



# NEWSLETTER

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Dear Families and Friends,

## After-School Wraparound Club

Thank you to all who shared our recent job advert for an after-school worker. We will be holding interviews for the position next week and hope to inform you, after this, when this provision can begin. In the meantime, if you are interested in this paid-for provision in the future, please complete this online form signalling this intention:

<https://forms.office.com/e/3K2xRhbvq8>

As a reminder: This will be a paid-for club, however the cost will be subsidised by additional funding we have received (for up to 2 years). The initially cost will 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 staying 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 staying 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.

## VE Day 80th Anniversary - Thursday 8th May

Thursday 8th May 2025 marks the 80th anniversary of VE Day, with the people, families and communities of our great nation coming together to unite and celebrate 80 years of peace since the end of World War II in Europe and commemorate the many millions who paid the ultimate sacrificed to achieve it.

Reverend Sally will be leading a service at 4pm at St. Michael & George Church Castleton where the children will be singing "I Vow to thee my Country". We are inviting all children and their families to walk down to the church after school on Thursday 8th May to share in this historic event together.

All those children in Choir Club will be attending the service and if they have no family member attending the service they will need collecting from Castleton Church at 4:30pm, rather than from school.

Please come along with your children to support this shared moment of history and celebration - **all welcome**.

Details of further plans for the day can be found in the attached Danby Beacon Trust Programme.

## The EAGA Gospel Choir Community Concert - Thursday 22nd May (6pm) - Joan of Arc Hall, Botton

Tickets are now being sold to the wider community for this event. Thank you to all of those who have already bought tickets. Those of you with reserved tickets they are ready to collect from the school office, cash only please. If your child/children are not signed up for the event and you would like them to partake, please see the school office or Miss Wilson, there are tickets available. Just to remind you that this event is open to **all children**, not just those in the school choir and it is a community event. Tickets are free for Castleton school children who are involved in the concert and £10 per person otherwise and available from school and "Off the Scale".

Please see new and amended poster below (previously sent one had incorrect time stated). Please help to spread the word about the community. Thank you.

**Raffle prizes** - The PFTA will be having a raffle at the Gospel Choir concert event on Thursday 22nd May. Please can we kindly ask for any raffle prize donations for this event. They would be greatly appreciated and can be brought to the school office over the course of the next couple of weeks. Thank you for your continued support.

**No Choir - Thursday 22nd May** - Due to the Gospel Choir event, there will be no choir club on this evening.



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## Forest School

Forest School sessions will recommence next week. Oaks will have a new Forest School day – Monday afternoons – due to swimming taking place on Tuesdays. Year 5/6 will have the first session (Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April) and then a session on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May. Year 3/4 will have their first two sessions on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May and Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June. Acorns will have fortnightly sessions starting on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April. All future sessions are listed in the diary section below.

## Swimming Lessons

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

Please ensure your child attends school with their swimming kit and towel in a separate bag to change in/out of. With these sessions taking place in the afternoon, we would not recommend children wearing their kit underneath their clothes throughout the day. Parents who have not already completed the consent/child's swimming ability form have been contacted directly. The link to the form is also here: <https://forms.office.com/e/7mQ87bLCLL>

**Please note, Acorns will not have a separate PE session this term**

## Year 4 Cricket

A great day was had by all of Year 4 at their cricket event today. Held at Mulgrave CC it was a fantastic opportunity for our children to compete in a number of cricket games against other local schools. Well done Year 4 for your determination to succeed and impeccable behaviour on and off the cricket pitch.

## Year 3/4 Quad Kids

Next Friday (2<sup>nd</sup> May) our Year 3 and 4 children will venture to Whitby School to take part in a Quad Kids event where they will compete in a mixture of running, throwing and jumping events. The children will need to come to school wearing their PE kit and if warm bring a sun hat and suncream.

## Young Artists Competition – Mythical Madness

During Art Club last term our budding artists completed a piece of artwork where they had to draw a Mythical creature. It was wonderful to learn that after entering the National Young Artists Mythical Madness Art competition some of our children's artwork will be published in their book! We still don't know who the overall winner is as this will be announced in June however a massive well done is in order for Benjamin, Emily, Gabriel, Harper, Thea and Grace whose artwork will be published in the Mythical Madness book for all to see! Well done!

## Year 6/PTFA Coffee Morning

A massive well done to our Year 6s and their families, as well as the PTFA, for a very successful Coffee Morning in aid of the Year 6's visit to Edinburgh in June. They managed to raise a fantastic total of £450 which has more than covered the amount required for the trip for the Year 6s who attended this event. The surplus raised will go to PTFA funds who are also subsidising the Edinburgh trip. Thank you to everyone who attended and/or donated towards the event.

## Stay and Play

It was lovely to, once again, welcome our new starters into school, to help get used to their soon-to-be-new surroundings! We are planning to hold future sessions throughout the summer term so that the children feel happy and comfortable as they transition to school in September. These will include two half day sessions with lunch provided.



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## Upcoming Bank Holiday

Please note that school will be closed for the upcoming bank holiday on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May.

Have a great weekend!

Mr Cooper

## Attendance:

Our attendance this week was: 97.1%

Our attendance this year: 96.3%

National average for this year: 94.8%

Year Group winners: Reception, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5.

We are currently ranked 117<sup>th</sup> out of 293 schools in North Yorkshire.

## Last week's reading winners

Acorns: Beverley

## Termly reading draw winners

Grace, Martha B and Ella – Well Done!

## Stars of the week

Acorns: Lucy and Archie - for excellent work with money in Maths this week. Super mental addition!

Oaks: Hordiy – for fantastic commitment to his Maths mental arithmetic, the hard work is proving itself with incredible scores this week.

## Next Week's Events

### Monday

**Year 5/6 Forest School** please arrive in appropriate clothing/footwear  
**Drama Club** with Mrs Moore and Miss Searle

### Tuesday

**Art Club for Acorns** with Mrs Garbutt  
**Swimming for all pupils** please arrive with swimwear/towels in separate bag

### Wednesday

**Acorns Forest School** please arrive in appropriate clothing/footwear  
**Singing Club** with Katie  
**Year 6 Booster Club** with Mrs Wardell

### Thursday

**Choir Club** with Miss Wilson  
**Music Lessons** with Mrs Lillie

### Friday

**Oaks PE** please arrive in appropriate kit and footwear  
**Year 3/4 Quad Kids** please arrive in appropriate kit and footwear



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Headteacher timetable		
	Morning	Afternoon
Mon	Online meetings all day – not in school	
Tues	Castleton	
Weds	Glaisdale	Castleton
Thurs	Castleton	Glaisdale
Fri	Glaisdale	Lealholm

## 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](mailto:headteacher.cg@yeat.co.uk))

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

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

## Future Diary Dates

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

### April

- 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: No Choir Club
- 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



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## Remaining Term Dates 2024/25

- 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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**BBC GOSPEL CHOIR OF THE YEAR**



**EAGA**  
**GOSPEL CHOIR**

WITH SUPPORT FROM  
THE CHILDREN OF CASTLETON SCHOOL  
**THURSDAY 22 MAY | 6PM**  
**JOAN OF ARC HALL, BOTTON**  
**TICKETS £10**  
AVAILABLE FROM 'OFF THE SCALE' (CASH ONLY)







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