

KEEPING IN TOUCH



WEEK #1
10TH SEPTEMBER 2026

THIS WEEK'S IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCHOOL MEALS - NEW OUTSTANDING BALANCE THRESHOLD

If your child's meal balance exceeds - **£15.50** (5 x school meals), your child will be unable to access any more school meals until the balance is cleared. You will have to provide them with a packed lunch from home.

This will be monitored extremely closely this year, so please remember to keep your child's account topped up with sufficient credit.

SECONDARY SCHOOL OPEN EVENTS

WENSLEYDALE SCHOOL YEAR 5&6
OPEN EVENING 24/09/26 - 6:00PM

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.

Website



www.lecateauprimary.co.uk

Email



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

Call



01748832292

A message from Mr M

Welcome back — a great start to the term!

Welcome back to the 26/27 academic year – it has been lovely to see the school full of laughter, curiosity and purposeful learning this week.

Pupils across school have made a terrific, positive start: classrooms are calm and focused, corridors are busy with friendly conversations, and the whole school atmosphere already feels warm and purposeful.

Thank you to parents and carers for supporting our high standards of smart appearance – uniform and pride in presentation are helping pupils to feel ready to learn.

A special welcome to the families and pupils who are joining us for the first time – we are glad you are here and look forward to getting to know you. Whether you will be with us for years or for a short posting, you are a vital part of #teamLeCateau!

This term we will be concentrating on working hard and trying our best every day. That looks like:

- arriving ready to learn and taking pride in uniform and equipment;
- listening carefully, asking questions and having a go even when things are challenging;
- showing kindness and including others so everyone can shine.

Thank you to our staff for their calm, purposeful teaching this week, and to parents for your continued partnership.

If you have any questions or need support, please get in touch – there is always an adult here to help.

Best wishes, Mr M



Keeping Every Child Safe: This Week's Safeguarding Reminder

Mobile Phones & Smart Devices Policy

At Le Cateau, we are committed to providing a safe, focused, and distraction-free environment for your children. Following the latest statutory guidance from the Department for Education, we have updated our school policy regarding mobile phones and personal smart technology.

Our school operates a strict "**Not Seen, Not Heard**" protocol.

Please take a moment to review the key points with your child:

- **Keep Items at Home:** We strongly encourage parents to ensure pupils leave mobile phones, smartwatches, and all other internet-enabled devices at home.
- **The School Day Ban:** If an older pupil must bring a device for safety while walking to or from school, it must be switched completely off before entering the school gates and handed to their teacher immediately upon arrival.
- **Educational Visits & Residential:** Personal devices—including Apple AirTags, SmartTags, and all other Bluetooth/GPS tracking devices are strictly prohibited on all school trips and overnight residential.
- **Medical Exemptions:** If your child requires a smart device for essential medical tracking (such as a glucose monitor), this must be formally reviewed and approved by the Senior Leadership Team (SLT) as part of an Individual Healthcare Plan.
- **Emergency Contact:** If you need to get a message to your child urgently during the school day, please do not message their device. Call our main school office directly on 01748 832292, and we will ensure the message is delivered immediately.

Thank you for your continued cooperation in safeguarding our pupils and protecting their learning time. The full policy document is available on the school website.



"Safeguarding is not a tick-box exercise — it is the foundation of everything we do. Every adult in our school community plays a vital role in keeping children safe."

► PUPIL MEDICAL INFORMATION

If your child has any medical conditions, allergies or other aspects that have been updated or identified during the holidays then please make sure you let us know. Mrs Galloway coordinates all of the Health Care Plans for individuals so please email her at; admin@le-cateau.n-yorks.sch.uk or call into the School Office.



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 **101 minutes** of lost learning due to lateness. We have had **6** 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.





A Warm Welcome to ...

Miss Mallett

We are delighted to welcome Miss Mallett who joins us as the teacher in FS1. Miss Mallett will be teaching 5 days a week supporting our younger pupils and has worked in various Nursery settings during her career. Great to have you on the team Miss Mallett!



Star Pupils This Week

▶ FS, KS1 & KS2 STARS OF THE WEEK



All of the pupils are STARS!

They have settled in well, have adjusted following a long summer break and quickly got back into the routines.

A special mention to our new starters (FS2 and across the school) who have made a great start to their time at Le Cateau.

Mr Murphy



We are also pleased to appoint a new Play & Sport Leader to lead daily activities across the school. Mr Murphy has already thrown himself into the role engaging with the pupils with a wide range of activities across the school. Welcome to the team Mr Murphy!

Mr Buxton

We are delighted to welcome Mr Buxton to the team as relief caretaker to assist Mr Shephard and whip the building into shape.

You may know Mr Buxton from around school and the retreat when he has been a big help with the children and our animals.



Miss Coates

As part of our continued work with Red Kite Teacher Training, we are delighted to welcome Miss Coates who has started her Initial Teacher Training. Miss Coates will be working in Year 2 alongside Mrs Horn and Mrs Lount. She has already made a great start and has built positive relations with the members of the class!

Our School Goats



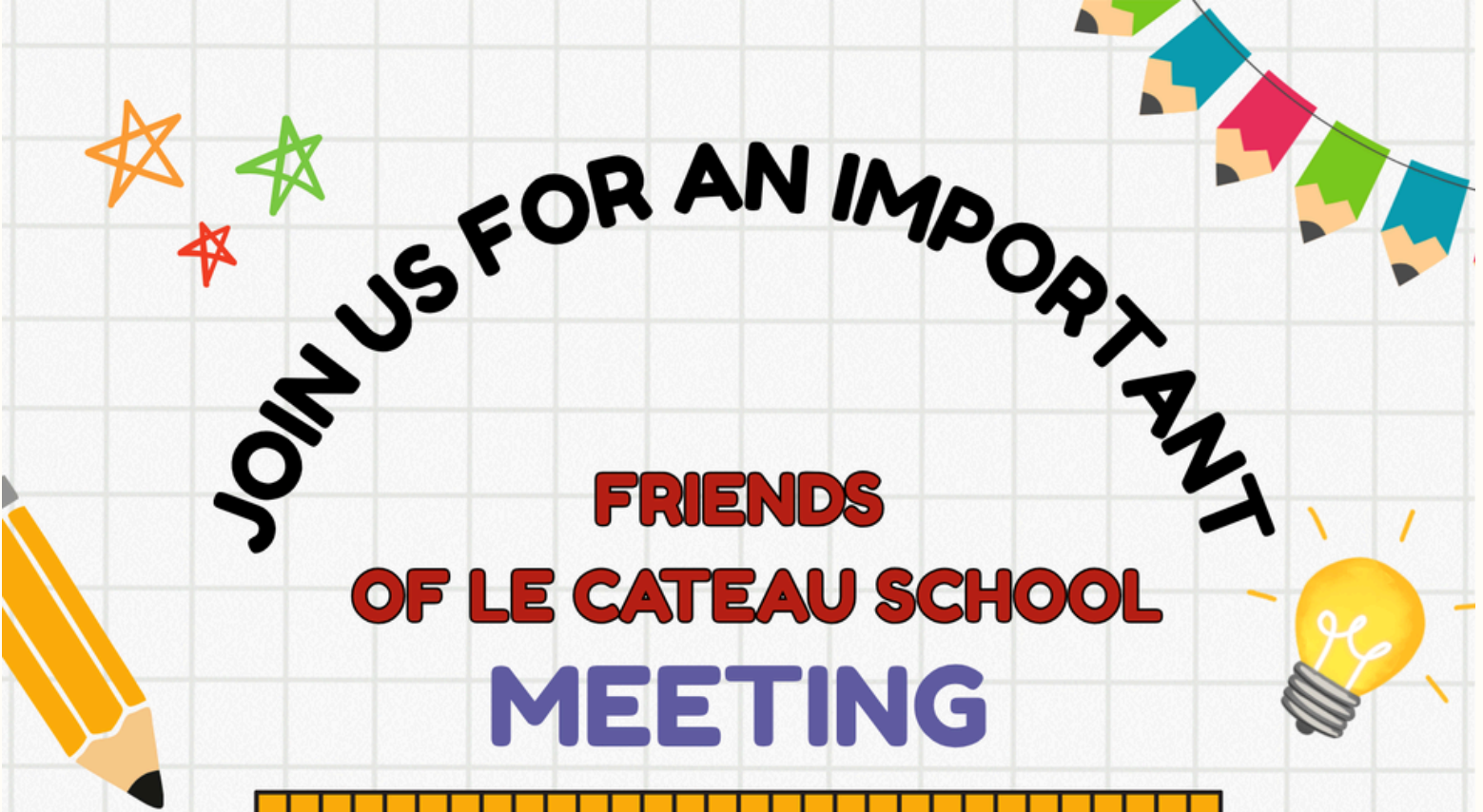
Hot off the press...Miss Priestley has finally persuaded Mr M to host goats in school. We are expecting the arrival of 2 pygmy goats over the weekend who will become part of #teamLeCateau! Some of the pupils have already been involved in building the pen for them and can't wait for them to join us.

▶ WEEKLY UPDATES

This Week's Year Group Updates

Due to having a short week, we have not processed any class or Year Group updates. From next week, you will find a new section sharing information from each class and year along with key events taking place. This is the perfect place to find out what is going on!





JOIN US FOR AN IMPORTANT

**FRIENDS
OF LE CATEAU SCHOOL
MEETING**



.....
FRIDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER
.....

9am at the main entrance



Are you interested in supporting
your child's school? Come along and
find out more about how you can
get involved and share new ideas.

Everyone welcome!



SCHOOL UNIFORM

At Le Cateau, we are proud of our children and want them to **CARE** and take pride in themselves. A smart school uniform is a really important way to do this.



JUMPERS

School jumper or cardigan to be worn. Either school branded or plain red. Red hoodies are **ONLY** for PE.



TROUSERS/SHORTS

Black or grey school trousers or shorts. **All black** jogging bottoms option for FS1 & 2. No jeans or tracksuit bottoms for Y1-6.



PE & SPORT

Red PE t-shirt – either school branded or plain. Black shorts for indoor – school branded or plain. Black leggings or joggers for outdoor. Red Sports Hoodie for PE Only. (OPTIONAL) Fleece/tracksuit top for outdoor in colder weather. Trainers for outdoor.

The following should NOT be worn at school.

- Necklaces and Jewellery (except stud earrings and watches)
- Make Up, false nails or nail varnish
- Football shirts

Reasonable Adjustments

Reasonable adjustments to uniform may be applied based on supporting medical evidence. These are to be discussed and agreed with the Headteacher.

Branded Uniform

<https://school-shop.co.uk/>



SHIRTS

White plain polo shirt or school branded logo shirt.



FOOTWEAR

Black school shoes or trainers that are **completely** black. Sturdy to offer protection. Boots can be worn during winter months. No open-toed sandals or heels.



DRESSES

Black or grey pinafore or red summer 'gingham' dress.



SKIRTS/SKORTS

Black or grey skirt or skort. Pleated or non-pleated. **No** leggings or cycling shorts.



HAIR & JEWELLERY

Hair neat and tidy. Long hair tied back with bobble or hair band. Bands, slides, clips etc to be simple and small.

Stud earrings **only**. Watches are allowed. Jewellery removed for PE.

WHY BOTHER WITH UNIFORM?

At Le Cateau, uniform is really important. Wearing clean, neat and tidy clothes helps to;

- create a feeling of pride
- helps pupils be safe and practical in their learning
- provides a sense of belonging and teamwork
- reduces distraction from learning
- creates a sense of order and purpose in school
- reduces peer pressure relating to clothes children may otherwise wear

SCHOOLSHOP



HOMework EXPECTATIONS

The table below provides examples of the likely homework for each year group. This list is not exhaustive and your child's teacher will adapt the homework according to the needs of the pupils.



Year Group	Daily	Weekly	Half Termly
Foundation Stage 2	Phonics and Reading	Phonics Practise	Curriculum Enrichment Activity
Year 1	Phonics or Reading	High Frequency Words Maths Activity (summer)	Common exception words Curriculum Enrichment
Year 2	Phonics or Reading	Spellings Weekly maths activity	Curriculum Enrichment Activity
Year 3	Reading	Spellings Times Tables Activity	Curriculum Enrichment Activity
Year 4	Reading	Spellings Times Tables Activity	Curriculum Enrichment Activity
Year 5	Reading	Spellings Maths/English Activity	Curriculum Enrichment Activity
Year 6	Reading	Spellings Maths/English Activity	Curriculum Enrichment Activity

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF HOMEWORK?

Schools provide homework for a variety of reasons. At Le Cateau, we believe that regular opportunities to undertake homework can benefit our pupils for the following reasons:

- It demonstrates that learning can be fun
- It consolidates the skills we have taught
- It allows pupils to explore areas of interest within a topic, encouraging independent study
- It gives parents an insight into the learning that is taking place in class
- It encourages partnerships between parents and teachers
- It prepares pupils for secondary school – both in terms of workload and organisation