



# Caedmon Newsletter – Autumn 2025

## Celebrating a Successful Autumn Term!

What a fabulous autumn term we have had here at Caedmon. We are filled with pride at the achievements of our children and staff! This term has shown our commitment to fostering a positive learning environment where every child can thrive.

## Celebrating Our OPAL Silver Award!

We are thrilled to announce that Caedmon Primary has been awarded the OPAL Silver Award, recognising our commitment to outdoor play and learning! This achievement highlights the importance of play in enhancing children's social skills, creativity, and physical health. Our children have embraced the opportunities for outdoor



learning, and it has been wonderful to see them engage in activities that promote their well-being. We will continue to develop this over the next few months so watch out for the changes made!

## Royal Institution Science Visit



Our recent science event was a fantastic success, providing our children with experiences that brought scientific concepts to life! The excitement in the air was brilliant to see during interactive workshops with our children and families.

Feedback from the children highlighted how much they enjoyed the event and how it deepened their understanding of science. We are proud to offer such enriching experiences that not only support the curriculum but also inspire a love for learning. Thank you to everyone who contributed to making this event a memorable one!

## Caedmon Rebrand

We are excited to share that Caedmon Primary has undergone a vibrant rebrand, highlighted by an amazing mural created by a talented graffiti artist, with the help of our Year 6 children. This mural not only beautifies our school environment but also serves as a powerful symbol of our community spirit and creativity.

The involvement of our Year 6 students in this project was particularly significant, as it allowed them to take ownership of their school's identity and express their artistic talents. This collaborative effort has fostered a sense of pride and belonging within our school community, showcasing the importance of student voice in shaping our environment.





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## School Council: Empowering Young Voices



At Caedmon Primary, we are proud to have an active school council, which includes children from Years 2-6. This initiative not only empowers our children but also creates a sense of responsibility as they share their ideas for enhancing our school environment. The school council meets regularly to discuss various topics, and their input is invaluable in shaping decisions about playtimes, reading initiatives, and more. Here are some of our fantastic school council members:



## The Importance of Reading

Reading at home is incredibly important for our children's development and enjoyment of books. We encourage all families to make time for reading together, as it not only enhances literacy skills but also creates quality family time and relaxation. To motivate our children, there are prizes to be won for those children who read regularly at home each week. We have also added lots of lovely new books to our school library for the children to enjoy.



Remember to make time for a bedtime story; it can help with sleep and create cherished moments for families. Happy reading!

## Christmas Fun

Christmas has been a wonderful time in school again this year with our Nativity performances, Families in Schools events, and a lovely KS2 visit to the local church. These activities not only brought joy and festive spirit to our school community but also strengthened the bonds



between families and staff. The Nativity performances showcased the incredible talents of our children, allowing them to express their creativity and confidence in front of an audience. Families in Schools events provided opportunities for parents to engage with their children and celebrate the season together. The visit to the local church was a wonderful way to reflect on the meaning of Christmas and foster a sense of community.

Thank you to everyone who participated and contributed to making our Christmas celebrations so special!

## Positive Parent Survey Feedback

We are delighted to share some wonderful feedback from our parents, highlighting the positive experiences their children are having at Caedmon Primary. Here are a few quotes from our fabulous parents:

- “My child loves coming to school. He comes home and excitedly tells us about his day.”



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- “My child loves school and loves his class. I would say the school is amazing.”

This feedback shows the hard work of our staff and the supportive community we have built together. We appreciate the ongoing partnership with our parents, as it plays a crucial role in our children’s happiness and success. Thank you for being an integral part of our school community!

## Join Our Vibrant Parent-Teacher Association (PTA)

We are very proud to have set up our very own PTA at Caedmon and would like to say a huge thank you to those parents/carers who have helped us with our much-loved Christmas Fair this year. Parents came together to wrap presents for our children from Santa.

We would love to welcome more members – all are welcome. Our next meeting is in January.

## Celebrating Our Sustainable Travel Success!



We are thrilled to announce that our students have been actively logging their journeys to school each day, and we are proud to share that we are currently at the top of the leaderboard in the North East! This fantastic achievement not only showcases our commitment to sustainable transport but also encourages our children to take ownership of their travel choices.

## Goodbye to Miss Hurndall

As we bid farewell to Miss Hurndall, we want to take a moment to express our heartfelt gratitude for her dedication and contributions to Caedmon Primary. Miss Hurndall has been an integral part of our school community, inspiring countless children with her passion for teaching and her commitment to their success.

We wish Miss Hurndall all the best in her future endeavors, and we hope she carries with her fond memories of the time spent with our children and staff. Thank you, Miss Hurndall, for everything!

Teens Valley November Leader board	
1.	Caedmon Primary School - Middlesbrough
2.	Skerne Park - Darlington
3.	Hardwick Green Primary School - Stockton
4.	Bankfield Primary School - Redcar & Cleveland
5.	Whinfield Primary School - Darlington
6.	Fens Primary School - Hartlepool
7.	Reid street - Darlington
8.	Pentland - Stockton
9.	Caldicoats Primary School - Redcar & Cleveland
10.	The Glebe Primary School - Stockton

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## Key Dates for the Spring Term

To keep our school community informed about upcoming events, we have compiled a list of key dates for the upcoming term.

5.1.26	Return to school
15.1.26	Y1 Farm Visit Trip
5.2.26	Y5 DT Outwood Trip
10.2.26	Safer Internet Day
12.2.26	Y5 DT Outwood Trip
9.2.26 - 13.2.26	Mental Health week
13.2.26	Y6 Oriental Museum Trip
2.3.26	PD day - school closed to children
2.3.26 – 6.3.26	Careers week
5.3.26	Y6 SATS parents meeting
5.3.26	World Book Day
6.3.26	Y1 Wetlands Trip

9.3.26 – 15.3.26	Science week
12.3.26	Whole School Photos
16.3.26 17.3.26	Parents evenings
25.3.26	KS1 (Years 1 and 2) Families in school
26.3.26	EYFS (Reception and Nursery) Families in school
27.3.26	LKS2 (Years 3 and 4) Families in school
31.3.26	M and M Theatre production
1.4.26	Easter Bingo
2.4.26	UKS2 (Years 5 and 6) Families in school

Please mark these dates in your calendars! We will provide further details about each event closer to the time and any other events will be sent out after Christmas.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support. I would also like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy new Year.

Mrs R Bergamino