mrs.

Buxton.

For our writing, over the next two weeks, we are focusing on a Viking battle scene where we will include character and setting descriptions to incorporate all of our grammar techniques.

Both classes are well underway into our Viking topic and have started to design our 'dragon eyes' in art!

**Shoutout:**

5S – Dougie, Lilly and Izzy for fantastic ideas on their dragon non-fiction report!

5H – Harvey, Deon, and Lincyn for their detailed dragon descriptions for their non-fiction report.

**Upcoming Events :**

Week beginning **11th May** – SATS week

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.**

**Year 6 Hawks &****Heroes  
SATS week**

**Monday 11th May:** Punctuation and Grammar and Spelling test

**Tuesday 12th May:** Reading

**Wednesday 13th May:** Arithmetic and Paper 2 Maths

**Thursday 14th May:** Paper 3 Maths

**Friday 15th May:** Picnic at the Park; a celebration of the week – Please bring a packed lunch/drink and home clothes 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:** Well-done to all those children who have attended after school revision clubs.

Last Reading club **7th May**

Last maths club Tuesday **12th May**

