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Dear Families and Friends,

## **Taiko Drum Workshop**

On Tuesday, children were joined by musician Chris Wright who led an exciting and interactive taiko drum workshop! Children enjoyed learning about the history of this art form and got lots of opportunities to play and perform together. A big thank you to Chris for leading the day and for Miss Wilson for arranging.

## **Acorns Trip to Beamish**

Next Friday (18<sup>th</sup> October), as part of their history unit on toys through the ages, Acorns will be visiting Beamish Museum in County Durham, alongside their friends from Glaisdale. If you have not already done so, please can you complete the online consent form: <https://forms.office.com/e/S1hnr4xL3C>

Please note: children will need to promptly arrive at school for a 9.00am departure and will return to school at approximately 4.30pm.

## **Parents' Evening**

We look forward to welcoming you into school next Wednesday and Thursday for our first parents' evenings of the school year. This is a good opportunity to discuss your child's progress and how they have settled into their new year group/class.

## **Signing Club and Choir Club – 16/17<sup>th</sup> October**

Due to parents' evening and staff absence, there will be no Signing Club or Choir Club on 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> October (respectively). Apologies for any inconvenience. Please contact school if you have exhausted all other childcare options.

## **Year 5/6 Peat Rigg Visit – March 2025**

Reminder: An online form has been sent out to parents of children in Year 5/6, so that they can give their consent for the upcoming visit to Peat Rigg Residential Centre, taking place in March 2025. Please ensure this is completed promptly, to secure your child's place on the visit. More information on payment is contained within this online form.

## **Year 6 Visit to Whitby – 17<sup>th</sup> October**

Next Thursday (17<sup>th</sup> October), Year 6 will be visiting Whitby with their friends from Glaisdale. There are two purposes for this visit: there will be a chance for the Year 6s to visit Whitby School, as well as a visit to Whitby Archives as part of their enhanced history curriculum offer.

Children will be taking the train along with Mrs Wardell and should arrive no later than 7:40am. Children will need their own packed lunch from home. They will arrive back at school in time for afternoon lessons.

## **Year 6 SATs Booster Club**

Year 6 SATs Booster Club will start after half-term. This will take place on Wednesdays (3.30-4.30pm), being led by Mrs Wardell. An online consent form has been sent for this.



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## Sports Events

Children have had the opportunity to take part in a range of sports events over the last week!

Acorns took part in a multi-skills event, led by sports leaders and Whitby School. Our Year 5/6 boys' football team performed well to reach the quarter finals of a Whitby area football tournament. Unfortunately, for a second time, the Whitby area cross-country event was postponed due to poor weather conditions. At the time of writing, our Year 5/6s are looking forward to a rugby megafest event which takes place on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October, ahead of a tournament for selected pupils next week. We have been very busy maintaining our Gold Sportsmark standard!

## Alice in Wonderland – Saltburn Theatre

Our very own Katie (Year 4) is performing, once again, at Saltburn Theatre in Alice in Wonderland! Tickets are on sale for 6 dates in December (1 sold out). If you would like to purchase tickets, you can do so through this link:

<https://stagestubs.com/majestic-theatre-arts/alice-in-wonderland>

Remaining dates: Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December (5pm); Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December (6pm); Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December (5pm); Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December (6pm) and Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December (6pm).

## Stay and Plays for New Starters

For children starting school in September 2025, we will be holding our first stay and plays of the year on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November and Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December. These will take place at 1.30-3.00pm. Parents are welcome to stay with their children for these sessions. Please let the School Office aware if you are attending.

## Rotary Club Musicians Competition

The Whitby and District Rotary Club have organised a Young Musicians Competition taking place on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November at 6.00pm at the Order of the Holy Paraclete in Whitby.

If you would like your child to enter this competition, please contact the School Office and they can send you the information pack and entry form. The closing date for all entries is Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

## PTFA Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who attended and supported our PTFA Coffee Morning last weekend. We managed to raise £243.70 towards PTFA funds. This will go towards a range of trips and experiences for our children in the future!

Have a great weekend!

Mr Cooper

## Stars of the Week

Acorns: Miles- for super phonics this week and for always listening with great interest and curiosity.

Oaks: Finley – for showing great resilience and maturity this week in overcoming barriers and making fantastic progress in PE.

## Last week's reading winners

Oaks: Ted & Maggie



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## Attendance:

Our attendance this week was: 99.3%

Our attendance this year: 98.0%

National average for this year: 95.8%

Year Group winners: Year 1, 2 & 5

Headteacher timetable		
	Morning	Afternoon
Mon	Goathland	Lythe
Tues	Castleton	Airy Hill
Weds	Supporting school in Scarborough	
Thurs	Goathland	Castleton
Fri	Goathland	Lythe

Admin (Mrs Gray) timetable		
Mon	Glaisdale	Castleton
Tues	Castleton all day	
Weds	Glaisdale	Castleton
Thurs	Glaisdale all day	
Fri	Glaisdale	Castleton

## Next Week's Events

### Monday

PE for Acorns please arrive in appropriate kit/footwear

### Tuesday

Music Lessons with Mrs Lillie

Year 5/6 Forest School please arrive in appropriate kit/footwear

Sport Club for Oaks

### Wednesday

**No Signing Club** due to parents' evening

Parents' Evening 1/2

### Thursday

**No Choir Club** due to parents' evening

Parents' Evening 2/2

Year 6 Trip to Whitby

### Friday

Oaks PE please arrive in appropriate kit/footwear

Selected Year 5/6 Rugby Tournament please arrive in appropriate kit/footwear

Acorns Beamish Trip please arrive promptly, expected return time: 4.30pm



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## Safeguarding Statement

Yorkshire Endeavour Academy Trust and Castleton School are committed to ensuring the safety and welfare of all children. If you have any concerns regarding this, please contact one of our designated safeguarding leads (listed below). For significant and immediate concerns, please contact the police on 999. For concerns that are not immediate, please contact the North Yorkshire Council Emergency Duty Team: 0300 131 2 131.

Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mr Olly Cooper (01947 897218 or 01287 660496 or [headteacher.cg@yeat.co.uk](mailto:headteacher.cg@yeat.co.uk))

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs Nicola Wardell (01287 660496 or [nwardell.castleton@yeat.co.uk](mailto:nwardell.castleton@yeat.co.uk))

Safeguarding Governor: Mrs Jo Kevan (01287 660496 or [jkevan@yeat.co.uk](mailto:jkevan@yeat.co.uk))

## Future Diary Dates

Please note: some of these events may still need to be confirmed.

### October

16/10: Parents Evening 1/2  
17/10: Parents Evening 2/2  
17/10: Y6 trip to Whitby Secondary School and Archives  
18/10: Year 5/6 Tag Rugby Event  
18/10: Acorns Beamish Trip  
22/10: Halloween Party at Robinson Institute, Glaisdale  
23/10: Individual and sibling photos  
24/10: Harvest Festival (10-11am)  
25/10: Shared Reading afternoon  
25/10: End of half-term

### November

07/11: Library Van  
07/11: Chance to Shine cricket sessions start  
11/11: Stay and Play

### Future Diary Dates

05/12: Panto Trip  
06/12: Year 5/6 Basketball Event  
12/12: Stay and Play  
19/12: Christmas Lunch  
26/03-28/03: Y5/6 Peat Rigg  
12/05-16/05: Y6 SATs Week  
02/06-13/06: Y4 Multiplication Check  
04/06: School photos  
June: Y1 phonics screening

## Remaining Term Dates 2024/25

- Half Term - Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2024
- Staff Training Day - Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2024
- Last day of Autumn Term - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024
- First Day of Spring Term – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025
- Half Term - Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2025
- Staff Training Day - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2025
- Last day of Spring Term - Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025

- First day of Summer Term – **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025**
- Bank Holiday – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2025
- Half Term - Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> 2025
- Last day of Summer Term - Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025
- Staff Training Day – Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2025

*Please avoid booking term time holidays, especially during assessment weeks.*



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Whitby School  
invites  
pupils in Y5 and Y6  
together with their parents and families  
to

## OPEN EVENING

Wednesday 16 October, 4.30-6.30pm  
on our Airy Hill site

Headteachers Welcome  
in the hall at 4.30pm and 5.30pm

Join us to look around the school and try out activities in each  
subject.

Taste the canteen food and  
try your luck on the PTA raffle.

Parking at the front, back and an overspill car park.



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