



NEWSLETTER

20/06/2025



Dear Families and Friends,

West Cliff School Support

Due to an ongoing absence of the headteacher at West Cliff School, Mr Cooper, alongside other trust colleagues, will be providing leadership support over the next few weeks. This will average at 1 or 2 days per week. During this time, Mr Cooper is still contactable, but any immediate issues can be raised with Mrs Wardell (Castleton) or Mrs Barber (Glaisdale), as usual.

School Games Mark – Gold Again!

We were delighted to receive, for the second year in a row, the Gold School Games Mark! This is due to our commitment to provide children with a range of sporting opportunities, including entering a range of competitive events and developing pupils' knowledge and leadership of how to keep themselves and others healthy. A massive well done to all involved!

Oaks Summer Performances

Oaks are very excited to share their summer production 'Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies' on Wednesday and Thursday next week! They have an afternoon performance (1.30-3pm) on Thursday 26th and an evening performance (5.30-7pm) on Wednesday 25th. Children should arrive no later than 5.15pm (Wednesday) at the Village Hall in Castleton.

The class will have dress rehearsals on Tuesday and Wednesday. Please ensure any costume items or clothing requested is worn (or brought) to school that day, instead of uniform (if appropriate). Several characters require black trousers or leggings, their school trousers will be suitable to wear.

During the event our PTFA will be providing refreshments along with a raffle. If you are able to donate a prize to the raffle please can you drop these in at school. If these can be brought into school by the evening of Monday 23rd June, it would be greatly appreciated, as it gives the PTFA the opportunity to make them up into hampers. Thank you!

School Photos

Tempest Photography were in school last week to take our whole school and Y6 leavers photographs. You will have received an email from Mrs Moore providing you with the links to view the photographs should you wish to purchase one. Further information regarding the ordering process can be found in this email.

Sports Day

On Monday 30th June we will be holding our annual sports day at Castleton Cricket pitch. The event will start at 1.15pm and will run all afternoon. The children will bring their belongings down to the field so once Sports Day is complete the children will be able leave with you from the Cricket Club if you are able to attend. Refreshments will be available from the pavilion provided by the PTFA, in addition a Beacon Farm Ice Cream van will be onsite and the PTFA have very kindly agreed to subsidise the cost of an ice cream for each of the children. We hope you can make it!

Acorns Trip to Whitby – Friday 4th July

As part of our history learning Acorns will be visiting the Captain Cook Museum in Whitby on the morning of Friday 4th July. We will then take a boat ride on the 'Bark Endeavour' in the afternoon to experience life at sea! The visit will take place during school hours, and a packed lunch will be provided from the school kitchen. Please see the separate letter sent via the School Office for more details.

Have a great weekend,

Mr Cooper

Executive Headteacher



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Attendance:

Our attendance this week was: 97.3%

Our attendance this year: 96.6%

National average for this year: 94.8%

Year Group winners: Reception, Year 1, Year 5 and 6 – 100% Well done!

We are currently ranked 88th out of 294 schools in North Yorkshire.

Last week's reading winners

Oaks – Double draw this week due to Triathlon trip last week.

Stars of the week

Acorns: Grace- for showing great independence with her writing and spelling with increasing accuracy. Well done!

Oaks: The whole class – for putting so much effort and gusto into their summer production practise – they can't wait to perform next week!

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

Monday	Year 5/6 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
Wednesday	Signing Club with Katie Oaks Summer Performance (5.30pm – Village Hall)
Thursday	Choir Club Oaks Summer Performance (1.30pm – Village Hall)
Friday	Music Lessons with Mrs Lillie Oaks PE Yogging Club led by Heather King (3.30-4.30pm – school playground)



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

Future Diary Dates

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

June

23/06: Year 5/6 Forest School

25/06: Oaks Summer Performance (Evening)

26/06: Oaks Summer Performance (Afternoon)

30/06: Sports Day

July

02/07: Acorns Forest School

02/07: Oaks Author Visit (TBC)

04/07: Acorns trip to Whitby

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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