

Newsletter

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Dear families,

Thank you for your support with collecting and sending in recycled items for the children to make their Christmas decorations. They have had a great time getting into the festive spirit making their own decoration to take home and adding festive touches to the school!

Celebrations

Pupil of the Week is awarded during our celebration assembly on a Friday. Awards are given to one child in every class by their 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 show a good example to other children in school. This week...

Pupil of the Week	
3D	Heath
3E	Iset
3S	Harry
4BW	Freddie
4B	Max
4H	Millie
5JK	Tristan
5M	Esmae
5B	Joshua
6T	Blake
6B	Phoebe
6W	Rebecca

We also award two 'Recognition Awards' weekly which are children chosen by Miss Watling and Miss Cambridge because they have done something exceptional. This week they are awarded to... **George** (Year 6) and **Ruby** (Year 4).

Once a month (the last Thursday/Friday of every month) parents are invited to join us for celebration assemblies. In those assemblies we award 'Pupil of the Month' awards which are the awards where parents of those children receive a text to invite them along. However, all parents are warmly welcome to attend.

Pupil of the Month	
3D	Darcie-Dawn
3E	Scarlett
3S	Melanie
4BW	Lucy
4B	Arabella
4H	Jake
5JK	Archer
5M	Teddy
5B	Taliah
6T	Isla
6B	Sophia
6W	Ava
Acorns	Oliver

Our next celebration assemblies for this academic year are:

Monday 18th December 8.55am

Year 5 & 6

Wednesday 20th December 8.55am Year 3 & 4

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We are delighted to announce the dates and times for our

Christmas performances!



Tuesday 12th December 9am – Year 3



Wednesday 13th December 9am – Year 4



Thursday 14th December 9am – Year 6



Friday 15th December 9am – Year 5



Please arrive at the office from 8.50am for a 9am start.



Elf-Ridges

We are delighted to announce the return of Elf-Ridges.

On **Monday 4th December** the children can come to school in **non-uniform in return for a gift** for our Elf-Ridges gift shop. The gift should be an adult suitable gift, unused, in date and not alcohol please.

On **Friday 8th December**, the children will be able to **bring £1** to buy a gift of their choosing for one adult in their family. Our elves will wrap the gift for them to bring home by the end of the week!

Rudolph Run

We will be taking part in a dash around the field during the school day on **Monday 18th**

December for a donation in support of Nelson's Journey. Nelson's journey is a charity which supports children who have had a bereavement of a significant person and is a charity we use to support our children and families in these circumstances.



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Christmas Decoration Day was full of festive fun to get us ready for lots of Christmas cheer in the coming weeks!



This Christmas we have set up a tree with a collection of animal treats beneath it in the office reception. We are collecting for Norfolk and Suffolk Animal Trust and East Coast Pet Rescue if you would like to leave a gift.

Any animal food, litter, bedding, toys, collars, leads, towels, new or second hand etc would be greatly appreciated.

Let's make this Christmas extra special for our Furry, Feathered and Scaly friend's.

With thanks, Mrs Kemp

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We would be delighted to hear from anyone who might be able to help us source a small container to store outdoor playtime resources. This would really help to make it easier for our children to access them each day and give us the opportunity to build on our resources with a secure place to store them. Thank you.



Ask me about.....

Year 3

Maths	We have been using our 3, 4 and 8 times table to work out multiplication and division facts. We have use sharing and grouping as well as arrays to help us.
English	This week we have begun looking at The Tear Thief. We have identified the different verbs used in the story and used these with similes to create descriptive sentences about how the Tear Thief moves.
Science	e started to learn about the human skeleton. We learned the scientific names for the bones and played Simon Says to help us remember.
PE/Games	In PE, we practiced different types of jumps and balances.
History	We have learned about Stonehenge. We created a double page spread with facts and pictures to present our information.
Computing	We worked on our word processing skills. This week, we learned how to use bullet points and numbering when listing our favourite things.
PSHE	We talked about bullying and what to do if we see someone being bullied or experience it ourselves and how we can feel better.
French	We learned how to write and say different colours and shapes.

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Art	We made our Christmas decorations. We had fun being creative as we made our snowmen out of bottles and bottle tops.
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Year 4

Maths	We have continued working on multiplication and division. We have been working on the 12 times table, multiplying by 1 and 0, dividing a number by 1 and itself, and multiplying three numbers.
English	We have finished reading 'Firework Maker's Daughter'. We are continuing with our spellings in our spelling groups. We have started reading 'Winter's Child' and have enjoyed making predictions on what might happen.
Science	We carried out an experiment to measure the volume of sound compared to distance.
History	We have been continuing our Invasion unit. We have been researching everyday life in an Anglo Saxon village.
PE/Games	We have been learning Brazilian samba dancing and some dodgeball!
Computing	We have continued to discover how we can add attachments to emails.
PSHE	This week we have continued our celebrating difference unit to understand bullying, how it makes us feel, why it happens and how we can deal with it. We have also learnt about our body in RSE this week.

Art	<p>We have started on a new weave. We chose a shape then drew a design for a shape weave, in our Art sketch books, before completing the warp on our loom. Some of us managed to start our weave too!</p> 
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Year 5

Maths	We are continuing with our Fractions unit, learning how to convert mixed numbers to improper fractions and how to add and subtract fractions greater than 1.
English	We have started reading Beowulf, looking at alliteration to create a ferocious fight scene with a vile and vengeful monster!
Science	We have been learning about filtering and evaporating as methods of separating materials.
Computing	We have continued to use Sketch Up to make buildings and to add detail to the inside
PSHE	We learnt about what happens to our bodies when we go through puberty in RSE this week.
Music	We have continued looking at A Christmas Carol and practising our Christmas Production.

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Year 6

Maths	This week we have been looking at decimals. We have learnt how to add and subtract decimals.
English	This week we started our new book, 'The Last Bear'. We have been exploring figurative language.
Science	In science, year 6 have looked at the affects of drugs, alcohol and smoking on the circulatory system.
Geography	In geography we have looked at symbols on OS maps.
Computing	We have continued with our scratch games and added in different backdrops and speech bubbles.
PE/Games	In PE/Games this week we have been continuing to apply dribbling and passing to game situations.
Music	This week we looked at the glockenspiels and plays a fugue.
Art	This week we had our exciting decoration day. We created egg carton penguins and cardboard to create other decorations.



Attendance

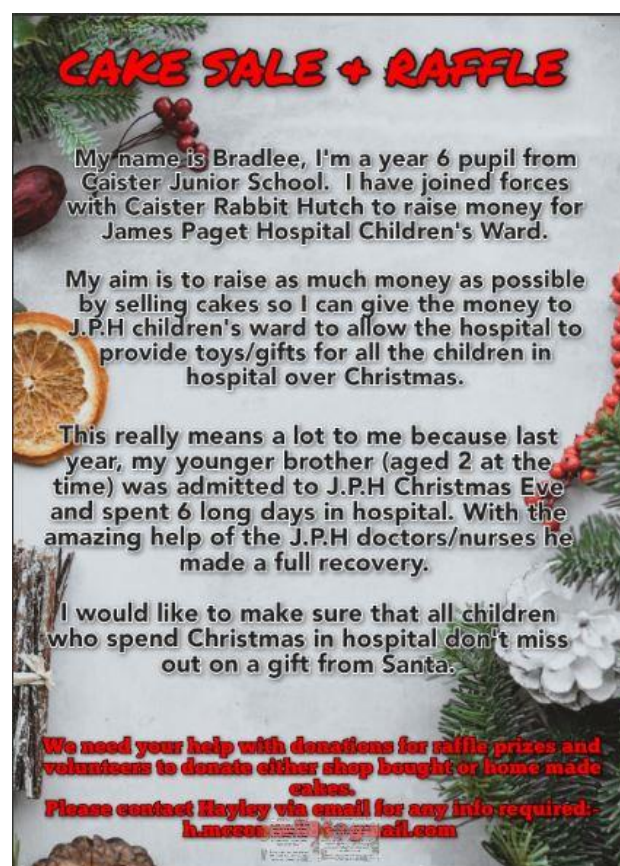
This week's whole school attendance was 92.54%

Class	%	Congratulations to 3S who are our Attendance Winners this week! 
3D	86.67	
3E	97.32	
3S	98.61	
4BW	92.13	
4B	88.89	
4H	96.89	
5JK	95.24	
5M	85.32	
5B	92.72	
6T	96.3	
6B	88.89	
6W	96.58	

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Key dates for the diary

There may be additional dates added to the Christmas period in the coming weeks.

Monday 4 th December	Elfridges	Children can come in non-uniform/Christmas dress/jumper for a donation of an unused & in date gift for our Christmas Elfridges store.
6 th December	SEND Cafe	Parent/carers will be sent an invite by Miss Moss and Mrs McGarry-Homer to attend a SEND Café session in the afternoon 2-3pm.
Friday 8 th	Buy a present from Elfridges	Children can bring in £1 to buy their Elfridges gift for a loved one during the school day which will be wrapped and brought home today.
11 th -14 th December	KS2 Christmas performances	Christmas performances will take place during the week of 11 th December. Parents/carers can come in via the office at 8.50am for a 9am start . Please could we ask that only two parent/carers per child attend to allow everyone to have someone there if they wish to. Tuesday 12th December - Year 3 Wednesday 13th December - Year 4 Thursday 14th December - Year 6 Friday 15th December - Year 5

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Tuesday 12 th December	Christmas disco	<p>We are hosting a Christmas disco on Tuesday 12th December at the following times:</p> <p>Year 3 & 4 – 3.30pm-4.45pm</p> <p>Year 5 & 6 – 5pm- 6.15pm</p> <p>The Year 3 and 4 children will be able to bring their disco clothes to school and will stay in school and get changed in school ready for their disco at 3.30pm.</p> <p>Please bring money in a named envelope addressed to Miss Cambridge.</p>
Monday 18 th December	Rudolph Run	<p>Children will take part in a Rudolph Dash in support of a local charity 'Nelson's Journey'. Please bring a donation to help us raise funds.</p>
Monday 18 th December	Year 5 & 6 celebration assembly 8.55am	<p>Once a month (usually the last Thursday – upper school/Friday – lower school) of every month, parents are invited to join us for celebration assemblies. In those assemblies we award 'Pupil of the Month' awards which are the awards where parents of those children receive a text to invite them along. There will be other celebrations such as golden book and pupil of the week too! All parents are warmly welcome to attend our end of month celebration assemblies – we hope you can join us!</p> <p>Due to Christmas dinner arrangements and it being a busy time of year, we have had to change the usual days to the final Monday and Wednesday of this term. Thank you.</p>
Wednesday 20 th December	Year 3 & 4 celebration assembly 8.55am	
19 th December	Christmas dinner & Christmas party in classrooms	<p>Christmas dinner letters have been sent out this week – please return the slip and money in a sealed envelope by 8th December at the latest. Only Christmas dinner will be offered on this date – no school packed lunches. If your child does not want a school Christmas dinner, please send in a packed lunch.</p>
Wednesday 20 th Dec	Last day of Autumn term	Children finish today for Christmas holidays
Thursday 4 th January 2024	Start of Spring term	Happy New Year – the children return to school today!

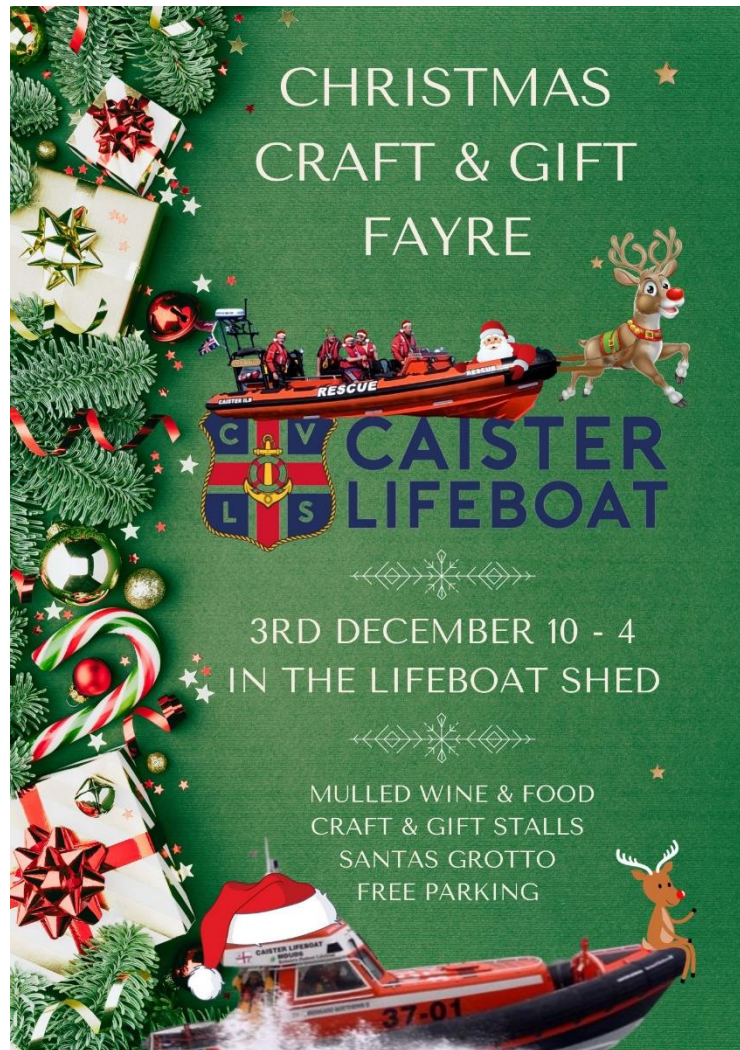
Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Watling

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