



Caistor CE and Methodist Primary School Newsletter

Our values are:

Respect, Friendship, Perseverance, Responsibility, Kindness and Courage.

January 2026

Welcome to our first newsletter of 2026!

It has been a chilly start to the new term. It is a happy New Year and I have been very impressed with the quality of work that is being produced in lessons. Pupils are listening well, responding positively and applying their learning. We are pleased that our new pupils and pre-school pupils have settled in so well.



I would also like to remind everyone that **we are a NUT FREE school.**

When supplying your child with snacks and a packed lunch, please ensure that they are nut free. This includes chocolate spreads. Nut allergies are life threatening and fatal in some cases. Please keep everyone safe by keeping our school nut free.

Please also have a look at the Children's Commissioner guide on **managing children's digital lives**. (below) Establishing a cut off time and breaks from social media and online activity with your child will help their sleep, mental health, mood, speech and brain development.

Uniform Swop Friday 30th January. We are noticing that some pupils are coming to school in the wrong uniform. Wearing uniform is good for developing a sense of belonging and it should be worn with pride. We do have spare items of clothing to support a universal uniform in the foyer. Friends of School are also supporting families with a uniform swop on Friday 30th January, so please send any donations of preloved uniform to the school office. Uniform will be set out in the hall after school on this day. Pop in for a browse and a drink.

If you have any comments or queries concerning your child's education or well-being please email: enquiries@caistorprimary.co.uk in the first instance.

Guide for Parents and Carers on Managing Children's Digital Lives

The Children's Commissioner for England has produced a guide for parents and carers on managing children's digital lives, designed to demystify some of the issues such as the challenge of managing children's everyday online habits, what you should and shouldn't be doing, and the often-complicated parental controls on individual social media platforms, to help make talking to your child about them easier. It offers advice on setting boundaries and bringing up difficult topics that cannot be ignored – not just once, in a cursory way, but regularly.

An introductory blog on the guide from the Children's Commissioner can be viewed here:

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/blog/what-i-wish-my-parents-or-carers-knew-childrens-commissioner-launches-guide-for-parents-and-carers-on-managing-childrens-digital-lives/>

Severe Weather

Closures will be announced on local radio - Lincs F.M (102.2FM), Radio Lincolnshire (94.9 & 104.7 FM), and Radio Humberside (95.9 FM). **Closures will also be posted on our website – www.grasbyprimary.co.uk.**

We will always aim to keep open if at all possible. **Please do not telephone the school** in these conditions to ask if we are open. We need to keep lines open to contact staff and bus companies etc. and other calls can jam the telephone line and cause delays.

If there is no report on the radio or website this means that the school is open.

No news is good news!



Dogs

Whilst it is lovely seeing lots of dogs at the school drop off and pick ups, not all children share this love.

We would respectfully ask that dogs are not brought to the bottom of the school steps, or onto the premises.

Dogs should be across the road, or away from the gate to ensure that all children feel comfortable coming into and leaving school.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation on this matter.

SATS Week

The KS2 SATs will take place between Monday 11th May and Thursday 14th May 2026. Please do not take Year 6 children out of school during this week.



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Uniform

We have lots of uniform in the reception area. Please come and take what you need. Donations are gratefully received.



Our uniform is set out on the school website. Wearing uniform is cheaper than wearing non uniform. Please support us.

Lost property

We also have lots of jumpers with no names in. Please label your child's clothing.

This term our value is **love**.

One pupil said, 'Love is people you care about and they like you to join in with their games'.

Another pupil said 'Love is people are friends with you and they are kind and friends with you every day, they aren't friends one day and mean the next day'.



Trips

We are pleased to be offering residential trips for Years 3, 4 and 5.

Year 3 are looking forward to a 1-night residential at Rand Farm Park in March, Year 4 will be visiting Boggle Hole for a 2-night residential and in July Year 5 are looking forward to a 2-night residential at Back to Bear. If you require any financial assistance towards the cost of the trips, please contact either myself or Mrs Loadman in the school office in confidence.

Friends of Caistor Primary School

Thank you once again to our wonderful Friends, who have organised a number of upcoming events, such as the Valentine's Disco on Tuesday 10th February, and Chocolate bingo on Tuesday 31st March 2026.

EYFS

A reminder that the application window for Reception 26 closes on 15th January. We warmly invite parents/carers for both Pre-school and Reception 26 visits to our lovely Willow class. Please contact the school office on 01472 851396 to book your visit, and please spread the word to friends and family who may wish to visit.

Year 4 Multiplication Check



The Year 4 statutory Multiplication Test (MTC) takes place between Monday 1st and Friday 12th June 2026. Please do not take Y4 children out of school during this period. More information on the test can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/multiplication-tables-check-information-for-parents/multiplication-tables-check-information-for-parents-text-version--2>. You can help your child prepare for these tests by regularly practising their times tables with them at home.

www.timestables.co.uk is a great resource, and the link to this can also be found in 'Useful Links & Websites' under the Parents'/Carers' Zone tab on our website, along with links to other useful websites.

Diary Dates—If you have any questions or queries please email enquiries@caistorprimary.co.uk

16th January	Supporting your child with Arithmetic (KS2)	20th March	Red Nose Day
27th January	Y6 SATs Information Evening	25-26th March	Y3 Residential—Rand Farm Park
3rd February	KS2 Stay and Learn Maths	31st March	FOS Chocolate Bingo
10th February	FOS Valentine's Disco	1st April	KS2 Showcase of our Learning
12th February	KS2 Music Curriculum Trip to Lincoln	2nd April	End of term service—1:30pm
13th February	Break for half term—3:30pm	2nd April	Break for Easter Holiday - 2:30pm
23rd February	Pupils return	20th April	Pupils return
2nd March	Parent/Teacher Consultations	21st April	KS2 Athletics at CYAC
4th March	Parent/Teacher Consultations	11th-15th May	KS2 SATS week
5th March	EYFS Parent/Teacher Consultations	22nd May	Break for half term—3:30pm
11-13th March	Y4 Residential—Boggle Hole	1st June	Pupils return
12th March	KS1 Cricket at Louth Academy	1st June	Y5/6 Top-Up Swimming
3rd March	Class 4 Girls' Y5/6 Football, Louth	1st—12th June	Y4 Statutory Multiplication Checks
5th March	World Book Day	8th June	Y5/6 Top-Up Swimming

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