



# NEWSLETTER

28/02/2025



Dear Families and Friends,

## Welcome Mrs Littlewood

You may have noticed a new, but familiar, face/voice in the School Office this week. Mrs Littlewood has officially started her position as School Administrator at Castleton and Glaisdale this week, taking over from Mrs Gray who left us at the end of last half-term. Mrs Littlewood will predominantly be working at Glaisdale School but will be in our Castleton office on Tuesdays, as well as providing remote cover via phone and email at other points in the week, especially Wednesdays and Thursday afternoons. I am sure many of you know Mrs Littlewood from her various roles but I am also sure you will still make her feel welcomed as a valued member of the Castleton team.

## World Book Day – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March

We are looking forward to celebrating World Book Day next Friday (7<sup>th</sup> March). Thank you to the parent volunteers who arranged the costume swap shop this week. Children are looking forward to wearing either their donated costumes or one they have at home, whilst they take part in a range of World Book Day activities. Please note, there will be no PE for Oaks next Friday, as a result of this and given they have a cross-country event on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March.

## PTFA After-School Party – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March

The PTFA will be hosting an after-school ‘movie and munchies’ party on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March, following World Book Day celebrations in school. There is a suggested donation of £2 towards the cost of this and to raise funds for the PTFA. There will also be other food on sale. See poster below for more information.

## Music Lessons

Please note that music lessons will fall on different dates this half-term due to other events clashing. These will be communicated in each week’s newsletter, however please also see the dates below:

- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March (instead of Tues 4<sup>th</sup> March)
- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March (instead of Tues 11<sup>th</sup> March)
- Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March
- Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March
- Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April (instead of Tues 1<sup>st</sup> April)

## Y5/6 Peat Rigg – Pre-visit Zoom Meeting – Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March (5pm)

Next Tuesday (4<sup>th</sup> March), Mr Cooper will be hosting a short pre-visit Zoom for parents/children in Year 5/6 who will be attending Peat Rigg in late March. This will be similar to other pre-visit Zooms held in previous years. There will be a chance to look at the logistics, activities, as well as a chance to answer questions. This meeting will be recorded for anyone unable to attend. Please follow this link to join:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88401910467?pwd=aW1pKdEbsN64dO6JLGV0vYoSE4Unig.1>

Meeting ID: 884 0191 0467

Passcode: MhLf15

## PTFA Coffee Morning – 1<sup>st</sup> March 2025 (10-12pm)

The PTFA will be holding a coffee morning at Castleton Village Hall on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March (10am-12pm). We look forward to seeing those of you who can make it.



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## Forest School – Oaks

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

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

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

## Choir at Eskdale Festival on Monday 10th March, 2025

The Choir are competing in the Eskdale Festival on Monday 10th March, 2025 at the Northern Lights Pavilion, Whitby Spa. It would be lovely if some parents are able to come along to offer support! The children will be performing from 10:15am. Those of you with children who are involved in individual classes on the same day will need to meet your child/children at 11:30am at the Spa. There may be an entry charge.

## Parents' Evening

We will be holding our Spring Term parents' evening on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March for both classes. You can book appointments through MCAS.

## Acrylic animals and toys

Unfortunately, due to animals being lost/misplaced and therefore some upset children can we please request that these are no longer brought into school. This also applies to other toys; we would hate for your children's beloved toys to be damaged or lost so please can these stay at home unless the children are requested to bring items in to enrich their learning or for Show and Tell in Acorns. Thank you for your understanding with this.

## Year 6 Coffee Morning (Edinburgh Fundraiser) – Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Gymnastics Event

Year 4 had a fantastic time at their gymnastic event held at Whitby School on Thursday afternoon, we most certainly have some talented gymnasts! Please check out the school's social media to see how much fun they had.

## Orienteering Event

Year 6 has a wonderful opportunity to meet other Year 6's and take part in an orienteering event held by St Heddas at Egton playing fields. There were plenty of smiles and lots of new friendships made, the children showed great maturity and problem-solving skills to complete the course and discover the winner word – Friendship.

## Key Stage 2 Cross-Country – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March

Oaks will be taking part in an inter-school cross country event next Thursday in Whitby. Please ensure children arrive at school in appropriate clothing and footwear, with warm layers to wear in between races.



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## Year 3/4 Hockey Event – Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March

Year 3/4 will take part in an inter-school hockey event next Tuesday in Whitby. Please ensure children arrive at school in appropriate clothing and footwear, with warm layers to wear in between matches.

### Help Available - Gas & Electric:

Unity in Community will be providing vouchers **between £28 and £49** to help towards paying for gas and electric. To qualify you must pay for your energy through a **prepayment meter** and have **not received energy vouchers from Unity in Community** within the past year. This is in response to the ongoing cost of living crisis and beneficiaries can be working, unemployed, self-employed or retired. For more information and to register, call **01482 420836**, Monday to Friday, 9am - 2pm – if busy, please keep trying.

[www.unityincommunity.org.uk](http://www.unityincommunity.org.uk)



Have a great weekend!

Mr Cooper

### Attendance:

Our attendance this week was: 97.3%

Our attendance this year: 95.9%

National average for this year: 94.8%

Year Group winners: Year 3 & Year 4 – 100% attendance – Well done!

We are currently ranked 120<sup>th</sup> out of 292 schools in North Yorkshire.

### Last week's reading winners

Oaks: Ted and Henry

Acorns: Clementine, Grace and Thea

### Stars of the Week

Acorns: Alfie- for helping the younger children and modelling how to be 'ready' for learning and for always demonstrating beautiful handwriting. Well done!

Oaks: Henrique – for lots of great effort this week, fantastic handwriting and learning in Science when discovering food chains.

Headteacher: Gabriella and Scarlett – for excellent commitment to improving in maths, especially in Question Time!

### Headteacher timetable

	Morning	Afternoon
Mon	Goathland	Lythe
Tues	Lythe	Castleton
Weds	Goathland	Lythe
Thurs	Castleton all day	
Fri	Lythe	Goathland



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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  
**Music Lessons with Mrs Lillie**

### Tuesday

**Year 5/6 Forest School** please arrive in appropriate kit/footwear  
**Year 3/4 Hockey** please arrive in appropriate kit/footwear

**Art Club for Acorns** with Mrs Smith  
**Peat Rigg Zoom Meeting** with Mr Cooper (5pm)

### Wednesday

**Signing Club** with Katie  
**Year 6 Booster Club** with Mrs Wardell

### Thursday

**Choir Club** with Miss Wilson  
**Key Stage 2 Cross-Country**

### Friday

**No Oaks PE Lessons** due to World Book Day  
**World Book Day**  
**PTFA After School Party (4pm – Castleton Village Hall)**





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## Future Diary Dates

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

### 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

### April

- 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

### Future Diary Dates

- 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

## Remaining Term Dates 2024/25

- 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.*

## Term Dates 2025/2026

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

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