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Dear Parent

Autumn Term – Principal's Roundup – 15

Another busy and successful week here at Caister Academy.

Please see highlights from the week below:

- Congratulations to Year 8 who won our Caister Coin secret rewards event this half term. Students took part in a cinema experience. It was a delight to watch students enjoying a hot chocolate whilst watching a festive film and eating popcorn. A big thank you goes to Miss Frisby, Academy Administrator, for helping with the organisation of the event, along with refreshments and decorations.
- A huge well done to students who took part in our Christmas performances this week and thank you to the Performing Arts Team who have worked above and beyond to ensure the evenings ran smoothly and performers were well looked after. The show was amazing, and we have received some fantastic feedback from attendees.
- Celebration assemblies took place across all year groups on Tuesday. Thank you to all parents, carers, and extended family members for attending. It was a joy to watch students collecting their certificates and celebrating their successes with each other. Students also took part in an additional secret rewards event, where they got to meet Cinnamon the python from 'Wild Science', along with donkeys, lizards, tree frogs, and a host of other amazing creatures.
- A special well done to our best attending form groups so far:
 - First place – 7LGO (96.2%)
 - Second place – 9RMS (95.3%)
 - Third place – 11SWA (95.1%)
- And to the form groups with the highest rewards this week:
 - First place – 8VRO
 - Second place – 9RHA
 - Third place – 8SBU

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Principal's Learner of the Week

Congratulations to Lily Quinn, Year 7, who won Principal's Learner of the Week. Lily has been recognised for her fantastic contribution to the compete week competitions and won a total of three competitions across the curriculum. Well done, Lily!

Attendance

Attendance has been positive this week, and we want to extend our heartfelt thanks to all the students involved in the show for maintaining excellent attendance despite three late nights of rehearsals and performances. Your commitment is truly appreciated! We would also like to thank parents for their continued support throughout the term in helping ensure strong attendance - it makes a real difference, and we look forward to continuing this across the next half term.

Young Carer Education Kitemark

I am extremely proud to announce that we have been successful in our renewal application for the Young Carer Education Kitemark, meaning we are certified for another two years. We received some fantastic feedback from the panel of young carers, who rated us as *Excellent*, which is a grade 3, in 4 out of the 6 categories that can be graded.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all staff for supporting our young carers to thrive - something that has been recognised by this award.

Christmas Holiday Closure

Our school will be closed for the Christmas holidays from Friday 19 December 2025 to Tuesday 6 January 2026. Please be advised that staff will not be checking emails or phone messages regularly during this time.

If you need help while the school is closed, please contact one of the following local support services:

- **Childline** – 0800 1111
- **Just One Norfolk** – 0300 300 0123 [Health Advice & Support for Children & Families](#)
- **MAP (support for young people)** – Great Yarmouth drop-in: [Here For You | MAP Norfolk](#)
- **NHS 111** – For urgent medical advice when your GP is closed
- **Norfolk Children's & Adult Services** – 0344 800 8020
- **Norfolk Integrated Domestic Abuse Service (NIDAS)** – 0300 561 0555 / Text: 07860 063464 [Home - NIDAS](#)
- **Samaritans** – 116 123 (24/7 confidential crisis support)
- **Shout** – Text **SHOUT** to 85258 for confidential, 24/7 crisis text support
- **YoungMinds (support for young people)** – Text **YM** to 85258

Always call 999 in a medical emergency – when someone is seriously ill or injured and their life is at risk.



Reminders for next week and beyond:

- Tuesday 6 January – Students return to school for Spring Term 1
- Monday 12 January 2026 to Thursday 29 January 2026 – Senior Year mock examinations
- Thursday 29 January – Year 10 Parents' Evening
- Wednesday 11 February – Year 9 Options Evening
- Friday 13 February – End of Spring Term 1 - School closes for half term.

From all at Caister Academy we wish you a happy and safe holiday and look forward to seeing your child/children on Tuesday 6 January.

Yours faithfully

Helen Seath
Principal