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To all our families,

We were lucky to have some special visitors on Wednesday. Two Fire safety officers from Great Yarmouth spoke to the children about keeping safe.



Curriculum vision at Caister Infant with Nursery School

We have developed six curriculum drivers that shape our curriculum offer. These are closely linked to our vision, aims and values. These all address and respond to the needs of our community. Our curriculum encompasses the statutory requirements to create lifelong learners with essential life skills.

<https://caisterprimaryfederation.org/drivers/>

Each week, we will focus on one of the Drivers. **Ambition** -

Our children are encouraged to be the best that they can be by aiming high and having aspirational goals. They embrace the school ethos of 'Challenge, Achieve and Celebrate' and are willing to challenge themselves as learners.

Rich and varied learning experiences are designed with great thought and care, ensuring that they are ambitious and challenging for all children.

We work to broaden our children's horizons, expanding their knowledge of the world of work by nurturing their interests. This captures the inclusive nature and high aspirations of our school.

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TAPESTRY

Tapestry

When your child was in Early Years (Nursery and Reception), you will have seen lots of observations being made about them on Tapestry. This is because the Early Years curriculum is assessed this way. As your child moves through Key Stage 1, assessments are carried out in different ways- mainly through the work set and the outcomes that your child achieves.

At Caister we believe in continuing Tapestry into Key Stage 1, learning opportunities will still be shared, supporting your understanding of how children learn in school. They will look different to those that you have seen before and be less frequent. Please continue to share their experiences at home as the children are always so proud to talk about these. For any individual queries please feel to contact your child's teacher via email.

Congratulations to Nicky Cook who graduated last weekend having completed her foundation degree in Early Years Education (integrated working with children and families) with a distinction. Nicky would like to thank all the staff and families who helped and supported her along the way.



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Please could you label all clothing and equipment that your child brings into school.



Please can you ensure children do not wear earrings on the days they have PE or in the event of newly pierced ears, for the parent/carer to cover them with medical tape to prevent them from causing injury. School staff will not be able to apply/remove tape. Thank you for your co-operation

Christmas Cards

We know it's only September and some people may think it's too early to think about Christmas. However, we have decided to work with Cauliflower Cards again this year which will give your child the opportunity to design their own Christmas card.

As you appreciate, we need to give the company enough time to print the artwork and get them back to school. The form will come home on Friday 6th October and must be returned by **Friday 13th October**. Please return the form even if you do not wish to order.



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Free school meals and other support for pupils – here's what you need to know:

Caister Primary Federation is an inclusive Federation, and we work hard to support all children no matter their background. We know that some children are however more vulnerable than others or some may need greater support to help them be successful in school.

We have additional support for children from disadvantaged backgrounds. This includes providing free school meals, special support during school holidays and providing extra funding to schools to support pupils from disadvantaged backgrounds and improve education outcomes. Here's everything you need to know about the support we offer and how to access it.

Which children get free school meals and how do they access them?

We've significantly expanded access to free school meals in recent years. You can check your eligibility for free school meals below.

<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools/school-meals-and-milk>

Not only does this entitle your child to free school meals, but you

**FREE
SCHOOL
MEALS**




will also receive up to **£240** per child, per year in supermarket vouchers to help with the rise in the cost of living. These vouchers will be paid up to and including March 2024, so it is important to check your eligibility as soon as possible.

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Children receiving or entitled to free school meals receive free daily milk. [Parents – Cool Milk](#)

Cool Milk



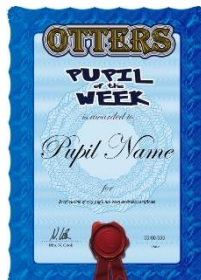
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Pupil of the Week

Pupil of the Week is awarded during our achievement assembly on a Friday.

Awards are given to Year 1 and Year 2 children by class teachers. The awards celebrate good work and behaviour, as well as examples of good citizenship and friendship to others or for any behaviour or activity that positively reflects the school values and shows a good example to other children in school. This week.....



Please can you check that you have taken the correct scooter home.



| Class | Child |
|-----------|----------|
| Sealions | Jack |
| Seashells | Lia |
| Starfish | Ronan |
| Gulls | Ethan |
| Penguins | Harry |
| Puffins | Oliver G |

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Ask me about.....

In the Nursery, Seals and Otters have been busy exploring the indoor and outdoor areas, while singing lots of songs. They have settled in really well.

Reception

| | |
|----------|---|
| Literacy | Started Read, Write Inc- introduced picture sides of the sound cards |
| Maths | Recognising, writing, making and matching numbers |
| Music | Singing songs with actions |
| Art | Drawing our families |
| Outdoor | Exploring the outdoor area- kitchen, digging Learning how to use the playground equipment safely- Trim trail Climbing frame Gym equipment |
| Focus | Talking and listening- sharing our favourite things to do |

Year 1

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|-----------|---|
| Literacy | The Queen's Handbag- where does the queen visit |
| Maths | Number- Place value |
| Science | What is a scientist? |
| Geography | Look at countries of the UK and capitals. |
| PE | Fitness and Team building |
| PSHE | Rights and responsibilities |
| Art | Colour mixing- primary and secondary colours |
| Music | Head , shoulders, knees and toes. |
| Computing | Online safety- what is an email |

Year 2

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| English | Charles Darwin facts |
| Maths | Addition and subtraction |
| Science | Healthy hearts |
| PE | Team building/Net and Wall |
| Geography | Galapagos & South America |
| History | HMS Beagle |
| PSHE | Being me in my world |
| Art & DT | Drawing animals from the Galapagos islands |
| Music | Exploring simple patterns |
| Computing | Online safety |
| RE | Hindu ideas |

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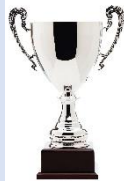


- Plant bulbs,
- Indoor and outdoor plants
- Soil or compost



Attendance

This week's School Attendance was **94.83 %**

| Class | % | Congratulations to the Jellyfish class who are our Attendance Winners this week!  |
|---------------|-------|---|
| Otters | 96.88 | |
| Seals | 93.98 | |
| Jellyfish | 99.24 | |
| Pufferfish | 91.94 | |
| Starfish | 98.32 | |
| Sealions | 98.14 | |
| Seashells | 93.33 | |
| Puffins | 91 | |
| Gulls | 93.99 | |
| Penguins | 94.69 | |
| Little Fishes | 91.67 | |

Pastoral Team

Mrs Wright and Mrs K Bradley will be supporting the social and emotional well-being of our children. They will be on the playground almost every morning so please come and say hello. They will be available to chat over a cuppa to any parent/carer who would like support or a friendly listening ear. If you would like to contact the team at any other time, you can telephone the school office on 01493 378300 or email them at:

lwright@caisterprimaryfederation.org
kbradley@caisterinfant.org.uk

If your child is unable to attend school due to illness, please call the school on 01493 378300. If your child has a medical appointment during school time, please let the school office know in advance.



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Week Beginning 2nd October - Monday to Friday AM

If your child does not attend the Nursery for the morning sessions, please bring your child(ren) to the nursery entrance at 09:30 on your preferred day (in uniform) to have their photo taken.



Thank you for your continued support, I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Mr Williams

Reception parent's phonics session on the morning of Wednesday 11th October at 9am in which you can observe how we teach reading and writing using Read Write Inc.

Those who attend will receive a FREE pack of Set 1 sounds card to keep at home!

Read Write Inc.
Phonics

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Key dates for your diary

| Dates | Activity |
|--|---|
| Monday 2 nd October - Friday 6 th October | Nursery Photos |
| Thursday 5 th October | Height and Weight Check- Reception |
| Monday 9 th October | Dentist Screening |
| Wednesday 11 th October | Reception Read Write Inc Parent session @ 9am |
| Tuesday 17 th October | KS1 Read Write Inc Parent session @9am |
| Monday 23 rd October - Friday 27 th October | Half Term |
| Monday 6 th November | Nursery Stay and Play afternoon 1.45pm |
| Tuesday 14 th November 4.30-6.30pm | Parent consultation Evenings |
| Wednesday 15 th November 3.30-5.00pm | Parent consultation Evenings |
| Thursday 16 th November 3.30-5.00pm | Parent consultation Evenings |
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| Friday 1 st December | Christmas Decoration Day |
| Friday 8 th December | Christmas Fayre |
| Tuesday 19 th December | Nursery Stay and Play afternoon 1.45pm |
| TBC | Christmas Carols |
| TBC | Christmas Lunch and Party Day |

The information was correct at time of printing. These are provisional dates and may be subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances. We will produce confirmation and reminders of upcoming events in the newsletter and on our website.

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| Day | <u>WEEK ONE</u> W/C 04/09, 25/09, 16/10, 13/11 & 04/12 | <u>WEEK TWO</u> W/C 11/09, 02/10, 30/10, 20/11 & 11/12 | <u>WEEK THREE</u> W/C 18/09, 09/10, 06/11, 27/11 & 18/12 | Packed Lunch | Jacket Potato |
|-----------|---|---|---|---|--------------------------|
| Monday | Cheese & Tomato Pizza With waffles and spaghetti hoops Rice Krispie Bar | Cheese & tomato pasta with Sweetcorn & pea mix and wholemeal bread Frozen Strawberry yogurt or ice cream tub | Cheese & bacon macaroni or macaroni cheese with broccoli & a French stick slice Raspberry crumble & ice cream | Cheese French stick, cucumber slices, rice krispie bar & a box of raisins | Cheese |
| Tuesday | Beef stew Or Cheese triangle with fresh vegetables & mashed potato Chocolate Oatcake | Chicken Chunks Or Quorn Nuggets with noodles, sweet & sour sauce and vegetable stir fry Raspberry Flapjack | Chicken curry with rice Or Veggie curry with rice sweetcorn & naan bread Krackolet | Crackers and a cheese triangle, carrot sticks, chocolate oatcake & apple slices | Tuna & Salad Cream |
| Wednesday | Meatballs or Quorn meatballs in a tomato sauce with pasta, sweetcorn & garlic bread Meringue with cream & fruit | Chilli con carne Or Veggie chilli con carne With steamed rice & sweetcorn Chocolate crunch | Sausage roll or cheese flan with smiley faces, baked beans & cucumber slices Chocolate sponge pudding & chocolate custard | Sausage wrap, bread sticks, cherry tomatoes, shortbread & melon cubes | Cheese & Beans |
| Thursday | Breakfast sausage Or vegetarian sausage with omelette, hash brown & beans Iced Sponge Cake | Sausage or Vegetarian Sausage with a Yorkshire Pudding, mash, peas, carrots & gravy Jelly & ice cream | Bolognese Or Quorn Bolognese with pasta, garlic bread & sweetcorn Toffee Tart | Cheese and tomato pasta pots, nutri-grain cereal bag, an iced sponge cake & grapes | Ham & Coleslaw |
| Friday | Chicken nuggets Or quorn nuggets with chips & spaghetti hoops ice cream tub | Fish Fingers Or Veggie Fingers with chips & beans Shortbread Biscuit | Chicken nuggets Or Cheese wheel with chips, peas & salad Oaty Bar | Ham sandwich, cucumber sticks, chocolate crunch biscuit & a piece of fruit | Cheese & Beans |

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Caister Library, Beach Road, Caister on Sea, NR30 5EX

01493 720594

Events:

**Children's Craft Club,
Thurs 26th October, 3-3.45pm**

Free drop-in craft session.
Children under 8 must be
accompanied by an adult.

**Christmas Carols and
Favourite Songs**

**Thurs 7th December from
3pm.** With Soundwaves
Community Singers.
Refreshments available.
[www.facebook.com/
SoundwavesSingersNorfolk](http://www.facebook.com/SoundwavesSingersNorfolk)



Opening Hours

- **Monday:** 10.30am to 7pm
(8am to 10.30am Open Library
access only)
- **Tuesday:** 2pm to 7pm (8am to
2pm Open Library access only)
- **Wednesday:** 8am to 7pm Open
Library access only
- **Thursday:** 10.30am to 7pm
(8am to 10.30am Open Library
access only)
- **Friday:** 2.30pm to 7pm (8am to
2.30pm Open Library access only)
- **Saturday:** 1pm to 4pm (8am to
1pm Open Library access only)
- **Sunday:** 10am to 4pm Open
Library access only

Check our Facebook page for
our Christmas and New Year
opening hours



www.facebook.com/CaisterLibraryNorfolk

Weigh your baby at our
baby weigh station

Regular Activities:

Just A Cuppa—Mondays 1-3pm
Christmas Just a Cuppa, date to be confirmed.
See Facebook or in library for details

Knit and Natter – Thursdays 10.30am-12.30pm

Bounce and Rhyme - Thursdays 12.30-1pm, stay for a drink and a chat
afterwards

LEGO Club – Fridays in term-time: 3.45-4.45pm. In school holidays you
can ask for a **LEGO Kit** during staffed hours (see box above)

Caister Colouring Club, for all ages: ask at the counter during staffed
hours: (see box above)

Collect **Tricky
Period** support items

borrow discover connect



Norfolk County Council

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At your Library

Lego Club



Brick defying Lego challenges are set to really get your children enjoying creative problem solving and just having fun with other children.

**Every Friday, in term time,
3:45-4.45pm**

At Caister Library

Suitable for children 5+

**Children under the age of 8 must be
accompanied by an adult**

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Starting
Mon 23rd Oct
- Fri 27th Oct

Please bring packed lunch and plenty of drinks

For any enquiries please contact our Facebook page or email address

£12 PER DAY
Payment must be received in advance

50% DISCOUNT
For children that are means tested for free school meals or pupil premium (proof required)

OCTOBER HALF TERM CLUBS 2023

FOR CHILDREN IN RECEPTION - YEAR 6






Sports
(including football, dodgeball, cricket, rounders + many more)

General Play

Cooking
(on Tuesday 24th October)

Movies

Pumpkin Carving
(on Thursday 26th October)

Arts & Crafts

Monday 23rd October - Friday 27th October
at Martham Academy School
9:00am - 3:00pm

Book via our Facebook page or email gwilson.sportsunited@gmail.com
Bank details: MR G A WILSON, sort code 20-99-21, account no. 10169749