

KEEPING IN TOUCH



WEEK #2

17TH SEPTEMBER 2026



THIS WEEK'S IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLICK ON THE LINK TO SIGN YOUR CHILD UP FOR AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS COMMENCING ON MONDAY 28TH OF SEPTEMBER 2026.

[Extra Curricular Clubs- Autumn Term Time 2026.](#)

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 and you will have to provide them with a packed lunch from home until the balance has been cleared.

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

A message from Mr M

First Full Week

We have had a positive first full week back in school and pleased to see how the pupils have settled in to their new year groups. There is a very calm feel to school with productive learning taking place!

Target Pupils - Interventions

During the summer holiday, I met with Senior Leaders to look at the attainment data for all pupils. From this meeting, we have identified a number of pupils across various year groups who need targeted intervention in reading and maths. Communication will be shared with you if your child will be accessing interventions designed to help them meet the expected standards for their year group.

Comments from Visitors

Year 6 welcomed FORGE CREATES this week for a morning of interactive workshops. Then sent a lovely email after their visit stating; *The team loved being with you and the wonderful Le Cateau community. The sense of inclusion and care was palpable throughout the day no doubt contributing to the flourishing creativity that the children so generously shared with us. Both in lively ways-joining the 'troupe' getting up and performing, and in the quieter ways. I was really touched that one of the Year 6 pupils so kindly offered his hat for the exhibition without being asked, particularly after the care he took over his sewing. Thank you and thank you to all the children and wider staff.*

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

Invite to Parents - Assemblies

New for this year, we will be inviting parents to attend a class assembly presented by your child's class. These take place across the school year and you will be informed well in advance. A great way to get into school and to see your child perform!

STAY CONNECTED

Keep up with school news, letters and updates.



Website

www.lecateauprimary.co.uk



Email

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Call

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Keeping Every Child Safe: This Week's Safeguarding Reminder

CAR/TRANSPORT SAFETY

If your child is travelling by car please be aware of the following:

In the UK you can be fined £500

- If a child under 14 years old not wearing a seat belt.
- A child under 135cm tall or under 12 years old is not in the correct car seat.

Find out car seat requirements and further information by visiting:

[CHILD CAR SEATS: THE LAW](#)



► ROAD SAFETY INFORMATION



The road in front of the school is a ONE WAY road. If you are driving through Brough road, please enter from Le Cateau Rd and exit onto Teesdale rd.



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 **389 minutes** of lost learning due to lateness. We have had **14 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 5 Tigers** with a **99.51%**





Stars of the Week & Pupil Achievement Spotlight

Ewes & Hedgehogs.

All of year 1 for settling in so well and learning new routines quickly.

Star Pupils This Week

► FS1 PROVISIONAL WORK FOR OWL BABIES BY MARTIN WADDELL



Chameleons & Happy Llamas.

*Isla and Miley in Chameleons
Ronnie and Rory in Llamas*

Alligators & Whales

To all of year 3 for settling in so well!

Heroes & Stars

*4H – Grace and Daisy for being super stars this week!
4S – Hannah for beautifully presented work.
Kaiya for always being ready, respectful and safe.*

Tigers & Butterflies

A massive congratulations to all Tiger and Butterfly of the Day so far and to all pupils for settling in so well!

Hawks & Hummingbirds

All pupils in Year – we are really proud at how well you have all settled back in.



▶ WEEKLY UPDATES

This Week's Class Updates.



Caterpillar Room

It has been wonderful welcoming back our returning children after the summer holidays, as well as meeting new faces. Everyone has settled in beautifully and we are so proud of how well every child has adjusted to new routines. Our topic this term is 'Home is where the heart is'. We will be using this as a gentle framework for our learning, while following the children's own interests and curiosities along the way. We cannot wait to see what this term brings us and we look forward to another fantastic year with our Caterpillars and watching them learn, grow and bloom.



FS1 Bears

A Warm Welcome

What a brilliant first couple of weeks we have had in FS1. All of the children have settled in brilliantly and are loving exploring their classrooms and our garden.

Owl Babies:

In FS1 we have been reading the story Owl Babies by Martin Waddell and are enjoying lots of owl themed provision alongside all the usual fun. We have enjoyed making owl food in the play dough, Owl Baby role play with the soft toys, and have painted their very own Baby Owl.

Forest School:

Another quick reminder that we will be going to Forest School every Wednesday morning and Friday afternoon. Please send your children to school in their forest school kit on a Wednesday morning and Friday afternoon for those who come for an afternoon session.

Family and baby photos:

Thank you to all who have sent in family and baby photos! Our family tree display is taking great shape. If you've not yet sent any photos in, there is still plenty of time! Just pop them in a message on Seesaw.



FS2 Mice & Chickens

This week we have been very proud of how the children have settled and are learning the new routines of FS2. They are fostering new relationships and we can't wait for our year together. We have been reading The Dot by Peter Reynolds and have been discussing how to try even when things get difficult. We have created our own dot and discussed what we liked about it. We have started our phonics lessons and there will be a parent information evening coming up very soon. The children have been bringing back a red reading folder, this needs to be brought in daily especially when the children will be receiving flashcards /reading books very soon. In maths we have been subitising numbers 1-3 and they have done an amazing job so far. On Monday we have forest schools - please ensure all children have wellies and waterproofs in school for Monday. We will be going out rain or shine. These can be kept in school so make sure they are labelled.

Fridays are our PE days. The children will be wearing their PE Kit to school.



The Nest

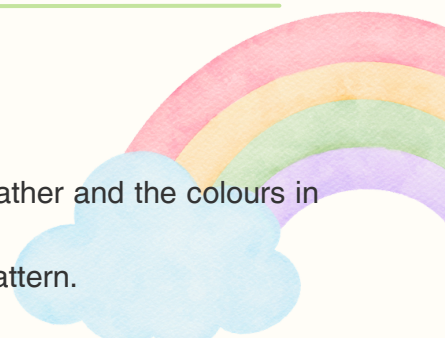
The children have all settled in beautifully. This week we have been looking at weather and the colours in the rainbow.

We have concentrated on patterns for maths, making patterns and what makes a pattern.

We have been using our writing and phonics skills to write lists for our activities.

We have been following instructions on how to make our crafts independently.

We have been having lots of choosing time in our new classroom and our new outside area to feel safe and comfortable. Very proud of how they have settled this week.



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Year 1 Ewes & Hedgehogs

It has been a great start to the term. The children have all settled into the class quickly and have enjoyed exploring the Year 1 area and all the learning opportunities available. We have started our mastery maths and enjoyed recognising amounts and making them with our resources. We have been settling into our English sessions by matching words to pictures and creating simple sentences. Next week we will be exploring different materials in Science. In English we will be exploring alternative traditional tales. We will have fun looking at exciting options to make creative stories. In maths we will be exploring the numbers to 100, through fun games such as race to 100 and find the missing number.



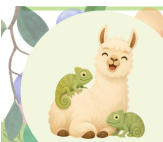
► REMINDER

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. These need to be brought back into school daily as the children will have the opportunity to read with an adult.

The children have a code to access Numbots in their reading folder. This is a great opportunity for the children to access this fun, engaging, educational opportunity at home. If you have any problems logging your child on let your teacher know.

Don't forget



Year 2 Chameleons & Happy Llamas

We have had a lovely second week completing some more focused activities but still enjoying our provision. The children have all taken it in their stride.

In English we have been reading the story 'Zog' using adjectives to describe him and introducing conjunctions to join our sentences.

In Maths we have done lots of practical work counting in 10s and making numbers using 10 using various resources to show our thinking.

We have started our castles theme and even started preparing for Harvest drawing some Autumnal fruits and vegetables in Art.



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This Week's Class Updates.



Year 3 Alligators & Whales

Welcome back, everyone! Well, here it is... Year 3! Can you believe it? It has been wonderful to see all the children return to school well rested, full of smiles, and ready to learn. We have certainly hit the ground running and have already enjoyed a fantastic start to the new school year.

We are incredibly proud of how positively the children have settled back into school routines and embraced the challenges of Year 3. We are looking forward to a busy and exciting term filled with new learning opportunities, creative projects, and lots of fun along the way. Here's to a fantastic year ahead!

There are a few key aspects of Year 3 that are slightly different from Year 2, which we have outlined below. While the children will already be familiar with many of our routines and expectations, Year 3 brings new opportunities for independence, responsibility, and challenge. We are confident that the children will rise to these expectations and continue to thrive as they progress through Key Stage 2.

Thank you for your continued support. We are looking forward to a fantastic year of learning, growth, and success in Year 3

► IMPORTANT INFORMATION

TIMES TABLE ROCK STARS

We have a weekly Times Table Rock Stars competition between the Year 3 classes, with the results announced in assembly every Friday. You should have received a letter explaining how to access the app and your child's login details. Regular practice at home will make a huge difference to your child's confidence and fluency with their times tables.

READING

Reading records and our expectations for reading at home remain the same. However, this year we are competing against the rest of Key Stage 2 for the coveted reading trophy! We are encouraging all children to "Read a Page a Day" (at the very least), which we feel is definitely achievable. The children are already excited about aiming for the Gold Award and helping their class secure the trophy.

SPELLINGS

Spelling lessons will begin next week. In Year 3, the focus shifts from simply learning how to spell words correctly to understanding their meanings and using them effectively in writing. We will be encouraging the children to apply their spelling words across the curriculum and in their independent work.

► **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

Year 4 we have fully jumped into our curriculum starting our new topics.

In history, we introduced World War 2 and looked at life being evacuated as well as the Blitz and what this meant for Britain.

In English we are working on our new class novel, Friend or Foe, and have started to write our diary entry as the main character.

Maths is focusing on addition and subtraction, and this will be shown in our homework this week.

► **WHAT WILL WE BE DOING NEXT WEEK?**

We will continue with music next week focusing on pitch, tempo and dynamics with Ms. Inglis and PE with Mrs. Buxton where we will apply skills of catching and defending the ball.

In science, we will start our second lesson of electricity and begin to explore circuits!

Spellings will start in a couple of weeks whilst we focus on handwriting.

► **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- **Friday 2nd October** – Beamish (Letter is being sent on Arbor)
- 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 – we will be sending x tables
- (Zappers) home to improve fluency.
- PE is Wednesday (indoor) and Thursday (outdoor)

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Year 5 Tigers & Butterflies

What an incredible start to Year 5 it has been for our pupils and staff! The pupils have settled back into our daily routines beautifully and have been very mature during the transition from Year 4 into Year 5. 5T were thrilled to kick start the year with swimming lessons while 5B were put to the test with their fitness levels to see if we can build up to be as fit as an astronaut would be ready to travel to space! Our topic this term is 'Sensational Space', which is a science theme. Children have already been inspired by this topic since we shared a short clip about an animal sent into space. Ask your child to tell you all about Ham! We will also be learning about The Ancient Greeks. The children are delighted to know that we have a weekly TTRS battle in play over the coming weeks. It is already a close result this week - let's see how we do, next week.



Year 6 Hawks & Hummingbirds

In English and Science, we are studying the circulatory system, focusing very closely on the heart. In Maths, we have been using Cuisenaire rods, which have even helped us understand the part, part whole and writing algebraic expressions.

► WHAT WILL WE BE LEARNING NEXT WEEK?

We will be finding out about protagonist in our class text; Pig Heart Boy. We will understand about the internal dilemmas he faces on a daily basis.

► UPCOMING EVENTS & PE

17th September – Junior Duke meeting in Year 6 block at 3:20pm

Crucial Crew 19th November AM – Free of charge

Outdoor PE Tuesday afternoons

Indoor PE Thursday afternoons

PE kit can be worn all day.



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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.



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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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Complete activities at home & share your progress at our after-school sessions.



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COOKING



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SESSION DATES:

MONDAY 19TH OCTOBER, MONDAY 2ND NOVEMBER, MONDAY 7TH DECEMBER,
MONDAY 11TH JANUARY, MONDAY 1ST & 15TH FEBRUARY, MONDAY 1ST & 15TH MARCH,
MONDAY 5TH APRIL, MONDAY 10TH MAY, MONDAY 7TH & 21ST JUNE,
MONDAY 5TH JULY. 3:15 - 4PM

PLEASE SEE THE [CLUBS LINK](#) TO SIGN YOUR CHILD UP.

COST: £10 PER CHILD.

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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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*



The Rhythm and Shoes

Dance Academy



Dance Studios
Firby Court, Gallowfields Trading Estate, Richmond

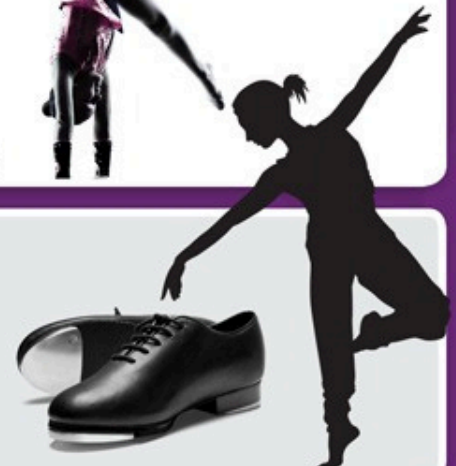
Acrobatic Gymnastics



Ballet



Tap



Street & Freestyle



Contemporary Dance



Mini Movers

For children 5 and under



Musical Theatre



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