



# NEWSLETTER

13/06/2025



Dear Families and Friends,

## Year 6 Edinburgh Trip

We are looking forward to our Year 6 trip to Edinburgh next Tuesday and Wednesday! An email has been sent to parents with final reminders regarding arrangements. Please ensure your child arrives promptly at school at no later than 5.20am where they will meet Mr Cooper. Children will be travelling in the Heather Hopper, driven by parent Mr Thompson, to Northallerton Train Station where they will meet up with their friends from Oakridge, Lealholm and Glaisdale. We aim to update you regularly on our visit via social media.

## School Photos

Our whole school and Year 6 photos were taken on Wednesday. A link will shortly follow with information on how to order copies of these photos.

## Music Lessons

All remaining music lessons will now take place on the usual day of Thursday until the end of term.

## Transition for New Starters and Year 2

We are looking forward to welcoming our new Reception children on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June** 9am-1pm and **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> June and there will be a short meeting for parents on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July at 12:30pm. The children will be taking part in our outdoor learning session on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Acorns Forest School

Please note that, due to the transition for new starters and Year 2s: only new starters, Reception and Year 1 will have a forest schools session on Wednesday. Year 2 pupils will be mixing with their new class (Oaks) and should come to school in normal uniform.

## Year 5/6 Cycling Event – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June

Our Year 6 children will be attending Oakridge School on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June to take part in the East Coast Cycling Tournament 2025. There are five events that the children will take part in including individual and team sprints, time trials and circuit races. Please could parents/carers of Year 6 children complete the Microsoft form that has been sent to you so that we can organise school packed lunches etc. Each child needs to bring their own bike and helmet.

## After-School Club – Free Taster Session

We are pleased to see our new after-school club slowly increasing in need and popularity. We have another free taster session for this provision on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June – please contact the school office if you would like your child to attend.

## Library Van

We are visiting the library van again for its monthly visit to the village on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June . Please ensure you have all books ready for return. We are aiming for one more visit before the end of term, in July.



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## No Choir Club – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June

There will be no Choir Club next Thursday (19<sup>th</sup> June). If you require childcare, please access MCAS to book an After-school Club slot. Alternatively, you can book these directly with the School Office.

## Yogging Club

As stated in an email sent out earlier this week, parent volunteer, Heather King, will be leading the first of four Yogging Club sessions, starting Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June. Details on how to sign up were also included in this email. These sessions will take place 3.30-4.30pm on Fridays on the school playground (or inside if weather is poor). Alex (after-school club) will also be on site to help supervise children, however please note that this is, in the main, a parent volunteer led club.

## Attendance for non-paid for after school clubs

Please can we politely remind parents that if you sign your child up for a club that their attendance needs to be consistent. We understand that occasionally children are ill or have appointments, however, it helps staff in terms of planning sessions to know that if a child is on the register that they will attend, rather than 'picking and choosing'. We greatly appreciate your support with this, thank you.

## Labelling clothing

May we please ask that all children's clothing is labelled with their name so that we can easily identify it if it is lost or confused with another child's.

Have a great weekend,

**Mr Cooper**

**Executive Headteacher**

## Attendance:

Our attendance this week was: 93.6%

Our attendance this year: 96.5%

National average for this year: 94.9%

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

We are currently ranked 88<sup>th</sup> out of 294 schools in North Yorkshire.

## Last week's reading winners

Oaks – Robyn, Hordiy and Emily

Acorns – Harper

## Stars of the week

Acorns: Ada - for always putting in 100% effort to everything she does and for excellent running, jumping and throwing skills during Quadkids this week.

Oaks: Alfie – for demonstrating how incredible he is at his timetables and showing increasing confidence within all lessons.

Headteacher: All of Year 1 and Year 4 for fantastic efforts in their phonics and multiplication screening assessments!



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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 (after half-term)

- Monday**      **Year 3/4 Forest School** please arrive in appropriate kit and footwear  
**Drama Club** with Miss Searle and Mrs Moore  
**After-School Club Free Taster Session**
- Tuesday**      **Art Club for Acorns** with Mrs Garbutt  
**Swimming for all pupils** please arrive with swimwear/towels in separate bag  
**Year 6 Edinburgh Trip** please arrive at school at 5am
- Wednesday**      **Signing Club** with Katie  
**Acorns and New Starters Forest School** (except Year 2)  
**Year 6 Edinburgh Trip** returning at approx. 11pm at school
- Thursday**      **Music Lessons** with Mrs Lillie  
**No Choir Club**  
**Library Van**
- Friday**      **Oaks PE**  
**Cycling Event**  
**Yogging Club** led by Heather King (3.30-4.30pm – school playground)

Headteacher Timetable		
	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	Castleton	Glaisdale
Tuesday	Edinburgh	
Wednesday	Edinburgh	
Thursday	Meetings off-site	
Friday	Glaisdale	Castleton



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## Future Diary Dates

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

### June

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 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025
- Staff Training Day – Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2025

## 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

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



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