



Newsletter Friday 13th January 2025

Dear Parents & Carers,

What a start to a new year! Thank you all so much for your kind words and patience last week. The snow and ice posed the first challenge to all of us and then to have a major gas leak in school...

However, all was working well today and it has been a relief to have a relatively normal start to the week. Long may it continue.

So, better late than never, we would like to wish you all a slightly late Happy New Year for 2025!

Class newsletters

We have changed the format of the newsletter to reflect learning in a more child-friendly way. We hope you like them – feedback welcome!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Wraparound Care is run and staffed by school staff and follows strict guidelines of adult to child ratios, dependent on numbers and ages of children.

Once a session is fully booked, provided we have more than 24 hours' notice (excluding weekends) we will be able to accommodate new bookings. However, if bookings are made less than 24 hours in advance, whilst we will do our best to accommodate your child, we cannot guarantee this.

- Booking and payment are via ParentPay.
- Booking must be made 24 hours in advance.
- Booking for the following week must be done by 5 pm on Friday.
- The email/dojo will not be monitored on Saturday or Sunday.
- If children attend and are not booked in, there will be an admin fee applied.
- There will be additional charges for late collections.

Emails should be sent to wraparound.leyburn@ycatschools.co.uk

OPAL event

Due to the very slowly, melting snow, we have postponed the OPAL event planned for Thursday. We will reschedule it for later this half term. Please remember that we always need your items for playtime so before you dispose of them, spare us a thought!

School Census Day

This Thursday, all children will be encouraged to have a school dinner, even if they just have a tiny taste. There will be more details of the menu this week.

Big Garden Birdwatch 24-26 January 2025



We have signed up for this but, if you would like to take part at home, then please go to the [Big Garden Birdwatch](https://www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch) at the RSPB website.

Bird feeders



As part of our outdoor provision, we would like to attract, and look after, our local wildlife. A really effective way of doing this is to feed the birds, especially during such cold weather. If you have any spare bird feeders, then we'd love to take them off your hands.



Entries for The Wensleydale Tournament of Song should be in by the 31st January. Please contact Mrs Whitbread for more details.

Let it Snow!

The cold weather has posed problems for many of us but it is important to remember that having the chance to play outside in the snow, is one of childhood's most memorable experiences, even with wet socks!



Dates for your diary

16th January – School Census day

22nd January – Year 3 and 4 mixed football

5th February – Little City visits Early Years (see below)



11th February – Year 6 visit to Kirkwood Hall

12th February - Rescue Me Recycling Game in KS2

14th February – Break up for half term

24th February – **STAFF TRAINING DAY**

25th February – Spring term 2 begins

26th-28th February Year 6 trip to Edinburgh

And finally...

We have a lot of children who take responsibility across the school. Today has been a wonderful example of this.



Three Cheers for our Grounds Maintenance Team!