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Weekly Attendance

Whole School Attendance – 94.97%

Little Sparrows – 100%

Finches – 100%

Swifts Class – 88%

Robins Class – 96.32%

Owl Class – 94.23%

Congratulations to Little Sparrows & Finches Class for having the best attendance figures this week

Vacancy

School Cleaner Vacancy.

The contracted hours are **3 hours per day, Monday to Friday**, any time after **3:00 PM**.

The position covers **37 weeks during term time** plus **2 weeks of deep cleaning during school holidays**.

Duties include: Cleaning and sanitising all offices, corridors, welfare facilities, and classrooms.

For more information, please contact info@spirecleaningservices.co.uk or call **01603 926100**.

Midday Supervisor

A lovely opportunity has arisen to join our team, looking after the smooth and happy running of lunchtimes at Caston. 5 hours per week. For more details please click the link.

[Midday Supervisory Assistant | Education Job Finder](#)

Dates for your Diary

18th Nov – Sparrows & Finches Parent Event 2:00-3:00pm

19th Nov – 25th Nov – Book Fair

3rd Dec – Owls Parent Event 9:30-10:15am

9th Dec – EYFS & KS1 Nativity performance (more info to follow)

10th Dec – EYFS & KS1 Nativity performance (more info to follow)

18th Dec – Christmas Jumper Day

18th Dec – Christmas Dinner (available to book on ParentMail)

19th Dec – Last day of term

6th Jan – Children return to school

Celebration Worship

Congratulations to all the children who received a certificate or gold star badge in our celebration worship.

Sparrows & Finches Class – Matthew, Rose

Swifts Class – Malachi, Riley

Robins Class – Isla

Owls Class – Meadow, Kajus



Parking

A polite reminder that all parents should be parking outside the school unless Mrs Disney has given permission for you to park within school grounds - please help keep the children safe.

Attendance

Children should be at school for 8:50am: if your child is late this will impact their attendance record and learning.



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Children in Need run Pudsey 2025!

Caston has raised so far, an amazing **£1857.31** for Children in Need. Thank you to everyone who have sponsored the children for their Pudsey run. With Parkers Primary total, together as a federation we have raised more than **£4800!**

What an amazing achievement!



RBL Poppy Collection

Thank you to everyone who purchased a poppy, or merchandise from our Royal British Legion poppy box. We raised **£113.59** as a school, adding to the District total of £2806.50

Our Year 6s attended the Armistice Day Memorial in Caston. Children helped lay a wreath as well as decorating the memorial with hand painted stones.



Can you help us?

Our annual Christmas Nativity production is fast approaching, and the children are getting excited! To help us stage the best possible show, we are reaching out to our school community for help with costumes.

We are particularly in need of **Wise Men** and **shepherd** outfits.

If you have any costumes, robes, tunics, tea towels or suitable fabrics that you would be willing to donate, we would be incredibly grateful.

Please drop off any items at the **School Office**.

Book Fair

Children have the chance to **win a £5 voucher** to spend at the Book Fair by taking part in one of the following class challenges:

1. **Design Challenge:** Create a new *front cover* for your favourite book.
2. **Photo Challenge:** Take a photo of your child reading their favourite book in the *most unusual place* they can think of!

Entries can be sent in by emailing their photo to office@caston.dneat.org.

The closing date for entries is **Monday 17th November**, and winners will be announced during the Book Fair week. We can't wait to see the children's creativity!



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Gressenhall Trip – 12.11.25

Upon arrival year 5 and 6 were greeted by Bunty who took us to the Chapel. We were told that we were going to be evacuees for the day!



We started our day by going to the Cottage where we met an Air Raid Warden who explained to us what would happen if we heard the siren!





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The Air Raid Warden then set the siren off and we had to all walk out to the garden and make our way to the Anderson Shelter, where we would have to stay until the all clear siren was heard.



Finally, the 'all clear' siren was heard but...when we got outside there was fire! The Air Raid Warden explained how part of his job was to make sure that once the 'all clear' siren was heard they had to make sure everyone was safe and would help move rubble and fight fires. The children had to pump water into buckets and form a line to pass the bucket from the pump, down to the fire (the bush) and then pump the water through the hose to extinguish the fire.



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Eventually, the fire was out and we had to then help out on the farm (we got to see the horse having his shoe changed). We had to find stones and potatoes in the field full of mud!





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After working on the farm, we stopped to have something to eat and then got back to helping Bunty by taking her ration book to the shop (which we aren't allowed) and choosing a birthday present for Tommy.





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During in World War 2 a number of food items were rationed. There wasn't enough eggs to make Tommy a birthday cake, so Bunty made us chocolate truffles made from mashed potato. Her recipe included mashed potato, cocoa powder, vanilla flavouring and sugar. They didn't taste like chocolate truffles we have today!

Once we had finished eating our delicious chocolate truffles we went to join our Sergeant who was taking us through training to join the Home Guard. We had a lot of fun during this task with our broomsticks!





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SEND support evening Monday 17th November 2025: 6pm



On Monday 17th November we are hosting a Special Educational Needs support evening at Wayland Academy.

Catherine Berwick, Inspiration Trust Director of Inclusion, will be speaking about Emotionally-Based School Non-Attendance (previously called school refusal) and how school and home can work together to support pupils to overcome barriers to attendance.

Our SENDCO, Emma Gagen, will be speaking about Autism, routes to assessment and support which is available in school.

We will also be joined by SENDIASS, Norfolk County Council School and Community Team and ASD Helping Hands who will be able to provide support and guidance.



<https://www.norfolksendiass.org.uk/>



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You are warmly invited to attend. This event is open to all parents/carers whether your child has been identified as having special educational needs or not. Please email emmagagen@inspirationtrust.org to confirm your attendance. We will supply the biscuits and coffee.

**You may be considering how attending could benefit your family.
Please find below details of how we hope this event can offer support.**



Is your child reluctant to attend school? Do they delay getting ready in the mornings or ask to stay at home? You may benefit from learning more about emotionally-based non school-attendance from our trust inclusion director. Catherine Berwick will be on hand to offer practical ideas of how you can support your child and how school and home can work together to ensure that your child feels heard and supported.

Does your child have a diagnosis of neurodivergence? Is your child on the pathway awaiting assessment for Autism/ADHD? Do you suspect that your child may be presenting with underlying neurodivergence? You may benefit from learning more about routes to diagnosis and the specific targeted support which is available at Wayland Academy.

ASD helping hands (a local source of support and guidance) will be attending the event. Their mission is "Empowering autistic individuals and those around them, ASD Helping Hands is dedicated to fostering confidence, independence, and inclusion at every stage of life. We provide guidance, education, and resources to help individuals, families, and professionals navigate autism with knowledge and empowerment". Come and have a chat with the advisors and find out how they may be able to provide support and guidance to your family.

Norfolk SENDIASS will be attending the event. They are a statutory service which provides free, impartial information, advice and support about SEND. If you have any questions around the laws concerning SEND provision, school placement, EHCP's or the Local Authority's statutory duties the advisors will be able to support. SENDIASS can also offer general support and guidance.

Norfolk County Council School and Community Team will be attending the event. The school and community teams offer support to education settings and families with a focus on inclusion, early help, and prevention. The teams deliver their service in three different ways, through direct intervention with pupils, through providing advice and guidance and through providing tailored group support where a need is identified. Come and speak to the advisors to discuss what support they can offer your family.