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Dear Families and Friends,

After-School Wraparound Club

We have been delighted to see our new after-school wraparound club start this week. As a reminder, this service is available every day after school (3.30-5.30pm children can attend 4:30-5:30 if attending an afterschool activity) at the cost of £2 per hour per child. You can book slots up to 24 hours in advance on MCAS or, if required, at short notice via the School Office. We hope that this service grows to be very useful for families as an additional childcare option, as well as a space for children to unwind after a day at school, taking part in fun activities such as arts and crafts, sports, nature trails, outdoor play and games. Children are provided with a snack and/or have the opportunity to complete homework before they are collected by a family member.

Alex who is running the club will be available on Monday (9th June) from 3:20pm if you'd like to say hello or have any questions, she's more than happy to chat to you and has some information to hand out with more information on what activities children can have a go at whilst at afterschool club over the next few weeks.

We are offering two free taster sessions for anyone wanting to give the afterschool wraparound club a try. These will take place on Wednesday 11th of June (3:30-4:30) and Monday 16th June (3:30-4:30). To book your children onto these sessions, please contact the school office directly. Any child already booked into one of these sessions will receive this free of charge. If you are interested in a free taster session but the above dates are not convenient, please contact the school office, so that these can be arranged.

We are also excited to offer the children an opportunity to name the club - more information to follow next week.

Meal Prices – September 2025

This year, our meal price has been fixed at £3 for parents of children who are required to pay for their meals. This is despite an increase in cost to the school from North Yorkshire Council Caterers. The charge to school, this year, has risen substantially to £3.53 per meal. In September, this cost to school will rise further to £3.81. The school will continue absorb some of this cost within its own budget, to allow as many families as possible the opportunity to have a school lunch each day. However, from September 2025, we will have to raise the amount we charge parents to £3.25 per meal, to allow this to be sustainable for the school's budget. Thank you for your understanding.

School Photos

On Wednesday 11th June, we will be having our annual whole school and class photos. Please ensure your child comes to school in their smartest uniform, including school jumper/cardigan, so that we can get the best photo possible. As a reminder, individual student photos will be taken in the autumn term.

Music Lessons

Please note that music lessons will take place on Monday next week. For the remaining 5 weeks of term, lessons will return to Thursdays as normal.

Acorns Quad Kids

Children in Acorns will be attending an athletics event next Thursday 12th June at Whitby School. Please ensure that your child attends school on this day in their full P.E kit including trainers. They will also require a waterproof coat and sun cap with suncream applied. They will return to school for the end of the usual school day.



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Transition for New Starters

We are looking forward to welcoming our new Reception children on **Wednesday 18th June** 9am-1pm and **Thursday 10th July** 9am-1pm when they can join Acorn class without parents to experience all aspects of school life before joining us full time in September. Parents are invited to join us for lunch at 12pm on Wednesday 18th June and there will be a short meeting for parents on Thursday 10th July at 12:30pm. The children will be taking part in our outdoor learning session on Wednesday 18th June so please could they come in old clothes and bring a coat and wellies. We will also be visiting the children's nursey settings this half term so that we can continue to form relationships with the children and ensure that they feel safe, comfortable and happy when they join us in September.

PTFA Meeting

Unfortunately, our PTFA meeting this week was postponed. We are due to rearrange for an informal meeting ahead of the next PTFA-supported event: the Oaks summer production.

Relationships and Sex Education – Year 5 and 6

Next week, Year 5 and 6 will have their first session of statutory sex education lessons with Mr Cooper and Mrs Wardell. Children will be provided with supporting materials, so they can understand these important messages, knowing how their bodies may change in the future and the reasons for this.

Key Stage 2 Mini Triathlon

Oaks class is looking forward to attending the Brownlee Foundation Mini-Triathlon in Harrogate next Friday 13th June. Please complete the Microsoft form that has been sent to you this week to indicate if your child/children require a school packed lunch and please communicate their swimming ability. We will be travelling with our friends from Glaisdale School to the event. Our children will be taking part in a short swim, then a short cycling race followed by a short distance run. Please ensure that your child/children brings a bag to school with a swimsuit/swimming shorts, a towel, a spare change of clothes and goggles if they require them. Your child/children should attend school in their full P.E kit including trainers. We have been allocated an afternoon time slot for the event so our approximate arrival time back to school is 4.30pm (traffic depending). We will update you regularly via Facebook regarding this.

School start time

This is a polite reminder to say that children can be brought to school between **8:50am and 9:00am for a prompt start at 9:00am**, unless they are attending Breakfast Club. To ensure the safety of your child, parents/carers must accompany children until they are in the care of school staff. School staff are not always available prior to 8:50am due to planning, preparation and meeting commitments.

Forthcoming book – 'Crazy Castleton Caper'

We had a great response to the competition for pictures for the front and back cover for our forthcoming book. Two pictures have now been selected and we hope to have the book printed over the next couple of weeks. All of the children worked very hard to produce a picture which applies to them and there is some excellent art work which we look forward to sharing with you.

Have a great weekend,

Mr Cooper
Executive Headteacher



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Attendance:

Our attendance this week was: 90.8%

Our attendance this year: 96.7%

National average for this year: 94.9%

Year Group winners: Year 5 and 6 – 100% Well done!

We are currently ranked 90th out of 294 schools in North Yorkshire.

Last week's reading winners

Oaks – Double draw this week with Year 5 and 6 being on their climbing trip last Friday.

Acorns – Clementine and Thea

Stars of the week

Acorns: Luke- for great phonics and reading progress. You are impressing us with those speedy green words, Luke!

Oaks: Ella – for incredible progress in Maths and always putting 100% into every lesson and subject, a superstar learner!

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)

Next Week's Events (after half-term)

Monday	Year 5/6 Forest School please arrive in appropriate kit and footwear Drama Club with Miss Searle and Mrs Moore Music Lessons with Mrs Lillie
Tuesday	Art Club for Acorns with Mrs Garbutt Swimming for all pupils please arrive with swimwear/towels in separate bag
Wednesday	Signing Club with Katie
Thursday	Acorns Quad Kids please arrive in appropriate kit and footwear Choir Club
Friday	Oaks Mini-Triathlon please arrive in appropriate kit and footwear



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Headteacher Timetable		
	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	Castleton	Glaisdale
Tuesday	Glaisdale	
Wednesday	Glaisdale	Castleton
Thursday	Castleton	
Friday	Glaisdale	Castleton

Future Diary Dates

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

June

02/06-13/06: Y4 Multiplication Check
 09/06: Year 5/6 Forest School
 09/06-13/06: Year 1 phonics screening
 11/06: School photos
 11/06: After-School Club Free Taster Session
 12/06: Acorns Quad Kids event
 16/06: Year 3/4 Forest School
 16/06: After-School Club Free Taster Session
 17-18/06: Year 6 Edinburgh Trip
 18/06: Acorns Forest School
 18/06: New Starters in School
 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)

July

02/07: Acorns Forest School
 02/07: Oaks Author Visit (TBC)
 07/07: Year 3/4 Forest School
 08 – 10/07: Whitby School Transition Week
 10/07: New Starters in School
 14/07: Whole school beach day
 16/07: Acorns Forest School
 16/07: Year 6 Crucial Crew (TBC)
 17/07: Summer Fair (afternoon)
 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

- Last day of Summer Term - Monday 21st July 2025
- Staff Training Day – Tuesday 22nd July 2025

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

Please avoid booking term time holidays, especially during assessment weeks.



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