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Dear Families and Friends,

World Book Day – Friday 7th March

We enjoyed a day of celebrating our love of reading on Friday. We dressed in a range of costumes, some of which were donations from the PTFA collection! We took part in a range of activities relating to our favourite books and reading activities. See social media for photos! Each child has created a picture based on their favourite book and it can be used to apply for a Blue Peter Book badge, designed by Sir Quentin Blake himself! Please follow the link below to upload the illustrations and gain a Blue Peter Book badge. Let's see how many badges we can get across the school!



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/findoutmore/blue-peter-apply-for-a-book-badge>

Stay and Play – Monday 10th March

On Monday 10th March (1.30-3pm), we, once again, welcome our new Reception starters into school. There will be a range of activities for children and parents to complete, alongside one of the class teachers, Mrs Barber, and other staff. Mr Cooper will also be in attendance to speak with parents about the school and field any questions they may have.

Choir at Eskdale Festival - Monday 10th March

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.

Children should arrive at school in their uniform with their packed lunch and a drink in a small rucksack – those Choir children in Acorns will not have a PE session that day.

Parents' Evening

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

No Booster Club – Wednesday 12th March

Due to Parents' Evening, there will be no Year 6 Booster Club next Wednesday. Please contact school if you need alternative childcare arrangements.

Oaks Trip to Ryedale Folk Museum – Monday 17th March

On Monday 17th March, Oaks will be travelling to Ryedale Folk Museum alongside their friends from Glaisdale School, as part of their history learning on the Bronze and Iron Age. The trip will take place wholly during the school day, so there is no need to provide additional consent. Children will visit during the afternoon (following an earlier lunch) and return before the end of the school day. They should attend school in their usual uniform with a coat.

Year 5/6 Peat Rigg – Pre-visit Zoom Meeting Recording

It was lovely to see many parents/children at the Year 5/6 pre-visit Zoom on Tuesday. For those unable to attend, there is a link to the recording which was sent out via email earlier this week.



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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:

- Friday 14th March (instead of Tues 11th March)
- Tuesday 18th March
- Tuesday 25th March
- Friday 4th April (instead of Tues 1st April)

Key Stage 2 Cross-Country

Oak Class had a fantastic time at the local cross-country event yesterday, showing amazing determination and resilience at the same time. All the children showed a tremendous attitude and were a pleasure to take. Check out our social media for all the photos!

Year 3/4 Hockey Event

Our fabulous Year 3 and 4 children took part in some fantastic hockey coaching this week, meeting other local school children whilst developing their Hockey skills and techniques.

Mental Health and Well-being

This half term we will be focusing on the importance of gratitude for yourself, others and experiences in our module 'Appreciate.' We invite you to download the Parent App for 'myHappyMind' so that you can see what we are learning in class and gain information about how you can help to support your child's mental health and well-being.

Parent App Video link: <https://myhappymind.lpages.co/myhappymind-parent-app-introduction/> . You will need an authentication code which will be sent to you via e-mail. Please have a look as it has some great information and strategies to support well-being for our children.

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

Thank you to everyone that joined our PTFA Coffee Morning on Saturday and to the PTFA members that ran this event. Thank you, too, for anyone that provided donations towards this. It was lovely to see so many community members getting together. In total, we raised £251.10 for PTFA funds – thank you for your generous support!

Forest School – Oaks

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

- 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.

Perform to an Audience – Martha and Archie's Commercial Appearance

As shared on our Facebook page last week, you may have noticed some familiar faces on your TV screens! Martha and Archie, following some long days auditioning and filming in London, had the opportunity to star in two Tesco adverts! This is a great example of our school oath 'Perform to an Audience'. You can see both adverts here:

<https://youtu.be/1oi51P5rCKw?si=JhZUm0psrv4HjaEy>

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=cSzpkS8f4zM>



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Upcoming Training Day – Friday 21st March

As a reminder, school will be closed to pupils on Friday 21st March due to a staff training day.

Have a great weekend!

Mr Cooper

Attendance:

Our attendance this week was: 98.6%

Our attendance this year: 96.1%

National average for this year: 94.8%

Year Group winners: Reception, Year 1, Year 3 & Year 4 – 100% attendance – Fantastic!

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

Last week's reading winners

Oaks: Martha B & Robyn

Acorns: Jason

Stars of the Week

Acorns: Clementine - for always being so interested in what we are learning about and for making thoughtful contributions to class discussions.

Oaks: The whole class – Mrs Wardell and Mrs Garbutt are incredibly proud of each Oak 'for being the best they can be' in all sporting activities this week, their resilience has shone through!

Headteacher: Archie and Jase – for excellent learning and use of vocabulary in DT this week!

Headteacher timetable

	Morning	Afternoon
Mon	Castleton	Goathland
Tues	Lythe all day	
Weds	Lythe	Castleton
Thurs	Goathland/Airy Hill	Glaisdale/Castleton
Fri	Supporting school in Scarborough	



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Next Week's Events

Monday

Drama club with Miss Searle & Mrs Moore

Eskdale Festival please arrive in uniform

Acorns PE lessons please arrive in appropriate kit/footwear (this only applies to those children not attending Eskdale Festival)

Stay and Play for new starters

Tuesday

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

Art Club for Acorns with Mrs Garbutt

Wednesday

Acorns Forest School please arrive in appropriate kit/footwear

Signing Club with Katie

No Year 6 Booster Club due to parents' evening

Parents' Evening (1/2)

Thursday

Choir Club with Miss Wilson

Parents' Evening (2/2)

Friday

Oaks PE Lessons please arrive in appropriate kit/footwear

Music Lessons with Mrs Lillie

Future Diary Dates

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

March

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

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)

25/06: Oaks Summer Performance (Evening)

26/06: Oaks Summer Performance (Afternoon)

June: Y1 phonics screening

April

01/04: Year 5/6 Netball event

01/04: Year 3/4 Forest School



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Remaining Term Dates 2024/25

- 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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