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Dear Families and Friends,

After-School Wraparound Club

We are delighted to announce that we have received funding to start a paid-for after-school wraparound club in the near future (subject to the appointment of a new staff member). The cost of this club will be subsidised by this funding (for up to 2 years), so will initially be set as £2 per hour. The club will run from 3.30-5.30pm and will be open to all children in all year groups. For children stopping after 4.30pm, a light snack will be provided.

Please note that this will not impact upon extra-curricular clubs (e.g. Signing, Choir). These will still run as normal and will be free-of-charge. Any child subsequently stopping for the paid-for after-school club after this time will be charged at the £2 per hour rate, e.g. if a child attends Choir between 3.30-4.30pm and then the paid-for after-school care, the total charge will be £2, including the light snack.

We aim to start this club as soon as possible but this is subject to the appointment of a new staff member – see below for information. We will communicate a start date in due course.

Vacancy: After-school Club Worker

As stated above, we are looking for an after-school club worker to lead our new provision, starting ASAP. Please see/share the advert here: <https://nycjobs.engageats.co.uk/Vacancies/W/2372/0/448793/19927/after-school-club-assistant>

Headteacher Arrangements – Summer Term Onwards

Mr Cooper has now concluded his interim headships at Lythe and Goathland school, following the appointment of Mr Wood as their substantive headteacher. This means Mr Cooper will revert to being the Executive Headteacher across Glaisdale and Castleton, splitting his time evenly across the week alongside other trust-wide commitments. Please refer to the timetable below on a weekly basis for his availability. As always, Mrs Wardell (Castleton) and, now, Mrs Laura Barber (Glaisdale) will manage any immediate issues in Mr Cooper's absence.

Forest School

There will be no Forest School sessions in the first week back after Easter. Sessions will start again for Acorns on Wednesday 30th April with fortnightly sessions thereafter.

Oaks will have a new Forest School day, as swimming sessions will take place on Tuesday afternoons. The new slot will be Monday afternoons. Year 5/6 will have their first sessions on Monday 28th April and Monday 12th May. Year 3/4 will have their first sessions on Monday 19th May and Monday 2nd June. All future sessions are listed in the diary section below.

Swimming Lessons

Swimming lessons will start for all children on Tuesday 29th April at Loftus Swimming Baths. We will have 10 sessions across the term on Tuesday afternoons. This will exclude SATs Week in May.

You will have received a link (which is also provided below) to provide consent and other vital information, including your child's swimming competencies which will help us arrange our sessions. Also included in this is information on our suggested voluntary contribution (£3.50 per session) from parents towards the cost of the transport. Please complete this form by Thursday 24th April. <https://forms.office.com/e/7mQ87bLCLL>

My Happy Mind Bronze Accreditation

We are pleased to announce that we are now a My Happy Mind bronze accredited school. Please see the poster below for more information on what this means.

YEAT Newsletter

Please find our latest trust-wide newsletter here: <https://www.yeat.co.uk/newsletters/>





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

Thank you to all of those who have confirmed their children will be attending the above. Tickets will be prioritised for the families of these children. Please see the school office/Miss Wilson to reserve or purchase your tickets. Tickets will be on sale for the general public from April 16th at 'Off the Scale' and then at school when we reopen after Easter. Tickets are priced at £10 per ticket and will be cash only please. We are sure that this will be a fantastic evening to look forward to and to sharing this with the community. Thank you to the PFTA for all of their help and support so far in organising this event.

Year 6/PTFA Coffee Morning – Saturday 19th April

The Year 6s have worked together to share the responsibility (along with parental support) for the upcoming Coffee Morning which will take place on Saturday 19th April. The PTFA will also be in attendance on this date with some Easter activities. The PTFA will also be providing the floats for all stalls, as any additional funds raised (on top of those required by the Year 6s for their Edinburgh visit) will be donated to the PTFA.

Oaks River Trip

On Monday our Oaks ventured along the River Esk to consolidate their Geography learning and completed a study of the river. We had a great afternoon taking our learning outside the classroom and even managed a lunch stop at the Cricket pitch. Thank you, Castleton CC, for allowing us to use the picnic benches.

Year 5/6 Netball Event

We were delighted to finish 2nd in the Whitby area Stingers Netball competition held at Whitby School. The children worked well as a team, displaying excellent sporting behaviour and determination throughout the event. Well done team!

Music Lessons

After Easter, our music lessons will take place on Thursdays.

End of Term

School is now closed for the Easter break. We will return to school on **Tuesday** 22nd April, following Easter Monday.

Have a lovely Easter!

Mr Cooper

Attendance:

Our attendance this week was: 99.1% Our attendance this year: 96.2% National average for this year: 94.9%
Year Group winners: Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 6! 100% - Just incredible!
We are currently ranked 117th out of 293 schools in North Yorkshire.

Last week's reading winners

Oaks: Ernest

Acorns: Julia and Clementine

Stars of the week

Acorns: Julia - for great progress in Phonics and for always being so determined and hard-working. Well done!

Oaks: Our Netball team – a brilliant display of skill and sportsmanship in some tough games. A fantastic sporting achievement!



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Next Week's Events

- Monday** **Bank Holiday – School Closed**
- Tuesday** **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
Music Lessons with Mrs Lillie
Stay and Play for new starters (1.30pm)
- Friday** **Oaks PE** please arrive in appropriate kit and footwear
Year 4 Cricket event (all day) at Mulgrave CC

| Headteacher timetable | | |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|-----------|
| | Morning | Afternoon |
| Mon | Bank Holiday – School Closed | |
| Tues | Glaisdale | |
| Weds | Castleton | |
| Thurs | Glaisdale | Castleton |
| Fri | Glaisdale | |

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)



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Future Diary Dates

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

April

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 1:30-3pm
25/04: Year 4 Cricket Event (all day)
28/04: Year 5/6 Forest School
29/04: Whole school swimming sessions begin
30/04: Acorn Forest School

May

02/05: Year 3 /4 Quad kids event
05/05: Bank Holiday (school closed)
08/05: VE Day Commemorations
09/05: Year 4 Golf event
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
12/06: Acorns Quad kids event
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 Forest School
08 – 10/07: 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
21/07: Final day of school year
22/07: Staff training day

Remaining Term Dates 2024/25

- 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**
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Parents and Carers! Thank you!

We are proud to announce that our school is officially a myHappyMind Bronze Accredited school. The Accreditation recognises schools that are embedding the myHappyMind curriculum into school life and taking real action to improve the mental health and well-being of the school community.

We would like to thank those parents who provided feedback about the programme, which supported the application. As we were successful with our application, we will receive some fantastic resources to help us embed the myHappyMind curriculum next year including a Wheel of Gratitude to help us develop an Attitude of Gratitude.

Want to learn more about the science of myHappyMind and how you can use myHappyMind techniques at home? Why not grab a copy of myHappyMind's Founder, Laura Earnshaw's best selling book 'My Happy Mind'

<https://myhappymind.org/mhmbook>

Don't forget to sign up to the FREE Parent app, you can use the QR code below to download it.

