

Newsletter

08 December 2023

Dear families,

Thank you for your donations for Elf-Ridges, the children picked their gifts and the elves are busy wrapping as we speak! Next week the children will bring home their gift to put under the tree.

Due to the last week being a particularly short week we will combine awards for this week and next week and they will be awarded in our final parent celebration assemblies as below:

Monday 18th December 8.55am

Year 5 & 6

Wednesday 20th December 8.55am Year 3 & 4

Next week's newsletter will be sent on the last day of term, Wednesday 20th December.

Please note:

All clubs are cancelled Tuesday 12th December due to the disco.



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Merry Christmas
2023

Tuesday 12th December

Year 3 & 4 – 3.30pm-4.45pm (bring disco clothes to school to change into)

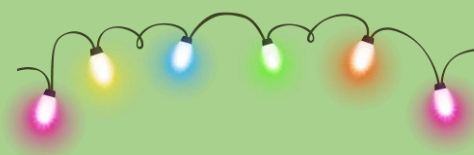
Year 5 & 6 – 5pm-6.15pm

£2.50

Please bring money in a named envelope addressed to Miss Cambridge who will tick you off on the list.

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.

We hope you can join us to watch the Christmas performances. Due to fire safety regulations, we ask that only two people per child attend. Thank you in advance.

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Ask me about.....

Year 3

Maths	We have looked at the 3,4- and 8-times table this week and used a range of methods and resources to multiply and divide these.
English	This week we have read more of the Tear Thief and looked closely at using similes and metaphors to describe the character.
Science	We learnt about the skeleton, and we looked in detail at bones and how they are constructed.
PE/Games	We practised ball skills, skipping and indoor classroom PE skills.
History	We looked at Cheddar Man, the oldest complete skeleton found in Cheddar Gorge who was from the Stone Age.
Computing	We used word documents to make lists using numbers and bullet points of our favourite things.
RE	We have been learning about the 10 Sikh Gurus and advent

Year 4

Maths	We have started our second unit on Multiplication and Division. We have also continued concentrating on our 8 times table.
English	We have started our new Reading Comprehension book - Skygazing by Anna Claybourne. We have been writing setting descriptions and describing characters based on our book Winter's Child.
Science	We have looked at changing the volume level of instruments by using low, medium, and high amounts of energy, and recording the volume using a decibel metre.
Geography	We have continued with our unit on Interconnected World. This week we have been comparing cultures in different countries. We looked at Canada, Brazil, USA and Ecuador.
PE/Games	In PE we have continued with dance and gymnastics, and in fundamentals we explored jumping with two feet and landing with balance.
Computing	We have continued to explore emails and have been adding different types of attachment.
RE	We have looked at Advent and explored the weeks leading up to Christmas.
Art	We have continued our Shape weave, in Art this week. They are all coming along nicely. We are all trying very hard. It can be very tricky at times!!

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Year 5

Maths	In Maths, we have finished our unit of work on Fractions, ending with subtracting Mixed numbers.
English	In English this week we have been planning and writing a new chapter of the story of Beowulf.
Computing	In computing, we have continued to use Sketchup to put furniture into our buildings.
History	In History, we have learnt about everyday life in the Shang dynasty.
RE	We have continued our learning about Guru Arjan and Sikhism and learnt all about the holy Golden Temple.
Music	We have continued to study the Charles Dickens tale 'A Christmas Carol' and practice our play & Christmas songs
DT	In DT, we finished off our Strength and Stability unit by writing about our findings and presenting our work beautifully!

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.

Please see letter sent 7.12.23.

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.



Year 6

Maths	We have been learning about multiplying and dividing decimals. We have now moved on to look at 2D and 3D shapes.
English	We have been reading the 'Last Bear' in preparation for completing our own next chapter.
Science	
History	We learnt about the end of World War One. We created our own radio transcripts.
Computing	This week in computing, we finished our scratch haunted houses. The children tested each other's games.
PE/Games	This week in PE and games we played teamwork games.
RE	We created a poster about what we are sorry for.
PSHE	In Jigsaw we discussed different kinds of bullying and the difference between bullying and unkind behaviour.
Art	This week we have started our unit on the colour wheels. We produced some lovely double page spreads about primary, secondary and warm/ cool colours.


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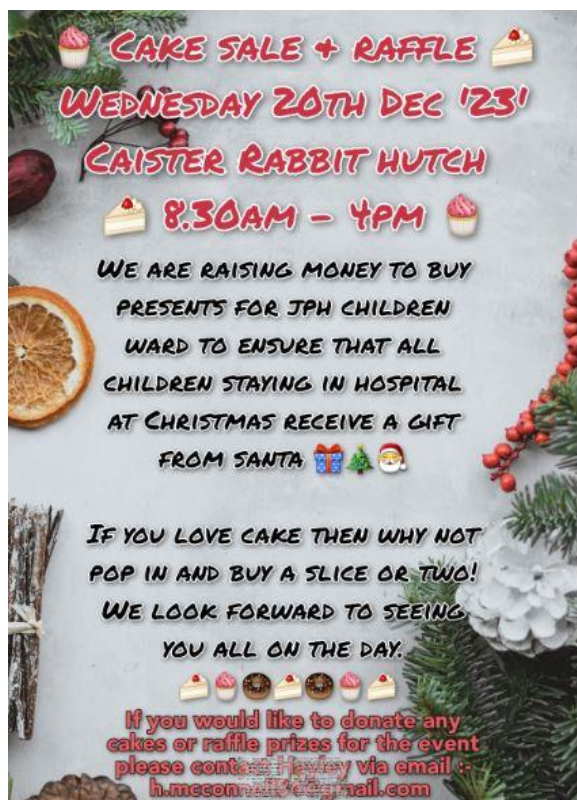
Attendance

This week's whole school attendance was 92.76%

Class	%	<p>Congratulations to 6W who are our Attendance Winners this week!</p> 
3D	80.89	
3E	89.29	
3S	94.91	
4BW	92.13	
4B	90.6	
4H	97.33	
5JK	91.27	
5M	96.83	
5B	94.64	
6T	96.71	
6B	93.25	
6W	100	



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.



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Key dates for the diary		
There may be additional dates added to the Christmas period in the coming weeks.		
11 th -14 th December	KS2 Christmas performances	<p>Christmas performances will take place during the week of 11th 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.</p> <p>Tuesday 12th December - Year 3 Wednesday 13th December - Year 4 Thursday 14th December - Year 6 Friday 15th December - Year 5</p>
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 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. Please bring money in a named envelope addressed to Miss Cambridge.</p>
Monday 18 th December	Rudolph Run	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.
Monday 18 th December	Visit to the church	On Monday 18 th December we will be walking the children to the church for during the morning for a Christmas assembly.
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	Christmas dinner letters have been sent out this week – please return the slip and money in a sealed envelope by 8 th 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.
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!

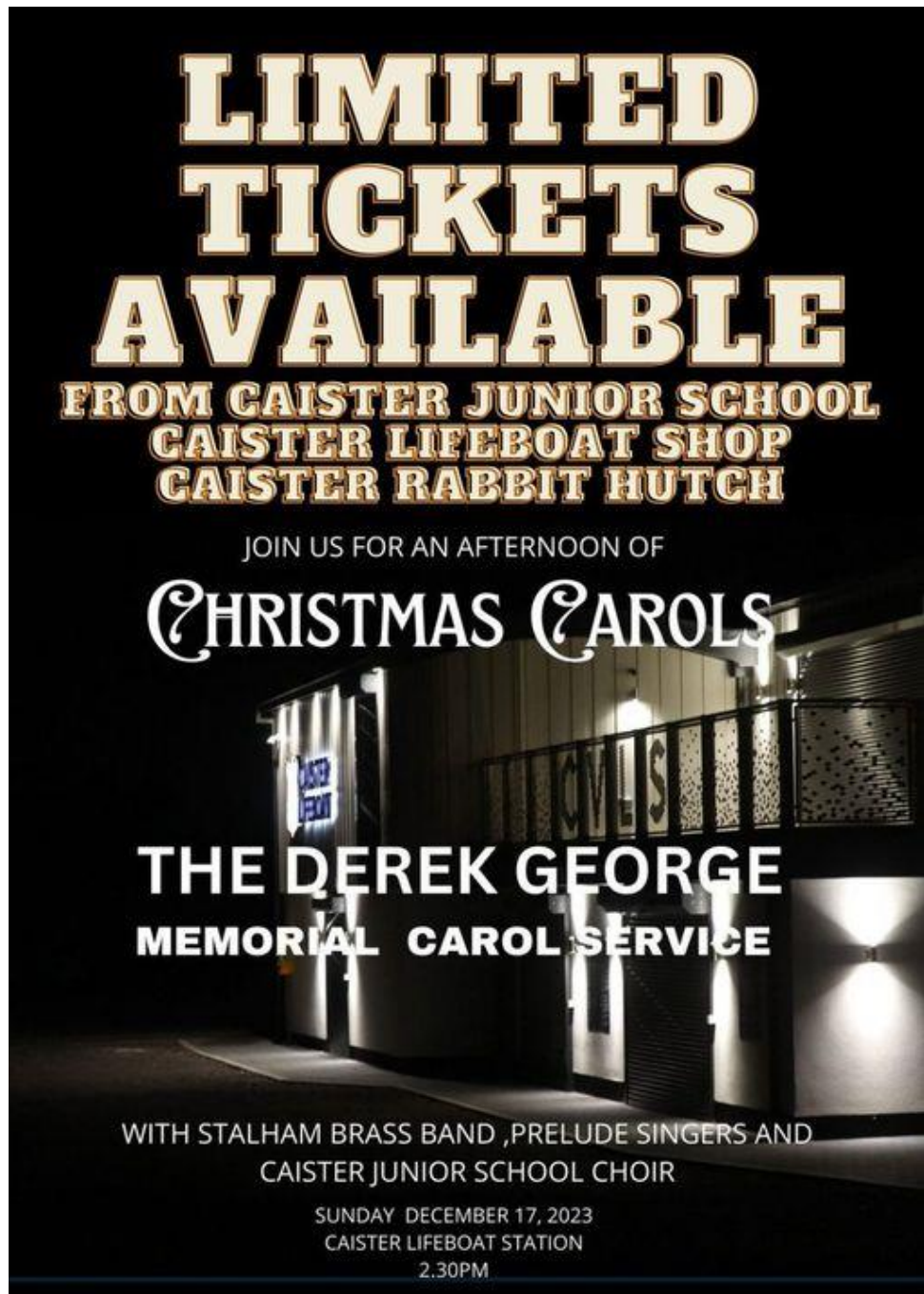
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We look forward to seeing many of you next week at our Christmas performances.

Miss Watling



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TICKETS
AVAILABLE**
**FROM CAISTER JUNIOR SCHOOL
CAISTER LIFEBOAT SHOP
CAISTER RABBIT HUTCH**

JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON OF
CHRISTMAS CAROLS

**THE DEREK GEORGE
MEMORIAL CAROL SERVICE**

WITH STALHAM BRASS BAND ,PRELUDE SINGERS AND
CAISTER JUNIOR SCHOOL CHOIR

SUNDAY DECEMBER 17, 2023
CAISTER LIFEBOAT STATION
2.30PM

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