



# NEWSLETTER

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Dear Families and Friends,

## Sports Day

It was a pleasure to welcome you to our annual sports day on Monday, during what was gloriously hot weather. I am sure you will all agree our children (and staff) did magnificently in the heat. A big congratulations to Team Spring who narrowly pipped Team Summer to the post by 7 points! A big thank you to all involved in the organisation of the day, especially our PTFA volunteers who provided refreshments and also arranged for every child to receive an ice cream from our ice cream van!

## Oaks Author Visit

This week we were joined by one of our favourite authors, Onjali Q. Raúf, as well as friends from Glaisdale School. Children were able to find out more about Onjali, her books and inspirations, as well as taking part in an informative workshop. Children also got chance to ask questions and have their books signed!

## Year 6 Transition Event @ Egton

Thank you to the Team Transition led by Reverend Anthony Bennett who organised a transition morning for all our Year 6s alongside other schools in the Esk Valley. Children took part in a range of team-building games and activities, to help further forge friendships ahead of their transition.

## Secondary School Transition Days

Next week, our Year 6s will be involved in their respective transition weeks at their new secondary school. Information on how to attend has been sent directly from the individual secondary schools. However, the dates for these transitions are as follows:

Laurence Jackson: 7-11<sup>th</sup> July

Whitby School: 8-10<sup>th</sup> July

Stokesley School: 9-11<sup>th</sup> July

Freebrough: 10-11<sup>th</sup> July

## Year 2 Transition

Next week, with our Year 6s out of school, we will be welcoming our current Year 2s into Oak class. This will take place on Wednesday and Thursday with children getting lots of opportunities to mix with their new class and staff ahead of their move in September.

## New Starters in School

New starters (Reception) will be in school on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July (morning and lunch) for their final transition day before September. We invite parents to a short meeting at 12:45 before collecting children at 1pm.

## Uniform Swap Shop

On Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July our uniform swap shop will be open! Please help yourself to the uniform that will be laid out at the front of school; thank you to our PTFA for running this.

## Water Safety Workshop

We are all very excited to welcome the Coastguard into Oak class on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July. Children will complete a workshop as well as watch some demonstrations down at the river to help build knowledge regarding water safety.



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## Whole School Beach Day

On Monday 14th July, our children will take part in a whole school beach day spending time together at Whitby Beach. This will involve all children and all staff and a host of activities throughout the day including rock pooling, paddling in the sea, beach sports and art. We will be leaving at 9.15am and returning for the end of the school day. Children will either need a packed lunch from home or to order one from school using the link sent previously. Please ensure your child attends school in appropriate beach clothing with suitable layers (team colour t-shirt if possible!) and footwear, a towel, spare clothes, sun cream (applied before school please), sun hat and their packed lunch should you be providing this yourself.

## Tapestry access - EYFS children.

As we are reaching the end of the academic year, access to your child/children's tapestry accounts will be coming to an end as your child/children move into Year 1 and follow the Key Stage 1 Curriculum from September. Accounts will remain open as usual until Friday 18th July, when then they will become inactive. Please use the next couple of weeks as normal, and add any home learning if you wish. On Friday 18th July, a pdf of your child/children's learning journal will be emailed to you so that have a copy of all observations for your reference. If you have any questions please speak to Miss Wilson.

## Yogging and Choir Club – Final Sessions

The final sessions of the year of Choir and Yogging Club will take place next week (10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> July, respectively). A massive thank you to Miss Wilson and to parent volunteer, Heather King, for running these clubs and inspiring our children – both clubs have been a big hit!

## Whole School Forest Day – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July

Our final school day of the academic year falls on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July. As a result, we are planning a whole school forest day, spending time in the forest, as well as playing team games in the nearby park. This will be a fantastic way to finish the school year. A separate letter has been sent to you with an online form to indicate your child's lunch option for the day (as we will be picnicking in the forest!)

## Book – 'A Crazy Castleton Caper'

As referred to in in our newsletter dated 06/06/25 we had chosen two competition winners for the front and back cover of our new book. These are **Thea** for the front cover and **Benjamin** for the back cover. All of the children worked very hard to illustrate the book which was created on **World Book Day**; very well done to them all. We are delighted to say that the books have now been delivered to school. They cost **£8 each** and these can be paid for either in cash or via MCAS (under Book 2025) and collected from the School Office. It would be appreciated that if you are paying in cash, the correct money where possible, could be provided, as we do not hold a lot of change in school. We also intend to sell them at our **Summer Fair on 17/07/25**. All proceeds will go towards school funds.

Have a great weekend,

**Mr Cooper**

**Executive Headteacher**

## Attendance:

Our attendance this week was: 96.5%

Our attendance this year: 96.5%

National average for this year: 94.8%

Year Group winners: Year 6 – Well done!

We are currently ranked 96<sup>th</sup> out of 294 schools in North Yorkshire.



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## Last week's reading winners

Oaks – Ted and Ivan

## Stars of the week

Acorns: Jason- for always sharing fantastic ideas and making excellent contributions to class discussions. Well done!

Oaks: Scarlett – for being an outstanding year 6 and embracing the Year 6 transition event this week.

## Next Week's Events

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Year 3/4 Forest School</b> please arrive in appropriate kit/footwear <b>Drama Club</b> with Miss Searle and Mrs Moore
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Art Club for Acorns</b> with Mrs Smith <b>Swimming for all pupils</b> please arrive with swimwear/towels in separate bag
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Signing Club</b> with Katie
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Choir Club</b> (final session of the year) <b>Music Lessons</b> with Mrs Lillie <b>New Starters (morning and lunch)</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Oaks PE</b> <b>Yogging Club</b> led by Heather King (3.30-4.30pm – school playground) <i>Final session</i>

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

## Future Diary Dates

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

### June/July

07/07: Year 3/4 Forest School

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

17/07: No Choir Club

18/07: Leavers' Assembly

21/07: Whole School Forest Day

22/07: Staff training day



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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))

## 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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## A Christmas Carol – Billingham Forum (November 2025) – Starring our Very Own Katie!

One of our pupils, Katie, has secured the role of Amy Cratchit in *A Christmas Carol* (adapted by Anne Dalton) which will be showing at Billingham Forum in November! Katie will be performing in the showings on 12<sup>th</sup> November (7pm); 14<sup>th</sup> November (10am and 7pm) and 16<sup>th</sup> November (2pm). Tickets can be purchased online:

<https://www.forumtheatrebillingham.co.uk/show/a-christmas-carol/> (More details in poster below.)

Well done Katie on securing this amazing role alongside some very talented and experienced actors and actresses!

Just Entertainment in association with  
Award-Winning Anne Dalton (Her Benny)  
presents  
Anne Dalton's Musical Adaptation of Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*

**A Christmas Carol**

*Starring...*

STEVEN PINDER "Wicked" West End as Scrooge	MICHAEL STARKE "Mammy" West End as Marley's Ghost	PETER CHAPMAN "Joseph" as Bob Cratchit	JANET COWLEY "Phantom" as The Ghost of Christmas Past	LYNN FRANCIS "The Royal" as Mrs Fezziwig	PETER BRINDLE "Her Benny" as The Ghost of Christmas Present

**Christmas Eve!** Three spirits whisk Scrooge away on a whirlwind journey of self-discovery. Can he change? Will he want to? Tumbling with Dickens' amazing characters this faithful, full scale, exciting musical adaptation sparkles and captures the magic of Christmas.

The production is atmospheric, colourful and beautifully costumed. Intimate, moving scenes contrast with full stage, energetic company numbers this timeless classic is transported magically from the page to the stage.

The professional cast is joined by teams of talented local young people, who play the various juvenile roles and urchin ensembles.

**WEDNESDAY 12  
- SUNDAY 16 NOVEMBER**

WED - SAT EVENINGS - 7:00PM  
THU - FRI MORNINGS - 10:00AM  
SAT - SUN MATINEES - 2:00PM

SEATS - £22.50 | CONCESSION - £11  
FAMILY - £45

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