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Dear Families and Friends,

After-School Wraparound Club

We are pleased to announce that we have appointed Mrs Alex Murrell to our Castleton team in the role of after-school club worker. As stated on previous newsletters, we are looking to start a new after-school provision between 3.30-5.30pm, to aid families who require more comprehensive childcare options.

We are aiming to start this provision after the May half-term break, with the first date this service will be available being Monday 2nd June. More details on how to book sessions will be shared soon – these will be done via MCAS.

In the meantime, we would be very grateful if we could gauge interest in the provision. If you have not done so already, please complete this online form to share your interest in the provision: <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 which we have received (for up to 2 years). The initial 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 attending 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.

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.



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

Forest School

Forest School sessions have now restarted, with Acorns and Year 5/6 having their first session this week.

Due to the Bank Holiday and as a SATs Week treat for our Year 6s, the next Oaks session will also be for Year 5/6, taking place on Monday 12th May. Acorns next session will take place on Wednesday 14th May. Year 3/4 will have their first two sessions on Monday 19th May and Monday 2nd June. All future sessions are listed in the diary section below.

Swimming

We apologise for the confusion with swimming this week. Unfortunately, our coach company let us down due to an administrative error at their end. We will now have an additional session on Tuesday 13th May, when we were due to miss a week due to SATs week. To confirm, children will be swimming every Tuesday until the end of the school year.

Curriculum Overviews

Please find, sent alongside this newsletter, our curriculum overviews for this term for both classes. We hope you find these useful in detailing what children will learn, as well as a provocation for discussion at home about these topics.

Year 4 Golf Competition

On Friday 9th May Year 4 children will be visiting Whitby Golf Club for the afternoon to partake in some golf activities. Please can we request that your child comes to school with a sun hat and suncream so they can reapply before we leave on the Heather Hopper – let's hope for some glorious weather!

Upcoming Bank Holiday

Please note that school will be closed Monday (5th May) due to the bank holiday.

Have a great bank holiday weekend!

Mr Cooper

Attendance:

Our attendance this week was: 98.5%

Our attendance this year: 96.3%

National average for this year: 94.8%

Year Group winners: Year 1, Year 3 and Year 5 – all 100%, Well Done!

We are currently ranked 96th out of 293 schools in North Yorkshire.

Last week's reading winners

Oaks - Juniper

Stars of the week

Acorns: Beverley- for excellent arithmetic during question time and consistently gaining full marks!

Oaks: Ivan – for being a very active and conscientious learner in lessons and producing a fantastic fantasy narrative.

Headteacher: Barnaby – for holding doors opening for people without being prompted, showing politeness beyond his age!



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Next Week's Events

- Monday** **Bank Holiday**
- Tuesday** **Art Club for Acorns** with Mrs Smith
Swimming for all pupils please arrive with swimwear/towels in separate bag
- Wednesday** **Signing Club** with Katie
Year 6 Booster Club with Mrs Wardell
- Thursday** **VE Day Commemorations**
Choir Club with Miss Wilson (please collect from Church)
Music Lessons with Mrs Lillie
- Friday** **Oaks PE** please arrive in appropriate kit and footwear
Year 4 Golf Competition please arrive in appropriate kit and footwear

Headteacher Timetable		
	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	Bank Holiday	
Tuesday	Castleton	Glaisdale
Wednesday	Castleton	Oakridge
Thursday	Castleton	
Friday	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.

May

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

Remaining Term Dates 2024/25

- 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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CASTLETON SCHOOL
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BBC GOSPEL CHOIR OF THE YEAR



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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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