



Caythorpe Chronicle

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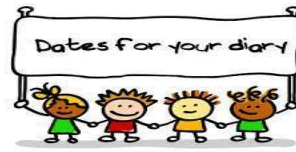
Christmas Nativity

This year's Nativity was "A Magical Christmas Journey". Enchanted Forest and Neverland performed to a hall full of parents, grandparents, carers and pupils of the school past and present.

The children are almost ready for Christmas when the magic begins to happen. They find they have a talking Christmas tree (played by Arlo and Isaac)! No sooner do they mention the need for a star to go on top of this tree, than they are surrounded by stars - who also seem able to talk! As if that wasn't magical enough, one of these stars leads the children on an amazing journey, during which they find much more than the star to decorate their tree!

Enchanted Forest played the sheep who had lost their shepherds.

Thank you to all who came to watch and support the children. It was certainly a magical, Magical Christmas Journey!



Friday 20th December – Staff training

Monday 6th January – Spring term 1 begins

Thursday 9th January – Year 5 and 6 Mountaineer workshop

Monday 13th January – Clubs begin

Monday 3rd February – Netball V Chestnut Street at home

Thursday 6th February – Football V Chestnut Street away

Tuesday 11th February – Netball V Winchelsea at home

Friday 14th February – Term 3 ends

Monday 24th February – Term 4 begins

Wednesday 26th February – Year 5/6 visit Bomber Command

Thursday 6th March – FSA Easter planning meeting 2.30pm

Friday 7th March – Class and group photos

Friday 4th April – Term 4 ends

Tuesday 22nd April – Term 5 begins

For term dates for the year and 2025-26 are available online. [please visit our website.](#)

Christmas Change 4 Life Activities

Children from Key Stage 1 and 2 visited Winchelsea Primary School to take part in Christmas games and festivities.

The children played relay races using equipment to build snowmen, Christmas trees and even decorating Rory as a Christmas tree.

The finale was a game of Snowball Fun! Children played in teams aiming with the "snowball" for the opposition players below the knees. If you were hit with the snowball below the knees, the player had to make snow angels.



All the staff and volunteers at Caythorpe Primary School would like to wish our parents, carers and community a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. School reopens on Monday 6th January. Breakfast club will be open at 7.50am. Please book your child/ren's place on MCAS.

Christmas at Caythorpe

Mrs Allison and Mrs Palmer took some children along to the church to decorate our trees for the Christmas Tree Festival.



Thank you to the FSA for organising the “Caythorpe Christmas Present Room.” The children love to come into the present room and choose gifts for the special people in their lives.

The FSA also organised another successful Christmas Fair with crafts and games. Many children took some extra chocolate they had been lucky enough to win on the tombola.

On Monday we all had a fabulous day at the Guildhall Pantomime, “Oh yes we did!” This year’s performance was Beauty and the Beast performed by the Polkadot Pantomime Company.



All the staff served the children at Christmas lunch on Tuesday, complete with crackers and corny jokes!



Wednesday was party day! The classic games were played in classes and a party lunch shared.



At school we have robust filtering and monitoring systems to ensure children do not come across any inappropriate online content when they are using the laptops or iPads.

Use this website to find out guidance to tackle online issues children may face and how to apply safe search settings, block inappropriate content for your child/ren’s devices and apps .and prevent contact from strangers. You could even win a tech bundle for Christmas!

[My Family's Digital Toolkit - tailored online safety advice Internet Matters](#)

- Option to enter **My Family’s Digital Christmas prize draw**
- Get **age-specific advice** and tips to support your children online
- Learn about **popular apps and platforms** your children use
- Get information about how to deal with any **online safety concerns**
- Get recommendations for **digital tools** to support their interests and wellbeing



[Hot School Meals by the Farm Kitchen](#)

Internet Safety Workshops

Every child deserves to be, and feel, safe online. The online world creates many opportunities for children and young people, providing a place where they can communicate, learn and play. But there are also risks. Online safety is a fundamental part of Caythorpe Primary School's safeguarding and child protection measures.

To support our work on E-Safety within the school we invited Beth from the Lincolnshire Stay Safe Partnership to run focus workshops with the children.

In Neverland, Beth spoke to the children about internet safety. She reviewed many examples where the children had to think about how they would stay safe online. Finally, the children made a hand of safety, where they drew around their hands and wrote the names of 5 adults who could help them keep safe online.

In Narnia the children had the opportunity of being wizards and witches of Harry Potter and worked together as teams to complete some wizarding tasks. The children were given different scenarios linked to online bullying and they had to work together to identify what would be the best solution. We learnt about strategies that the children could use if they were not happy online. For example: block, report, ignore and tell an adult.



Narnia had the top attendance for the last week of term with 96.43%. Year 2 had attendance of 97.9%. Well done!

The local authority may issue penalty notices to parents of pupils who have 10 unauthorised absences. Late arrival after registration closes at 9.30am without a reason is classed as an absence.

Whole school attendance since September is 93%. National expectation is 96%.

Stay Safe on the Roads

The school welcomed the Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership. Children from Year 1 to 6 took part in workshops focusing on how to stay safe on the roads. Year 1 learnt how to cross the road safely. The children told us that when crossing the road, we should use our eyes and ears to help us spot cars. They also created actions to stop, look, listen, and think, which are all the things we should be doing when we cross the road. Year 2 went for a walk around Caythorpe, where they practised crossing the road safely.

Narnia looked at risky behaviour, they started by going through scenarios about road safety and what would be safe behaviour.

The children in Hogwarts class participated in an engaging helmet safety workshop. The session began with a discussion about activities that require helmets and explored common misconceptions and myths surrounding helmet use, as well as ways to overcome the stigma that sometimes discourages children from wearing them. Using an egg as an example, the children witnessed firsthand how a "helmet" can prevent breakage during impact—a visual and interactive way to reinforce the importance of helmet safety.

The workshop was not only educational but also fun, leaving a lasting impression on the importance of staying safe while enjoying their favourite activities.

