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Dear Families and Friends,

## Transition Week

It has been a pleasure to see children access their next stage of learning this week, whether that is simply by changing year groups or by changing to a new class or by starting a new school – all our children are very prepared for their next school year!

## Water Safety Workshop

Unfortunately, this week's water safety workshop for Oaks was postponed due to lack of Coastguard staff availability. We will look to rearrange this for the new school year.

## Library Van

We apologise for the short notice change to the library van day. Unfortunately, the library van was unable to attend next Thursday (as planned) due to driver availability and the only replacement slot available was this Thursday (10<sup>th</sup> July), in order that children could access the Summer Reading Challenge. All children EYFS-YR5 have selected six books to enjoy over the summer, and it was lovely to see everyone so excited to start reading and filling in their Summer Reading Challenge booklet. Thank you for your continued support with developing a love of reading for all of our children.

## Whole School Beach Day

On Monday 14<sup>th</sup> 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 unless one has already been ordered from school.

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.

## Final Swimming Session

Next week will be children's final swimming session of the year. We aim to restart lessons next summer term. As this is the final session, we have organised a longer, play-based session which includes inflatables! Children in Oak class will be allowed to use the inflatable in the big pool; they will all be wearing a life vest should they wish to go on.

Due to this longer session and the Year 6 leavers' assembly, there will be no separate PE session for Oaks on Friday.

## Year 6 Crucial Crew

Next Wednesday, Year 6 get the exciting opportunity to take part in 'Crucial Crew', where they will get to meet different emergency services and agencies, helping them to developing their understanding of how to stay safe and what to do in an emergency. Children will be visiting (Scarborough) on this afternoon, alongside their friends from Glaisdale School, with a later return of 4.30pm (subject to traffic).

## Summer Fair

On Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July we will be holding our annual Summer Fair starting at 2pm. There will be a variety of stalls including our preloved uniform, Year 6 games and tombola to name a few. There will also be a BBQ, refreshments, a tug of war competition, face painting and music throughout the afternoon from our talented choir and musicians. Thank you to everyone involved who have made this possible. Please come along and enjoy the afternoon!



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## Leavers' Assembly

On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July we will be saying goodbye to our Year 6's and celebrating their time at Castleton School. The assembly (weather permitting!) will be held on the back playground at 2pm, all parents, guardians, family and members of our school community are welcome to attend. This will be a celebration of our fantastic Year 6s before they leave for secondary school, as well as a chance to reflect on another successful year and provide awards to a range of children. Year 6 children are welcome to leave and go home after the event should their parent/responsible adult be in school to collect them.

## Yogging and Choir Club – Final Sessions

A massive thank you to Heather King (parent volunteer) and Miss Wilson for their respective fantastic clubs – Yogging and Choir. These have been well enjoyed by the children who are all very grateful for these opportunities. This means there will not be sessions next week.

## 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!)

Have a great weekend,

**Mr Cooper**

**Executive Headteacher**

## Attendance:

Our attendance this week was: 96.1%

Our attendance this year: 96.5%

National average for this year: 94.8%

Year Group winners: Year 5 – 100% attendance - Well done!

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

## Last week's reading winners

Oaks – James

Acorns - Alfie, Gabriel, Clementine, Archie and Jason

## Stars of the week

Acorns: Isaac- for making super observations and predictions during our science investigations. Well done!

Oaks: Henrique – for some incredible artwork and fantastic progress in Maths.

Headteacher: Jason – for amazing effort in English, writing a fantastically detailed story alongside his teachers!

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

## Next Week's Events



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<b>Monday</b>	<b>Whole school beach day</b> please arrive in appropriate kit/footwear (wearing team colour) <b>Drama Club</b> with Miss Searle and Mrs Moore
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Art Club for Acorns</b> with Mrs Garbutt <b>Swimming for all pupils</b> please arrive with swimwear/towels in separate bag
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Signing Club</b> with Katie <b>Acorns Forest School</b> please arrive in appropriate kit/footwear <b>Year 6 Crucial Crew Trip</b> (returning 4.30pm)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>No Choir Club</b> <b>Music Lessons</b> with Mrs Lillie <b>Summer Fair</b> (2pm)
<b>Friday</b>	<b>No Oaks PE</b> <b>Leavers Assembly</b> (2pm)

## Future Diary Dates

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

### July

14/07: Whole school beach day  
16/07: Acorns Forest School  
16/07: Year 6 Crucial Crew  
17/07: Summer Fair (afternoon)  
17/07: No Choir Club  
18/07: Leavers' Assembly  
21/07: Whole School Forest Day  
22/07: Staff training day

### September

01/09: Staff training day  
02/09: Staff training day  
03/09: Children return to school  
08/09: Year 5/6 Forest School  
10/09: Acorns Forest School

### 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))



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## Remaining Term Dates 2024/25

- Last day of Summer Term - Monday 21<sup>st</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 – Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2025

- 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

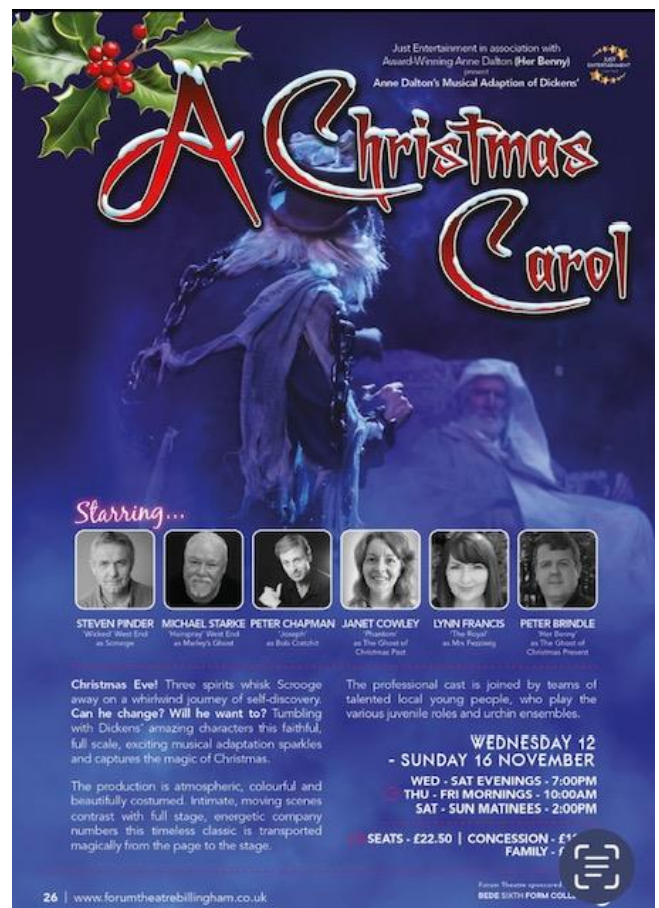
*Please avoid booking term time holidays, especially during assessment weeks.*

## **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!



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## Castleton School Summer Fair Thursday 17th July 2pm onwards

BBQ

Face Painting

Tug of war

Tombola

Refreshments

Year 6 Stalls

Music and more.....



Please come and support our fantastic school!