



NEWSLETTER

10/01/2025



Dear Families and Friends,

Happy New Year!

Welcome back! We hope you had an enjoyable and restful Christmas period.

We have 'hit the ground running' in this new term, starting new learning and enjoying back in our classes. It has been a pleasure to see that we are not resting on our laurels following our fantastic Ofsted news at the end of last term. We are still looking to improve in all aspects and have plenty planned for the rest of the term to achieve this.

Curriculum Overviews

Included alongside this newsletter is your child's class' curriculum overview. This gives a summary of what they will cover this term. Please use this as a prompt for discussing learning at home. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with your child's teacher if you have any questions about learning or if you have any ideas on how we can enhance learning experiences.

Termly Assessment Overviews

Next week, for parents of children in Years 2-6, you will receive a summary of your child's performance in their autumn term assessments. We hope you find these useful to understand how your child is performing in the core subjects of English and maths. We will be hosting our termly parents' evening in March where you can discuss this about your child's other learning in more depth, however please do get in touch if you wish to discuss these termly assessments further.

Attendance

We have had a really positive start to the year in regards to attendance in school. This helps children have access to all the learning they need to be successful. We understand that children will need to be absent from time-to-time. However, to ensure that children attend as regularly as possible, we will be writing to parents of any children that are classed as 'persistently absent'. This is defined by the government as any child with an attendance rate below 90% (which represents a day off every 2 weeks or a total of 4 school weeks per academic year) – something which can severely disrupt children's learning. In our letters, we will explain that, as a school, we are here to support (and not chastise) and will look at ways we can help to improve attendance and remove barriers, as well as be mindful of any extenuating circumstances.

Forest School

Forest School sessions will recommence in the week commencing 20th January. Please see below for each class'/year groups' start dates. You will see, in our diary section, the future dates, with children having fortnightly sessions.

Tuesday 21st January: Year 5/6 sessions recommence

Wednesday 22nd January: Acorns sessions recommence

Tuesday 28th January: Year 3/4 sessions recommence

Please ensure children arrive in school in weather-appropriate clothing and footwear.

Clubs

Our clubs have restarted. We still have some spaces in some clubs. Please contact the office if your child would like to attend.



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Student Teacher

Next week, Acorns will be joined by a final year student teacher, Miss Neve Harrison. We are looking forward to welcoming her to our Castleton Family and helping her finish her journey into teaching.

Have a great weekend!

Mr Cooper

Attendance:

Our attendance this week was: 96.7%

Our attendance this year: 95.7%

National average for this year: 94.8%

Year Group winners: Year 1, 5 & Year 6 – 100% Attendance!!

We are currently ranked 156th out of 292 schools in North Yorkshire

Reading Awards – Celebrating a love of reading!

At the end of last term, we awarded three children in the school with a reading award. They won these awards by reading three times a week at home and therefore having a ticket added to our prize draw. The winners will be shortly receiving some special books based on authors, genres or topics they enjoy reading. We will still be doing a weekly prize draw throughout this term and the more the children read the more tickets they will have in the termly prize draw to be drawn again towards the end of the Spring term.

Our winners: Gabriel, Henrique and Matthew.

Stars of the Week

Acorns: Isaac- for impressing us with his fantastic vocabulary and applying his phonics sounds so well to his writing.

Oaks: Gabriella – for her openness to learning and showing great resilience in Mathematics and never giving up!

Headteacher timetable

| | Morning | Afternoon |
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| Mon | Castleton/Glaisdale | Lythe |
| Tues | Goathland all day | |
| Weds | Lythe all day | |
| Thurs | Castleton all day | |
| Fri | Goathland | Airy Hill |



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Next Week's Events

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| Monday | Sport/Wellbeing Club for Oaks with Miss Searle Acorns PE lessons. |
| Tuesday | Music Lessons with Mrs Lillie Art Club for Acorns with Mrs Garbutt |
| Wednesday | Signing Club with Katie Year 6 Booster Club with Mrs Wardell |
| Thursday | Choir Club with Miss Wilson |
| Friday | Oaks PE Lessons |

Future Diary Dates

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

January

21/01: Year 5/6 Forest School
21/01: Year 3/4 Multiskills event
22/01: Acorns Forest School
28/01: Year 3/4 Forest School
30/01: Library Van

February

04/02: Year 5/6 Forest School
05/02: Acorns Forest School
06/02: Year 1/2 Gymnastics event
11/02: Year 3/4 Forest School
25/02: Year 5/6 Forest School
26/02: Acorns Forest School

27/02: Library Van

27/02: Year 4 Gymnastics event

Future Diary Dates

04/03: Year 3/4 Hockey event
06/03: KS2 Cross Country
21/03: Training Day
26/03-28/03: Y5/6 Peat Rigg
01/04: Year 5/6 Netball event
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 17th February to Friday 21st February 2025
- Staff Training Day - Friday 21st March 2025
- Last day of Spring Term - Friday 4th April 2025
- First day of Summer Term – **Tuesday 22nd April 2025**
- Bank Holiday – Monday 5th May 2025
- Half Term - Monday 26th May to Friday 30th 2025
- Last day of Summer Term - Monday 21st July 2025
- Staff Training Day – Tuesday 22nd July 2025

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



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