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Dear Families and Friends,

## Year 6 SATs Week

Our Year 6 children have been busily preparing for taking their end of KS2 SATs assessments. These are national tests that all Year 6 children across the country will take next week. We know that they have been working extremely hard to prepare for these and they are ready to do themselves proud. Good luck Year 6 from all at Castleton.

Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 1: questions English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 2: spelling
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	English reading
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Mathematics Paper 1: arithmetic Mathematics Paper 2: reasoning
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Mathematics Paper 3: reasoning

## Music Lessons

As a result of SATs week and other meetings scheduled, our music lessons will take place on **Friday** next week (only).

## After-School Wraparound Club

Please continue to complete this interest form for our new after-school provision starting after half-term:

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

Thank you to those families that have already completed this – there is no need to complete again. We will communicate arrangements for the club in good time for the new half-term, e.g. booking system, food arrangements. Please be reassured that there will definitely be this service starting Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June, led by Mrs Murrell.

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

It was a pleasure to see our Choir and so many community members in Church on Thursday afternoon to commemorate the 80th anniversary of VE Day. We were very proud of Miss Wilson and our Choir leading a rendition of I Vow to Thee My Country.

## Year 2 Play Leader training – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May

Our Year 2s had a fantastic morning working with Ms Twamley developing their leadership skills and games they can deliver to other Acorn children during play time. We are so very proud of their insightful questions and answers as well as their leadership skills. Ms Twamley was incredibly impressed too with our children's creative and enthusiastic nature, even enjoying her pretend Sunday lunch down at the mud kitchen during morning break!

## Year 6 Edinburgh Trip Zoom Meeting – Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May (5pm)

Mr Cooper will lead a short Zoom meeting for Year 6 children/families regarding the upcoming trip to Edinburgh. This will be a chance to find out more about the itinerary, what to pack and the activities, as well as a chance to ask any questions. The meeting will be recorded for any families unable to attend. A link has been sent separately with details on how to join this Zoom meeting.

## 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 these can be paid for and collected as soon as possible, it would be greatly appreciated.** 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





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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.

## Forthcoming Book – 'Crazy Castleton Caper'

On World Book Day the children worked very hard to produce a picture each to accompany a verse of a poem written about them by Mrs Moore. The book is very nearly completed and we hope to get it to the printers soon. We just need a picture/pictures for the front and back cover. In view of this, we are running a small competition for the children to produce a picture for either the front or back cover or both. The picture can be created in any medium (as long as it can be scanned in), on A4 paper in landscape to fill the page. Bolder/brighter colours seem to show up the best. If your child would like the opportunity to have their picture as the front or back cover, we would welcome their art work.

Have a great weekend,

**Mr Cooper**  
Executive Headteacher

## Attendance:

Our attendance this week was: 97.9%

Our attendance this year: 96.4%

National average for this year: 94.8%

Year Group winners: Year 2, Year 3 and Year 5 – all 100%, Well Done!

We are currently ranked 97<sup>th</sup> out of 293 schools in North Yorkshire.

## Last week's reading winners

Oaks – Double draw this week due to Quad Kids last Friday

Acorns - Beverley

## Stars of the week

Acorns: Ella- for fantastic phonics and reading and for always being so enthusiastic about her learning.

Oaks: Layla – for saving the day and teaching her group swimming as well as persevering and producing her best piece of English writing with fantastic spelling.

Headteacher: Robyn – for always being brilliant; for excellent writing and for always being willing to share a smile!



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## 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))

## Next Week's Events

- Monday**                      **Year 6 SATs: Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar paper**  
**Year 5/6 Forest School** please arrive in appropriate kit and footwear  
**Drama Club** with Miss Searle and Mrs Moore
- Tuesday**                     **Year 6 SATs: Reading paper**  
**Art Club for Acorns** with Mrs Smith  
**Swimming for all pupils** please arrive with swimwear/towels in separate bag
- Wednesday**                **Year 6 SATs: Maths paper 1 and 2**  
**Acorns Forest School (AM)** please arrive in appropriate kit and footwear  
**Signing Club** with Katie
- Thursday**                    **Year 6 SATs: Maths paper 3**  
**Choir Club** with Miss Wilson
- Friday**                        **Oaks PE** please arrive in appropriate kit and footwear  
**Music Lessons with Mrs Lillie**

Headteacher Timetable		
	Morning	Afternoon
<b>Monday</b>	Glaisdale	
<b>Tuesday</b>	Castleton	Glaisdale
<b>Wednesday</b>	Glaisdale	Castleton
<b>Thursday</b>	Castleton	
<b>Friday</b>	Glaisdale	Castleton



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## Future Diary Dates

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

### May

- 12/05: Y5/6 Forest School
- 12/05-16/05: Y6 SATs Week
- 19/05: Year 3/4 Forest School
- 20/05: Year 6 Edinburgh Zoom Meeting
- 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

- 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
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## CASTLETON SCHOOL PROUDLY PRESENTS BBC GOSPEL CHOIR OF THE YEAR



# EAGA GOSPEL CHOIR

COMMUNITY CONCERT  
THURSDAY 22 MAY | 6PM

JOAN OF ARC HALL, BOTTON

TICKETS £10

AVAILABLE FROM 'OFF THE SCALE' & CASTLETON SCHOOL  
(CASH ONLY)

ALL WELCOME!



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