



WEEK #3

24TH SEPTEMBER 2026



A message from Mr M

Phonics Meeting - Foundation Stage 2 (Reception)

We warmly welcome parents of pupils in Foundation Stage 2 to our Phonics Parent Meeting. This will take place in the FS2 classrooms on Tuesday 29th of September 3:30 - 4:30. Please join us to find out how to support your child in their early reading development. Each child will also receive an individual book bag. Creche available.

Parent Consultations - Date for your Diary

Meet your child's class teacher to discuss how they have settled in and the areas they need to work on. Appointments will be available to book via Arbor and take place on;

Tuesday 13th, Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th October 2026

Foundation Stage 2 (Reception) Open Events

Is your child due to start school in September 2027? Do you have friends with a child due to start? We are hosting a number of open events where families and prospective pupils can come and look around our setting. The first open event takes place on;

Thursday 1st October - 2pm to 3pm

For more information, get in touch with the School Office.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

We still have spaces available in some of our Extra-Curricular Clubs. If you have not signed your child up for a club and want to know more, please get in touch with Mrs Pascoe; office@le-cateau.n-yorks.sch.uk

National Numeracy's Schools and Families Programme!

We are delighted to have been accepted on this national programme to support families. The National Numeracy programme is an independent charity with a vision for everyone in the UK to get on with numbers so they can get on in life.

Their mission is to empower children and adults in the UK to feel confident with everyday maths so they can fulfil their potential at work, home and school.

Evidence shows their work improves how people understand and work with numbers in everyday life, sparking better opportunities and brighter futures.

Miss Bell will be leading this project which starts later in the term!

THIS WEEK'S IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEDICAL INFORMATION

Children with allergies, asthma, or other medical needs must have an up-to-date Individual Healthcare Plan (IHP) on file with the school. Important Notice for Parents

Action required: Please submit or update your child's medical healthcare plan if they have allergies, asthma, or ongoing medical needs.

Emergency readiness: Clear plans ensure staff can safely administer treatment and respond quickly in an emergency.

DEADLINE: PLEASE RETURN ALL COMPLETED FORMS TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY MONDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER 2026.

SECONDARY SCHOOL OPEN EVENTS

RISEDALE SCHOOL'S OPEN EVENING - WEDNESDAY, 30TH SEPTEMBER FROM 6:00PM TO 7:30PM

RICHMOND SCHOOL - YEAR 6 OPEN EVENING, THURSDAY 2ND OCTOBER 2025

STAY CONNECTED

Keep up with school news, letters and updates.



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Keeping Every Child Safe: This Week's Safeguarding Reminder

CHILD HOME ALONE?



IS IT LEGAL?

There's no legal age a child can be left home alone, but it's against the law to leave a child alone if it puts them at risk.

Every child matures differently, so it would be almost impossible to have a "one size fits all" law.

You might wonder what age your child should be before they can be left alone at home. Because every child is unique, build up their independence at their pace – and check in with them to make sure they feel safe before leaving them alone.

Click on link below for advice:



Attendance Section

► SCHOOL ATTENDANCE INFORMATION



Please ensure that your child is at school on time as there are valuable learning opportunities set for before and during register time. The School Day starts at 8:45am



*This week we have had **479 minutes** of lost learning due to lateness. We have had **17 pupils** arriving late this week!*



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 so please make sure you ring the school absence line.

ATTENDANCE CELEBRATION

✱ **This Week's Attendance Winners -**
Year 6 Hawks





Stars of the Week & Pupil Achievement Spotlight

Ewes & Hedgehogs.

1E - INDIGO FOR SUPER LEARNING AND AROMI FOR HAVING SUCH A POSITIVE ATTITUDE.

1H- ELLA FOR SUPER WRITING AND CHARLIE FOR ALWAYS FOLLOWING THE CLASS RULES.

**Star Pupils
This Week**

► OUR SCHOOL AMBASSADORS

Chameleons & Happy Llamas.

BIG SHOUT OUT TO LEXI WHO IS LEAVING US THIS WEEK. GOOD LUCK ON YOUR NEW ADVENTURE AND KNOW YOU WILL BE MISSED BY ALL OF YOUR YEAR 2 FRIENDS!

Alligators & Whales

A SPECIAL SHOUT-OUT THIS WEEK GOES TO ALEyna AND ANNA IN 3W FOR THEIR INCREDIBLE TEAMWORK, ENTHUSIASM AND POSITIVE ATTITUDE DURING THEIR MATHS LEARNING. WELL DONE, GIRLS!

Heroes & Stars

4H - JENIQUE FOR POSITIVE LEARNING ATTITUDE.
4S - EMILIA FOR PERSEVERANCE WITH TIMES TABLES.

Tigers & Butterflies

5B A SPECIAL SHOUT OUT TO JALE FOR ALWAYS BEING READY FOR LEARNING!

5T A SPECIAL SHOUT OUT TO BEAUX FOR EXCELLENT SENTENCE STRUCTURE IN HIS WRITING.

Hawks & Hummingbirds

6DH - LINCYN AND CAIDEN FOR FANTASTIC DIARY WRITING.
6RH - JESSICA AND YOANNA FOR SETTLING INTO YEAR 6 SO WELL.



► WEEKLY UPDATES

This Week's Class Updates.



Caterpillar Room

This week we have been reading the book 'There's a Tiger in the Garden' by Lizzie Stewart. We have made our own tiger masks and have proudly worn them whilst pretending to be tigers, creeping and hiding whilst listening to the sounds of the jungle. We created a garden in our playdough area with lavender, leaves and other natural resources that we collected from outside. During forest schools we collected up lots of apples that had fallen from the trees and worked together to make apple soup in the mud kitchen. During P.E we worked really hard on listening to instructions by playing 'stop and go' and we looked at how we can move our bodies in many different ways. Next week we will be creating some large scale houses using junk modelling and fabric scraps, we will continue to look at colour recognition as well as following the childrens interests.



FS1 Bears



We've had another great week in FS1. This week, we've been reading Peace at Last by Jill Murphy. The children have enjoyed baking bear biscuits, creating bear faces with natural loose parts (collected at forest school!), and have made some sleepy potions to help Mr Bear fall asleep.



FS2 Mice & Chickens

This week we have been reading the book - How do you make a rainbow? by Caroline Crowe. This week we have been looking at the colour red. We have been busy making jam on toast. The children have been busy helping to write the instructions.

In maths we have ordered numbers from 1-5, finding the correct amount of bears to match the numeral. We have visited the school library for the first time this week and the children will be bringing a book back from the library each Wednesday and it must be returned Monday in their red file. The red files must be brought into school daily.



Gentle reminder - wellies and a waterproof must be kept in school for all children. There are many children without waterproofs and wellies. These will be kept in school to be used daily.



The Nest



We have had a lovely week in the nest, the children have been so focused with their learning, and happy to come join in.

We have been looking at the topic 'on the farm' looking at the animals, where they live, what foods grow on the farm, this has linked in with our literacy writing. For maths we have been looking at subitising, using lots of different resources. We had lots of fun making rice crispy cakes in baking.

In PE we moved like the different animals on the farm to warm up then used our coordination skills to kick and throw a ball through a hula hoop.

The children are enjoying learning their phonics in our lessons and during the day with different sensory trays. 😊

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This Week's Class Updates.



Year 1 Ewes & Hedgehogs

Another great week in Year 1. In English we loved exploring the book Goldilocks and the one bear. We had fun comparing stories and looking at the similarities and differences. The children enjoyed sequencing the stories and writing simple sentences.

In maths the children have explored a 100 square. We have been counting to 100 in different ways and finding missing numbers. The children were disappointed to discover someone had cut up the 100 squares, they enjoyed helping and putting them back together again. Next week in maths we will be having fun counting in groups of 10.

The children have been really enjoying our weekly baking sessions, where we get to cook in our new DT room.



Don't forget

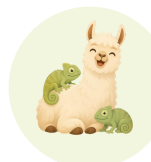
**Pe days - Monday (outdoor)
Tuesday (Indoor)**

The children can come to school dressed in their PE kit on these days. The children need appropriate PE kit for the weather, as the days get colder tracksuit bottoms are appropriate. Earrings must be removed for PE lessons.

Daily Reading:

Reading books will be taken home daily to give the children the opportunity to read at home. Please add a comment to their reading record when they read at home. Reading books need to be brought back into school daily as the children will have the opportunity to read with an adult.

It is great to see some children taking the opportunity to access numbots from home. This is a fabulous, educational fun resource. If your child is having trouble logging on please speak to the class teacher.



Year 2 Chameleons & Happy Llamas

This week Year 2 have been busy writing their fantastic character descriptions of Zog the Dragon - we have used lots adventurous adjectives and practised extending our sentences using 'and' and 'because'. In maths we have been working with multiples of 10 as well as focusing on learning our 2x tables - please keep practising this at home!

In Geography we loved learning about the Countries of the UK and matching them to their flags.

Next week we will continue to learn about UK Castles and continue to explore materials and their properties in science.



► REMINDER

PE Days -

**Tuesday - Indoor
Wednesday - Outdoor**

Please ensure children come in to school in their PE kits on those days - especially with suitable footwear/hoodie etc as the days get colder. Any earrings are to be removed please - either at home beforehand or by your child before the lesson if they are able.

TT Rockstars/Numbots

Please continue to use these at home. We have a competition going between the classes and it is a great way to grow the children's times table knowledge.

Reading

We are focusing on developing in a real love of reading in Year 2 - please continue to read at home as much as possible to support your child's reading development. It really does make a difference and we appreciate your support with this as always.



► WEEKLY UPDATES

This Week's Class Updates.



Year 3 Alligators & Whales

Year 3 is well and truly up and running! We have had a busy week packed with exciting activities and lots of new learning.

In History, we explored what Stone Age people needed to survive and then put our knowledge to the test by attempting to make our own fires out on the field. The children quickly discovered just how difficult and frustrating this would have been thousands of years ago, especially when Mr White provided damp sticks and stones! Next week, our survival challenge will focus on hunting, just as Stone Age people did.

In Science, we have begun learning about different types of rocks and identifying their properties. This learning links closely to our upcoming visit to Stump Cross Caverns. Hopefully, you have received a message from the office regarding the trip. If not, please do get in touch.

Thank you to everyone for the additional reading and times tables practice taking place at home. I can assure you that it is making a huge difference. Some pupils are already showing signs that they may soon be ready to move up to the next reading band, which is fantastic to see.

The children are also incredibly enthusiastic about our weekly Times Tables Rock Stars competition (although perhaps not quite as enthusiastic as the class teachers!). It has been wonderful to see their determination and growing confidence with their multiplication facts.

► PE DAYS

Monday – Indoor PE

Friday – Outdoor PE

Children should come to school dressed in their PE kit on these days.



Year 4 Heroes & Stars

In maths we have continued addition with regrouping – please keep an eye out for parent tips and tricks videos!

For our Indoor PE, we have focused on mindfulness and how to move our bodies to pieces of music, whilst in Outdoor PE we have focused on invasion games - using our catching and throwing skills in a team game.

In Art this week we learnt about the primary and secondary colours and completed our colour wheels. For science we explored circuits and were given challenges using the equipment – how many bulbs could we add?

► WHAT WILL WE BE DOING NEXT WEEK?

Next week we will introduce our first spelling rule so please keep an eye out for the spellings.

In geography we are going to use maps and atlases to locate countries around the world. In RE, our Hinduism topic will continue, and we will look at Hindu Gods and beliefs. In Computing we will continue to look at the internet and how to stay online.

► UPCOMING EVENTS

Remembrance service is held by Year 4 – more info to follow.

► REMINDERS FOR PARENTS

Reading daily for 10 mins – reading records signed by an adult

Homework given out on a Friday and due back in on Wednesday
Multiplication is our MAIN priority this year so please ensure that you practice as often as possible with your child – e.g. using TT Rockstars - and we will be sending x tables (Zappers) home to improve fluency.

PE is Wednesday (indoor) and Thursday (outdoor)

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This Week's Class Updates.



Year 5 Tigers & Butterflies

► UPCOMING EVENTS & PE

Outdoor PE Monday
am 5T and pm 5B

Indoor PE Tuesday pm
5B

Swimming Wednesday
5T

PE kit can be worn all
day.

Another great week in Year 5. We have been learning all about Ham, the Chimp who was sent into space. The children have written some fantastic sentences and they are really enjoying this topic. They have also demonstrated amazing sketching skills when drawing Ham, Astro chimp!

In Maths, we have been learning that 1 whole divided into ten equal parts is one tenth. We will continue this activity next week with some more practical ways to find a tenth.

In History, we have launched our topic 'Ancient Greeks'. Children have been asking some very interesting questions about this period in History.

In science, we have started to consider which planets are in our Solar System.



Year 6 Hawks & Hummingbirds

In English, we have been planning and writing a diary entry.

In maths, we are continuing our learning of structures and how to find the missing number in a calculation.

In history, we have started to explore the Maya civilisation.

We are enjoying completing circuits as part of our PE lessons.

► WHAT WILL WE BE LEARNING NEXT WEEK?

In PSHE, we will look at why teeth brushing is an important part of our daily routine.

In Geography we will be taking a closer look at South America.

► UPCOMING EVENTS & PE

We are working on a date for a retired Science teacher to visit to carry out heart dissections linked to our Science and English. If you would like your child to opt out please let their class teacher know.

Crucial Crew 19th November
AM – Free of charge

Outdoor PE Tuesday
afternoons

Indoor PE Thursday
afternoons

PE kit can be worn all
day.

Join Le Cateau's Choir



Starting on Tuesday 29/09 for 7 weeks.

15:15-16:00 £1 per session.

Please contact:

Office@le-cateau.n-yorks.sch.uk

or

K.Ingles@le-cateau.n-yorks.sch.uk

Speech, Language and Communication Advice

Hambleton and Richmond - Leyburn

Would you like to discuss your child's speech, language, or communication development?

Bring your child along to our drop-in session to meet with our Speech and Language Therapist, discuss any concerns, and receive advice and information about local support and services. **Booking is essential.**

Where & When

Monday 5th October 2026, 09.30am to 12.30pm

Thornborough Hall Oak Room, Leyburn, DL8 5AB

Who will be there?

Linda Dalglish - North Yorkshire Council Speech & Language Therapist

Liz Wilson - North Yorkshire Council Speech & Language Therapy Assistant

PLEASE EMAIL TO BOOK A 15 MINUTE SLOT



liz.wilson@northyorks.gov.uk

Thank you

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Where & When

Friday 20th November 2026, 10am to 12pm

Colburn Children's Centre, Catterick Garrison, DL9 4RF

Who will be there?

Amancay Topping - North Yorkshire Council Speech & Language Therapist

Stephanie Payne - North Yorkshire Council Speech & Language Therapy Assistant



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Thank you.

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Where & When

Thursday 3rd December 2026, 09.30am to 12.00pm,

Alverton Children Centre, Mount Road, Northallerton, DL6 1RB

Who will be there?

Emma Pollock - North Yorkshire Council Speech & Language Therapist



Rachael Hussain - North Yorkshire Council Speech & Language Therapy Assistant

PLEASE EMAIL TO BOOK A 15 MINUTE SLOT

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Thank you



RISEDALE
A family of learners

RISEDALE SCHOOL

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September 2026

Dear Year 5/6 parent/carer,

INVITATION: Risedale School Open Evening

You are warmly invited to attend Risedale School's Open Evening on **Wednesday, 30th September** from **6:00pm to 7:30pm**.

Headteacher's Welcome Talk: 6:10pm in the Main School Hall.

Our invitation extends to families of both Year 5 and Year 6 pupils. We want to show you everything our vibrant school community has to offer, and we hope you will join us to see why you should **MAKE RISEDALE YOUR FIRST CHOICE**.

Come along to meet our teachers, talk to our pupils, tour the school, and join in the fun activities.



RISEDALE
A family of learners



YEAR 6 OPEN EVENING
Wednesday, 30th September
6 PM - 7:30 PM

Why Choose Risedale?

- **Our Values:** Our aspiration is that every pupil and staff member is supported to be the **BEST** version of themselves embodying our school values of **RESPONSIBILITY**, **RESPECT**, **RESILIENCE**, and **RELATIONSHIPS**. Together we are the Risedale Family.
- **A Well-Planned Curriculum:** We offer an exciting curriculum to capture our pupils' interests across a broad range of subjects, including the arts, sport, technology-based and humanities subjects. These complement our strong core of English, maths and science.
- **Technology for Learning:** We utilise technologies to support innovative teaching and learning. Pupils get hands-on experience using Adobe Creative Cloud, Chromebooks, a media suite equipped with state-of-the-art green screen technology, a photography studio, computerised laser cutters and embroidery tools, and 3D printing, to name a few.
- **Beyond the Classroom:** We organise lots of educational and personal enrichment and reward visits, and have an extensive programme of extra-curricular activities.
- **Strong Pastoral Support:** Our extensive pastoral team, including Pupil Support Managers, a strong safeguarding team and dedicated Service Pupil Manager, help your child to succeed at school.

We cannot wait to welcome your family and show you what makes our school so special. We look forward to seeing you there!

Yours sincerely,

Greenwood

Mrs L Greenwood - Headteacher

If you are unable to attend our Open Evening, please feel free to schedule a visit at your convenience. We're happy to show you around our school and answer any questions you may have.

For more information about Risedale School, visit our [website](#) and follow us on social media:

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Secondary school open evenings 2026



Bedale High School

Thursday 1st October

5pm - 8pm

Year 5 AND Year 6

Richmond School and Sixth Form

Thursday 15th October

5pm - 7.30pm

Year 6

Wensleydale School

Thursday 24th September

6pm

Year 5 AND Year 6

SFX

Thursday 8th October

5pm - 8pm

Year 6

Risedale School

Wednesday 30th September

6pm - 7.30pm

Year 5 AND Year 6



Richmond School

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*Striving for
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YEAR 6 OPEN EVENING



THURSDAY 15TH OCTOBER 2026



5:00 - 7:30PM



We look forward to welcoming Year 6 students, and parents / carers to the school.

To view and download the latest version of our school prospectus, please scan this QR code:



*Scan
Here*