



# Caedmon Newsletter – Spring 1 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a fantastic start to 2025! The staff have been continuing to work hard to create the most wonderful memories for the children alongside providing exciting and engaging lessons. We are excited to share some of the wonderful things from this half term.

## OPAL



The children are continuing to enjoy OPAL at lunchtime. Here is a link to a school that is using OPAL to see our vision of some of things we will be including at lunchtime:

[What is special about an OPAL Playtime? Come see... - YouTube](#)

Our next zones are boxing, gladiators and den building. Thanks to the giant

tree that fell in the storm – we now have some big logs to build with!

## Sneak peek inside school



Mr Collantine does a wonderful job alongside the rest of the staff to promote being healthy both physically and mentally. Here are some quotes from him showcasing some of the children he is very proud of:

‘The Year 5 playground leaders have done a marvellous job this term, helping their peers develop their fundamental movement skills and have fun at lunch time.’

‘The school has been to various sporting events this term, representing the school amazingly. We are so proud of them all.’

It is wonderful to be able to develop children’s skills in different areas of the curriculum. PE has so many benefits and supports children’s determination to succeed.

Here are some photos of the children in action as playground leaders and developing life skills at School Sports Partnership festivals:





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## Attendance



Attendance is so important to the children. We are having a big push on it in school to ensure children are attending every day on time. We have rewards in place for the children both weekly and half termly – we appreciate your support with this. To support you, we have introduced the administering of Calpol to children when they are not feeling well. If you haven't signed up to this, please complete the form on Parent Mail or pop into the office and we will get you a copy.

Attendance winners this half term for the pizza party were Year 1 Foxes. Year 6 Gladiators were a close second place – they received some sweets to say well done.

The 100% attendance winner for this half term for the movie night in pack was Ruby G in Year 4 – well done!

Miss Johnson (AWO) and I are doing weekly prizes on a Friday for children with improved attendance alongside children who have brilliant attendance all of the time. They have been getting donuts, cookies, cake or a dip in the prize box – you have to be in it to win it!

## Visitors/Events in School

We love welcoming visitors into school to enhance the curriculum and support children preparing to be successful adults. We welcomed the following visitors last half term:



- Geoff (PCSO) – he worked with Y5 doing a mini-police programme
- Geoff (PCSO) assemblies for KS1 and KS2 – keeping safe in the community
- Police – EYFS

- Toni (MIND) – assemblies and workshops – KS1 and KS2
- PINS (SEND) Coffee afternoon for parents
- Reception – Chinese New Year celebration with parents

## Trips



We take our children out of school whenever possible to enrich the curriculum and give them a variety of opportunities. Last half term, our children went on adventures to the following places:

- SSP Balance Festival – Reception
- SSP Football – Year 3 and 4
- Swimming - Year 4

We have got lots of trips coming up in the next half term – look out for the letters.



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## Pupil of the Week

The children are loving the 'Pupil of the Week' award in school. It is promoting excellent behaviour and manners every day, which are so important to us – we want to prepare our children to be successful in life and their journey starts with us. I am proud of each and every child who receives this award. Here are our winners from this half term:

- Harry C (Y6)
- Lucas W (Y6)
- Willow M (Y1)
- Jaynie C (Y2)
- Layla F (Y6)
- Isabelle B (Y5)

## TTRS – Times Tables Rock Stars

The children are becoming very competitive with TTRS. The younger children have got involved with Numbots and are loving getting certificates and golden tokens. There is a new award for a whole class where the children have to work together as a team to get the most hours played – they win an extra playtime.



### Key Dates:

- 3<sup>rd</sup> March – Careers week
- 6<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day (wear pyjamas)
- 7<sup>th</sup> March – Tempest Photography
- 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> March – Parents consultations
- 28<sup>th</sup> March – Non-uniform day (children to bring a chocolate egg into school)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Theatre production in school
- 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> March - Y6 Residential

- 10<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Bingo
- 11<sup>th</sup> April – last day before the Easter holidays



Here are the **Easter Families in School** dates and times:

**Nursery** - Wednesday 9th April - 8:40am

**Reception** - Wednesday 9th April - 1:30pm

**KS1** (Year 1 and Year 2) - Wednesday 2nd April - 1:30pm

**LKS2** (Year 3 and Year 4) - Friday 4th April - 1:30pm

**UKS2** (Year 5 and Year 6) - Tuesday 8th April - 1:30pm

Any extra trips and events will be sent via Parent Mail when they have been organised by staff.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support.

Mrs R Bergamino