



NEWSLETTER

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Dear Families and Friends,

Year 5/6 Peat Rigg

Next Wednesday (26th March) our Year 5/6 children will be heading to Peat Rigg alongside their friends from Glaisdale, Oakridge and Lealholm Schools for a fun-packed, adventurous 3 days! The children (and staff) will take part in a range of adventurous, team building and character developing activities led by the centre staff. They will also stay overnight helping to develop their independence.

Children should arrive at school at the usual time with all their kit, wearing their outdoor clothing/footwear for their first day's activities. The children will be collected mid-morning alongside their friends from the other schools. We will aim to keep you updated of our adventures on social media, however you may need to bear with us as the phone signal and wi-fi is limited in this location. We aim to arrive back at school on Friday 28th March at approximately 2pm. Children may be collected early on this day or remain at school with staff until the end of the usual school day.

Year 3/4 – Working with Glaisdale School

Year 5/6 are not the only cohorts working with friends from other schools. Similar to last year, whilst we have children outside of school, we will take this opportunity to mix other pupils. Year 3/4 will have the opportunity to be visited by children from Glaisdale School on Wednesday, where they will be led by Mr Wood and Mrs Garbutt through a range of shared lessons. On Thursday, Castleton pupils will then visit Glaisdale School. Again, there will be chance for shared learning using our joint curriculum, however there will also be a chance to take part in a 'Moors School' and orienteering session which is bespoke to Glaisdale School. We are looking forward to spending time with our peers across the Valley, in preparation for future trips and, eventually, secondary school!

PTFA Meeting – Tuesday 25th March – 3.30pm

All are welcome to join us for our next PTFA meeting which will be taking place in school on Tuesday 25th March at the end of the school day (3.30pm).

Library Van

Acorns will be visiting the Library Van next Thursday (27th March). Please ensure you have all your library books with you to return/swap.

Oaks Trip to Ryedale Folk Museum

Oaks had a great afternoon at Ryedale Folk Museum on Monday, to consolidate their learning on the Iron Age. We visited the reconstructed roundhouse, as well as looking at how society has changed since this era.

Music Lessons

Our remaining music lessons days for the term are as follows:

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

Forest School – Oaks

Year 3/4 will have forest school sessions weekly (on Tuesdays) until the end of term (3 sessions total). Year 5/6 will recommence their sessions in the new term.





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Straws Cup

Our football team joined forces with Glaisdale to take part in the Whitby area football competition. The squad enjoyed wearing their new kits which were kindly funded by Chris Ford Services and Loftus Dental Practice. We performed magnificently well in the group stages, winning 2 of our 3 games, to advance to the knockout stages for the 'winners' section. We battled well in the semi-final against a much larger school but narrowly missed out qualifying for later rounds.

Joan of Arc Hall, Botton, Choir Event, Thursday 22nd May, 2025,

This is a reminder regarding the above event. **All children** are invited to participate in this event. If you would like your child to participate alongside the EAGA Gospel Choir, please complete the indication of attendance form by Monday 24/03/2025 using the link below. Whilst this event is a little while ahead, tickets are limited and we need to inform the organisers of the anticipated number of tickets that may be required, thank you. <https://forms.office.com/e/dy1sjTxvK4>

After school Drama Club, Monday evenings 3:30 – 4:30pm

Due to the success of the existing drama club, it will continue after Easter, up until the end of the school year. The club is currently full, however, a couple of children have indicated that they no longer want to attend. If your child no longer wishes to attend, please inform either Miss Searle or Mrs Moore to enable children on the waiting list to attend, thank you.

Whitby Rotary Club Bursary

We are incredibly proud of all our musicians who took part in the Eskdale Festival of the Arts and the awards just keep on coming, as we have a recipient of the Whitby Rotary Club Bursary in our midst! Congratulations to Martha B who is the recipient of this bursary which was awarded for an "outstanding vocal performance". This is fantastic news, and we are very proud!

Have a great weekend!

Mr Cooper

Attendance:

Our attendance this week was: 95.6%

Our attendance this year: 96.1%

National average for this year: 94.8%

Year Group winners: Year 5 and Year 6

We are currently ranked 131st out of 293 schools in North Yorkshire.

Last week's reading winners

Oaks: Ted and Ernest

Acorns: Beverley, Alfie, Ada and Grace

Stars of the week

No Stars of the Week this week due to the training day.



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Headteacher timetable		
	Morning	Afternoon
Mon	Lythe	Castleton
Tues	Goathland	Castleton
Weds	Castleton	Lythe
Thurs	Goathland	Lythe
Fri	Conference in York	

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)

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

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

Next Week's Events

Monday

Drama club with Miss Searle & Mrs Moore

Acorns PE lessons please arrive in appropriate kit/footwear

Tuesday

Music Lessons with Mrs Lillie

Year 3/4 Forest School please arrive in appropriate kit/footwear

Art Club for Acorns with Mrs Smith

Wednesday

Signing Club with Katie

No Year 6 Booster Club due to Peat Rigg

Year 5/6 Peat Rigg (Day 1/3)

Thursday

Library Van

Choir Club with Miss Wilson

Year 5/6 Peat Rigg (Day 2/3)

Year 3/4 Visiting Glaisdale School please arrive in appropriate outdoor clothing/footwear

Friday

No Oaks PE due to Peat Rigg

Year 5/6 Peat Rigg (Day 3/3) returning 2pm (approx.)



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Future Diary Dates

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

March

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
28/04: Year 5/6 Forest School
29/04: Whole school swimming sessions begin

May

08/05: VE Day Commemorations
12/05: Y5/6 Forest School
12/05-16/05: Y6 SATs Week
19/05: Year 3/4 Forest School
21/05: Acorns Danby Moors Centre Trip
21/05: Cricket Engagement Day
22/05: Library Van
22/05: Gospel Choir Concert (6pm)

23/05: Year 5/6 Climbing Trip

June

02/06-13/06: Y4 Multiplication Check
02/06: Year 3/4 Forest School
09/06: Year 5/6 Forest School
11/06: School photos
16/06: Year 3/4 Forest School
17-18/06: Year 6 Edinburgh Trip
20/06: Cycling Event for selected pupils
23/06: Year 5/6 Forest School
25/06: Oaks Summer Performance (Evening)
26/06: Oaks Summer Performance (Afternoon)
30/06: Sports Day (Provisional)
June: Y1 phonics screening

July

02/07: Oaks Author Visit (TBC)
07/07: Year 3/4/5 Forest School
07-11/07: Whitby School Transition Week
14/07: Whole school beach day
16/07: Year 6 Crucial Crew (TBC)
17/07: Library Van
18/07: Leavers' Assembly

Remaining Term Dates 2024/25

- 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

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

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



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