



# NEWSLETTER

16/05/2025



Dear Families and Friends,

## Well Done Year 6!

We are incredibly proud of our Year 6s this week, following the completion of their end of Key Stage 2 assessments (SATs). All year round, the children have approached these with the right, positive attitude, working hard to improve without making these assessments into more of a burden than they should be. We are looking forward to celebrating their achievements when the results are received in mid-July. Well done, Year 6!

## After-School Wraparound Club

You can now book slots for our new after-school wraparound club on MCAS! You should be able to see a separate option for after-school club where you can book the slots required. Please ensure you also 'check out' these bookings after reservation, so that payment can be collected. Please get in touch with the school office if you are having trouble accessing. You may also book slots directly with the school office, e.g. when short notice booking is required.

For those using the club regularly, we want to understand what, if any, snacks/food you would like providing for your children (if they stay after 4.30pm). This food will be provided as part of the cost of the club (£2 per hour). Please complete this simple online form to indicate what you would like provided: <https://forms.office.com/e/ZBDFXNKRqe>

## 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.

## Acorns Visit to Danby Moors Centre – Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May

As part of our Geography topic, we have been exploring the local area and developing our map reading skills. To consolidate this learning, we will be visiting Danby Moors Centre on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May to take part in a treasure hunt and map reading activity which is inspired by Nick Butterworth's book 'The Treasure Hunt.' The visit will take place within normal school hours and all children will be provided with a packed lunch from the school kitchen. As children will be taking part in a cricket session before the visit to Danby Moors Centre, please could all children come to school wearing PE kits which can also be worn for the visit. We just ask that legs and arms are covered to avoid scratches as we will be outside in the woods at Danby Moors Centre and appropriate clothing for the weather such as raincoats, hats, suncream.

## Cricket Engagement Day – Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May

On Wednesday, Owen Batchelor will be visiting the school again to deliver some cricket coaching. Throughout the day each child will take part in a cricket session with him so therefore can children please come to school in their PE kit.

## Library Van – Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

In between our busy gospel choir workshop schedule, we will also endeavour to visit the library van on Thursday. Please ensure you have all books that are ready to be returned on this day.

## Gospel Choir Workshop – Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

We are looking forward to 'performing to an audience', once again, this time alongside EAGA Gospel Choir. On Thursday, the children will have workshops with the choir before we have chance to perform to parents at the Village Hall at 3pm and then later (6pm), at our main performance, at Joan of Arc Hall, Botton. Tickets are still on sale at school. We also have some tickets ready for collection and/or payment at school.



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For children performing at the evening performance in Botton, please arrive in good time for the 6pm start, wearing normal school uniform. The event will finish no later than 7pm.

**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.

## **Year 5/6 Climbing Trip – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May**

Our Year 5 and 6 children are very excited to be going on their climbing trip to Scugdale on Friday. The children will need to come to school in comfortable layers and suitable footwear for climbing (please no wellies, trainers will be adequate), as well as sunhats, suncream and a coat. Can we please request the following:

- Parents/guardians need to fill in the two consent forms on the letter emailed to you;
- Packed lunch requests are made via the form on the letter should you require a packed lunch to be prepared at school;
- The trip payment is made via MCAS.

Please also note we shall be **leaving school at 8.45am** to get the most out of the day, we will return to school for the end of the school day.

## **End of Half-Term**

As a reminder, next Friday (23<sup>rd</sup> May) will be the final day of what has been a very short half-term. School will be closed until Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

Have a great weekend,

**Mr Cooper**

**Executive Headteacher**

## **Attendance:**

Our attendance this week was: 97.3%

Our attendance this year: 96.4%

National average for this year: 94.8%

Year Group winners: Year 2, Year 5 and Year 6 – 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 – Martha B and Heidi

Acorns - Bobbi

## **Stars of the week**

Acorns: Miles- for fantastic addition and subtraction work in Maths and for being such an independent and focused learner.

Oaks: Dylan – for being an integral part of Oak class, we will miss you!

Headteacher: Year 6 – for being amazing superstars in preparation for, and completion of, their SATs!



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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 3/4 Forest School** please arrive in appropriate kit and footwear  
**Drama Club** with Miss Searle and Mrs Moore
- Tuesday**                    **Art Club for Acorns** with Mrs Smith  
**Swimming for all pupils** please arrive with swimwear/towels in separate bag  
**Year 6 Edinburgh Trip Zoom (5pm)**
- Wednesday**              **Acorns Trip to Danby Moors Centre**  
**Cricket Engagement Day** please arrive in appropriate kit and footwear  
**Signing Club** with Katie
- Thursday**                  **Library Van**  
**Gospel Choir Workshop and Afternoon(3pm)/Evening(6pm) Performances**  
**No Choir Club**  
**Music Lessons** with Mrs Lillie
- Friday**                      **Oaks PE** please arrive in appropriate kit and footwear  
**Year 5/6 Climbing Trip**

Headteacher Timetable		
	Morning	Afternoon
<b>Monday</b>	Castleton	
<b>Tuesday</b>	Glaisdale	Airy Hill
<b>Wednesday</b>	Meetings off-site all day	
<b>Thursday</b>	Glaisdale	Castleton
<b>Friday</b>	Castleton	Glaisdale



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## Future Diary Dates

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

### May

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 (confirmed)

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
- Staff Training Day – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026

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