



Caythorpe Chronicle

Thursday 18th June 2026

🌲 Camp Redwood Residential Adventure 🌲

Our Year 4, 5 and 6 pupils had a fantastic time on their residential visit to Camp Redwood. As soon as they arrived, the first challenge was setting up camp and getting their tents organised. The children worked brilliantly together and were later commended by the camp leaders for keeping their tents so tidy throughout the visit. ⭐

The adventure began with a series of team-building challenges, including crossing "lava", group stomping activities and transporting a ball without touching it. These activities encouraged teamwork, communication and problem-solving skills, and the children rose to every challenge.



One of the highlights of the trip was den building. The children worked in teams to create shelters using natural materials before the camp leader put them to the test to see if they were truly rainproof!

Camp Redwood also gave our pupils the opportunity to be the very first group to trial a new activity – Hammer Art! Using natural dyes from plants and flowers, the children created beautiful patterns on linen. They also enjoyed woodland art activities and learned the important skill of fire lighting.

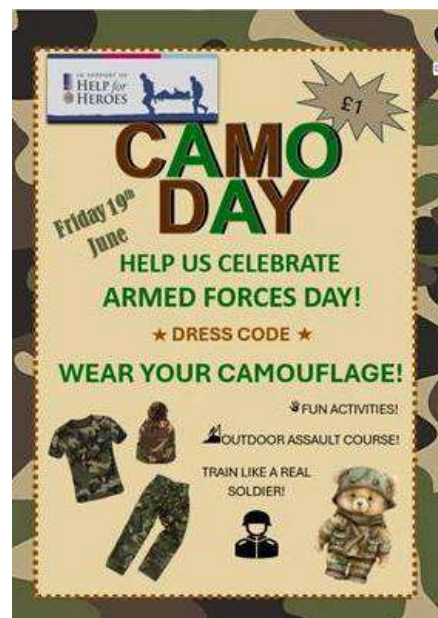
For those looking for an extra challenge, axe throwing proved very popular. The children showed great focus and determination as they aimed both large tomahawk axes and smaller angel axes at the targets. Anyone lucky enough to get an axe firmly embedded in the target earned a special target photo! We are pleased to report that several children achieved this feat... although none of the staff managed it! 😊



As evening arrived, everyone gathered around the campfire to enjoy toasted marshmallows and share stories from the day. There was certainly plenty of excitement before bedtime!



The children represented our school brilliantly throughout the residential, demonstrating resilience, teamwork, independence and a positive attitude. We are incredibly proud of them all and hope they will treasure these wonderful memories from Camp Redwood for years to come.





Virtual Author Visit

Children in Neverland and Enchanted Forest took part in a live virtual author event with Julia Donaldson, the creator of class favourites such as *The Gruffalo*, *Room on the Broom* and *Stick Man*.

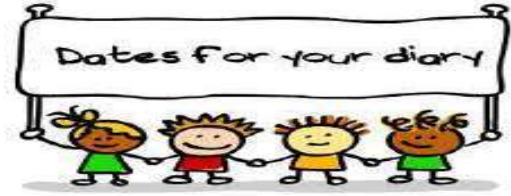
The children loved hearing about how Julia creates her wonderful stories and learning how she works alongside Axel Scheffler to bring the characters to life through illustrations. It was a fantastic opportunity to hear directly from one of the UK's most celebrated children's authors and be inspired by the magic of storytelling!



Well-Being News

Last week, Jack, one of our fantastic Well-Being Ambassadors led a whole-school assembly focusing on different breathing techniques to help support positive mental health and well-being.

The children learned a range of calming breathing strategies and discussed how these techniques can help when they are feeling overwhelmed, worried, anxious, or in need of a moment to reset. During the assembly, pupils shared which breathing exercises they would like to try and how they could use them in their daily lives. These helpful strategies will now be shared with all classes and displayed in our Sensory Room and The Hive, providing children with easy access to calming tools whenever they need them. A huge well done to our Well-Being Ambassador for leading such an important and informative assembly with confidence and maturity. We were so proud of Jack's initiative and confidence in delivering he was awarded a Headteacher's award! Well done, Jack!



- Monday 22nd and Wednesday 24th – Carees and KSHS Y7 2026 new intake Parents' evenings
- Friday 26th June – Carres and KSHS Y7 2026 new intake day 8.40am-3.30pm
- Monday 29th June – Reception '26 parents' meeting 5.30pm
- Wednesday 1st July – Pre-school and School – Play and Connect 2-3pm
- Friday 3rd July – Y3/4 Community Games Day
- Thursday 9th July – Reception '26 Stay and Play 3.30pm-4pm
- Thursday 9th July - Non-Uniform Day for tombola prize donations (please note change of date)
- Friday 10th July – EYFS and KS1 visit to Belvoir castle
- Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th July – Transition afternoons
- Thursday 16th July – Whole School Belton House visit
- Friday 17th July – 150 Years celebrations and picnic – details to follow
- Monday 20th July – Rock Steady Concert 2:30pm
- Tuesday 21st July – Celebration Assembly 9am
 - Year 6 Leavers 2.15pm and End of term
- Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd September – Staff Training
- Wednesday September 3rd – Term 1 begins

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Enchanted Forest again had the top attendance with 97%. Whole school attendance since September is 95.2%. This is an improvement on last year's attendance! National expectation is 96%.