



Caedmon Primary School

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Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a fantastic start to the year with so many events, visits and visitors in school—one of the highlights was the artist, Liz Million, with her fun cartoon workshops. Reading is always one of our top priorities and we are delighted with your support with our Reading Café Events this term for Nursery, Reception and Year 6. Every year group will host one, so there will be more in the New Year for you to enjoy. The Caedmon Reading Challenge is starting to be really successful in motivating children to read more. Well done to all of the children who have completed the Bronze Award and Silver Award. When they achieve gold, there is a lovely prize! For more inspiration to read, we have booked 'Chip the Storyteller' to return for a third year running as the children really love his workshops.

I am sure that you will agree, our Families in Schools events are always successful and we have a brilliant turn-out from you all! This term, the focus on understanding what bullying is and the anti-bullying message was so important and, of course, we don't stop there. Our work in school continues on this throughout the year.

In lessons, we have continued to focus on 'Skills Builder', 'Active Learning' and 'Oracy' so that children become confident communicators, learn essential career/life skills and are inspired to explore and learn together. We have had lots of fun in lessons! Our educational visits programme is full of exciting experiences to inspire learning.

We hope you were able to come to our Christmas performances and celebration events. Families in Schools Christmas crafts was brilliant fun! In Spring and Summer, we are planning more Families in Schools events and, as requested by parents, we are bringing back our Easter Bingo evening event for families in Spring Term.

We are striving to become a community school and are making some links with different community groups. In addition to our Christmas and Summer Fairs, which are open to the Grange town community, we have started the Nursery 'Shine' and rhyme time events each Tuesday; Nursery 'Stay and Play' events for new families and we are very excited to be opening our brand new playgroup in January for all local families—please tell your friends. This is for the whole community, not just Caedmon families, and will be open each Monday morning from 22nd January.

We are exploring the idea of opening a 2-year old provision at Caedmon. If we have enough interest, we are aiming to be ready to open this after Easter. A letter is coming out soon to see if we have enough interest. Please tell your friends and family!

If you want to know more about what we do in school, please take a look at our website for information on our curriculum and much more. Please follow our Facebook page as we do post as much as we can each week for you to see what we have been getting up to. Staff love to see any 'likes' or 'loves' and especially your comments on this page as it makes their efforts worthwhile. If you 'share' posts for us, this does help to promote our school—thank you for doing this. We have a few spaces in each year group so please do tell your friends and family.

I would like to remind you that we have an 'open door policy' and should you have any questions or concerns, please come and talk to us so that we can work together to resolve any problems.

From myself and the wonderful Caedmon staff, we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and all the very best for the New Year!

Mrs Hill



Fundraising

Thank you to everyone that donated to or attended our Christmas Fair. It was a wonderful event and a great opportunity to bring our school community together. We raised over £1050 for school funds! This will be spent on outdoor play equipment that will benefit all children and improve our play and lunchtime provision.

Thank you to everyone that donated towards our non-uniform day to raise funds for Children in Need. We raised £57.40 for the charity.

Children finish for the Christmas holidays on Thursday 21st December 2023

We have a PD Day on Friday 22nd December 2023

Children return to school on Monday 8th January 2024

School Activities, Performances & Trips

Choir Snappy Singing Concert

Caedmon Choir loved singing a mixture of special Christmas songs as part of a huge joint choir event with other schools.



Key Stage 2 Carol Concert

Our oldest children took part in a wonderful carol concert at St. Hilda's Church, with special performances from the choir and Y6 solo speakers!



Reading Cafes

Reception and Y6 have had their Reading Cafes this term. Reception had a 'Little Red Riding Hood' theme. Y6 enjoyed creating their own Borrowers' homes, bookmarks and reading. Other year groups will have their Reading Café events in Spring and Summer Terms.



Liz Million—Artist Visit

We had a visit from the wonderful illustrator Liz Million! She spent some time with each year group talking about her job as an illustrator and sharing her amazing skills in a drawing workshop and cracked a few jokes along the way! Everyone had a very creative day and unleashed their inner artist!



School Activities & Trips

Nursery Activities

Nursery children enjoyed finding out about autumn. They had lots of fun picking their pumpkin from the pumpkin patch and decorating it to take home for Halloween and they have enjoyed their Forest Schools activities outside.



Year 2

Year 2 had a wonderful time at the dance and gymnastics festival!



Year 3

Year 3 had a great afternoon at an Invasion Development event at Eston Leisure Centre.



Year 5

Year 5 used their five senses to explore the Eco Garden that had been transformed into a Secret Garden! Back in the classroom, they created their own secret garden and used lots of interesting vocabulary for writing.



Reception Police Visit

Our Reception children were so excited to have a visit from the Police!



Year 1

Year 1 have loved having a special reptilian visitor! They learnt about the characteristics of reptiles in science lessons.



Year 4

Year 4 had a fantastic day learning all about Anglo-Saxon life at Jarrow Hall!



Year 6

Year 6 had a great day at the Oriental Museum in Durham, learning about Ancient Egypt.



Term Dates 2023 / 2024



School Term and Holiday Dates



Academic Year 2023 / 2024

	AUGUST 2023	SEPTEMBER 2023	OCTOBER 2023	NOVEMBER 2023	DECEMBER 2023	JANUARY 2024
Monday	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29
Tuesday	8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30
Wednesday	9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24 31
Thursday	10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25
Friday	11 18 25	8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	10 17 24	8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26
Saturday	12 19 26	9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	11 18 25	9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27
Sunday	13 20 27	10 17 24 31	8 15 22 29	12 19 26	10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28

	FEBRUARY 2024	MARCH 2024	APRIL 2024	MAY 2024	JUNE 2024	JULY 2024
Monday	5 12 19 26	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29
Tuesday	6 13 20 27	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30
Wednesday	7 14 21 28	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31
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Friday	9 16 23	8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26
Saturday	10 17 24	9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	11 18 25	8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27
Sunday	11 18 25	10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	12 19 26	9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28

	Bank Holiday
	School Holiday
	PD Days

The number of term days shown is 195.
190 teaching days and 5 professional development (PD) days for staff.

Awards

All children have the chance to achieve different pin badges which they wear with pride. The first award is bronze, followed by silver, gold and finally platinum. Children can also be awarded the Headteacher's badge. This badge is extra special as, usually, only one child per week is chosen. At the end of the year, children are given a special purple ribbon/wall hanger to take home to display their badges on.



To win one of these awards, the child must:

- Demonstrate the 'Caedmon Characteristics': be confident, ambitious, respectful and engaged in learning.
- Have 100% attendance.
- Be a good role model and not get any consequences.
- Be in school on time each day.

Award	Children Awarded a Badge This Term
Bronze	Leanna B, Isla-Rose B, Louie B, Alisha B, Logan B, Tommy B, Harvey B, Jasper B, Theodore C, Jessie C, Melanie-May C, Lola C, Noah C, Charley-Mae C, Harry C, Reece D, Mikey E, Josie E, Carson E, Lexus F, Andrew F, Layla-Anne F, Tommy F, Millie G, Thomas G, Izaac G, Ebony G, Kailem G, Ruby G, Elijah G, Sienna G, Finley H, Tilly H, Harvey H, Hanna H, Sienna H, Tyler J, Viarnah J, Vinnie J, Lucy J, Ruby J, Olivia-Mae J, Learnie K, Eva K, Toby K, Thomas K, Brooklyn L, Annalise L, Izzy L, Alexa L, Lennon L, Leland L, Noah M, Annalyssa M, Lucas M, Amelia M, Ethan M, Riley-Joe M, Charlie M, Kevin M, Paisley M, Benjamin M, Sadie M, Levi M, Isaac N, Olivia O, Freddy P, Lilly P, Francis P, Tyler P, Oscar R, Harrison R, Jaxx R, Eliza R, Charlie S, Ibrahim S, Khadijatul S, Gracie-Jo S, Mason S, Parker S, Kaiden S, Ethan S, Logan S, Mason S, Teisha S, Livy S, Maxwell T, Darcie T, Willow-Rose T, Hunter-George U, Cole W, Lydia W, Daisy-Sue W, Jorgie W, Jessica W, Billie-Jo W, Junior W, Spencer W, Kade W, Freya-Rose W, Jake W
Silver	Leanna B, Louie B, Alisha B, Charley-Mae C, Destiny D, Mikey E, Finley H, Hanna H, Lucy J, Ruby J, Lennon L, Amelia M, Lilly P, Parker S, Ethan S, Maxwell T, Willow-Rose T, Jessica W, Billie-Jo W, Kade W, Freya-Rose W
Gold	Amelia M, Jessica W
Platinum	WE'RE STILL WAITING FOR OUR FIRST PLATINUM BADGE WINNER OF THE YEAR!
Headteacher	Abdusalaam A, Keaton A, Alisha B, Jimmy F, Millie G, Ebony G, Lolla J, Leland L, Benjamin M, Sienna O'C, Freddy P, Poppy R, Ibrahim S, Winter S, Darcie T