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Dear Families and Friends,

Forest School – Oaks

Please note that Oaks will have Forest School sessions on the following dates, to avoid clashes with other trips/events:

- 25th February – Year 3/4
- 4th March – Year 5/6
- 11th March – Year 5/6
- 18th March – Year 3/4
- 25th March – Year 3/4
- 1st April – Year 3/4

*Year 5/6 will have an additional session in the summer term.

Uniform Shop

We have had a few enquiries about our Uniform Swap Shop at the church and its opening times. The church will be open on weekends, both Saturday and Sunday from approximately 9.30am if you need anything. We will also have a swap shop held at school during our parents' evenings.

Parents' Evening

We will be holding our Spring Term parents' evening on Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th March for both classes. Mrs Moore will be sending out a communication with details on how to book a slot for your child(ren).

PTFA Coffee Morning – 1st March 2025 (10-12pm)

The PTFA will be holding a coffee morning at Castleton Village Hall on Saturday 1st March (10am-12pm). We would like to kindly request for donations of prizes for the raffle and tombola, as well as any donations of second-hand books for a stall. These may be brought to school. We would also like to request for any donations of baked goods closer to the date of the coffee morning. Thank you for your support.

Year 6 Coffee Morning (Edinburgh Fundraiser) – Saturday 19th April (10am-12pm)

Year 6s also have the opportunity to lead a coffee morning at Castleton Village Hall. This is to allow them to fundraise for their upcoming Edinburgh visit in June. They will need to run this alongside parents/family members, given it falls during the Easter break, although staff may be able to offer some support. If you are a parent/family member of a Year 6 and are willing to help, please inform Mr Cooper.

World Book Day – 7th March 2025

Similar to last year, the PTFA will be holding a World Book Day costume swap shop ahead of the day itself. This will take place on Friday 28th February (3pm) outside school. Children/parents can freely choose to borrow one of the costumes provided by the PTFA or use one from home.

Please can we ask for donations of any unwanted costume or costume items, including any borrowed from last year, so that we have plenty in stock to choose from. Please bring these to school in the first week back after half-term.

Library Van – Thursday 27th February

We will be visiting the library van on Thursday 27th February. Please bring in your library books and card.



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Year 4 Gymnastics Event – Thursday 27th February

On the afternoon of Thursday 27th February Year 4 will be travelling to Whitby School with Mrs Wardell to attend a gymnastics event. Please can Year 4 come to school in their PE on this day.

Term Dates (2025/26)

We have confirmed our term dates for the next academic year. You can find these at the end of this newsletter and on our website. As a reminder, please avoid taking holidays in term time. It is unlikely that we are able to authorise these, given the recent changes in national attendance rules.

End of Half-Term

School is now closed half-term break. We will re-open on Monday 24th February. Have a lovely week.

Have a great weekend!

Mr Cooper

Attendance:

Our attendance this week was: 98.8%

Our attendance this year: 95.8%

National average for this year: 94.8%

Year Group winners: Reception

We are currently ranked 120th out of 292 schools in North Yorkshire.

Last week's reading winners

Oaks: Scarlett & Finley

Acorns: Harper & Miles

Stars of the Week

Acorns: Bobbi- for being our history expert and having super knowledge and understanding of the achievements and legacy of Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole. Well done!

Oaks: Connie – for a fantastic piece of informative writing in English and always being extremely helpful.

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



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Next Week's Events

Monday	Drama club with Miss Searle & Mrs Moore Acorns PE lessons please arrive in appropriate kit/footwear
Tuesday	Year 3/4 Forest School please arrive in appropriate kit/footwear Music Lessons with Mrs Lillie Art Club for Acorns with Mrs Smith
Wednesday	Acorns Forest School please arrive in appropriate kit/footwear Signing Club with Katie Year 6 Booster Club with Mrs Wardell
Thursday	Library Van Choir Club with Miss Wilson Year 4 Gymnastics Event Please arrive in appropriate kit/footwear
Friday	Oaks PE Lessons please arrive in appropriate kit/footwear PTFA World Book Day Costume Swap 3pm outside school

Future Diary Dates

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

February

22/02: Children return to school
25/02: Year 3/4 Forest School
26/02: Acorns Forest School
27/02: Library Van
27/02: Year 4 Gymnastics event
28/02: PTFA World Book Day Costume Swap

March

01/03: PTFA Coffee Morning
04/03: Year 5/6 Forest School
04/03: Year 3/4 Hockey event
04/03: Year 5/6 Peat Rigg Pre-Visit Zoom (5pm)
06/03: KS2 Cross Country
07/03: World Book Day
10/03: Stay and Play
11/03: Year 5/6 Forest School
12/03: Parents' Evening (1/2)
13/03: Parents' Evening (2/2)
17/03: KS2 Trip to Ryedale Folk Museum
18/03: Year 3/4 Forest School
21/03: Training Day

25/03: Year 3/4 Forest School
25/03: PTFA meeting (in school – 3.30pm)
26/03-28/03: Y5/6 Peat Rigg
31/03: Oaks Geography River Trip

Future Diary Dates

01/04: Year 5/6 Netball event
01/04: Year 3/4 Forest School
04/04: End of term
19/04: Year 6 Coffee Morning (Edinburgh Fundraiser)
21/04: Easter Monday (school closed)
22/04: Children return to school (Tuesday)
24/04: Stay and Play
29/04: Whole school swimming sessions begin
12/05-16/05: Y6 SATs Week
22/05: Gospel Choir Concert (6pm)
02/06-13/06: Y4 Multiplication Check
11/06: School photos
17-18/06: Year 6 Edinburgh Trip (TBC)
26/06: Oaks Summer Afternoon & Evening Performance
June: Y1 phonics screening



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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.

Term Dates 2025/2026

- Staff Training Day – Monday 1st September 2025
- Staff Training Day – Tuesday 2nd September 2025
- First day of Autumn Term – Wednesday 3rd September 2025
- Half-term – Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October 2025
- End of Autumn Term – Friday 19th December 2025
- Training Day – Monday 5th January 2026
- Half-term – Monday Half Term - Monday 16th February to Friday 20th February 2026
- Staff Training Day - Friday 13th March 2026
- Last day of Spring Term - Friday 27th March 2026
- First day of Summer Term – Monday 13th April 2026
- Bank Holiday – Monday 4th May 2026
- Half Term - Monday 25th May to Friday 29th 2026
- Last day of Summer Term – Friday 17th July 2026
- Staff Training Day – Monday 20th July 2026

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