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Dear Families and Friends,

Thank You for a Great School Year!

What a fantastic school year we have had! We have gone from strength to strength, achieving fantastic results and taking part in so many different experiences. This was best reflected in our inspection in November when we achieved the highest standard possible – Outstanding! We are now using this as a springboard for future success and are already looking forward to the new academic year.

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone in the school community who has supported over the last year. Our Castleton community is special and helps make our school a fantastic place to be!

Drama Club – Monday 21st July

Due to our planned forest school day and it being the final day of the school year, there will be no Drama Club on Monday 21st July.

Term Dates 2026/2027

Alongside the term dates for the next academic year, we have also confirmed our term dates for the academic year 2026/2027. You may find these useful for arranging any future holidays. Please ensure that all holidays take place outside of term time. Please also avoid any absence during assessment weeks (also listed).

Clubs

Extra-curricular clubs will recommence in the 2nd week back of the new year (week commencing 8th September). We will aim to confirm our extra-curricular offer early in the new year, however we are anticipating that Acorns Art Club (Tuesdays); Signing Club (Wednesdays) and Choir Club (Thursday) will continue into the new year. Our new wraparound club led by Alex will be available all year round, 3.30-5.30pm daily, from the first school day back, at a cost of £2 per child per hour – please book via MCAS.

Whole School Beach Day

The weather held off for our visit to Whitby Beach on Monday, so that children could enjoy a day packed full of fun, including sand art, paddling, beach sports and much more!

Trust Newsletter

You can access our trust's newsletter here: <https://www.yeat.co.uk/annual-reviews-and-newsletters/>

Final Swimming Session

Children, for their final swim session, enjoyed a longer, play-based session which included inflatables! This was a great way to finish our sessions, as well as continue to develop water confidence in a fun, interactive way.

Year 6 Crucial Crew

Year 6 had a very informative and engaging visit to Crucial Crew in Scarborough on Wednesday, where they met a range of different speakers and agencies who discussed how children can keep themselves safe in a range of scenarios, especially as they are now entering secondary school.



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Summer Fair

A massive thank you to everyone who attended and/or supported our annual PTFA summer fair! It was a wonderful afternoon filled with fun, games, performing, cake, burgers and much more. It was great to see the community within the school, helping to support our school. We will announce the total raised towards PTFA funds in due course, but we would already like to share our gratitude to all involved in advance. Your amazing support will allow the PTFA to continue supporting more activities and trips for the children in the future.

Book – A Crazy Castleton Caper

Thank you to all who bought our book which the children created. It is a great keepsake of your child's wonderful artwork – every child has contributed and there is a page of your child's artwork dedicated to them through the storyline (the book has around 70 pages). We do still have some available at £8 each (to include a free bag – while stocks last). The books can be purchased and collected from the school office. These can be paid for via MCAS or in cash (correct money if possible please).

End of Year Awards

It is a great pleasure to announce our end of year award winners for this academic year. These children received their award during the leaver's assembly this afternoon. Congratulations to our winners!

Nurture – Alfie H

Outdoor Learning – Ivan and Archie

Resilience – Heidi and Jason

Sport – Matthew and Clementine

Whole School Forest Day – Monday 21st July

Weather-permitting, we will be having a Forest School Day on our final day of the academic year (Monday 21st July). This will be a fantastic way to end the school year, spending time in the forest, as well as playing team games in the nearby park. We are looking forward to picnicking in the forest! Please ensure your child comes dressed appropriately for the weather with their own packed lunch (unless one has been ordered by school).

Have a great weekend,

Mr Cooper

Executive Headteacher

Attendance:

Our attendance this week was: 97.6%

Our attendance this year: 96.5%

National average for this year: 94.8%

Year Group winners: Year 1 – 100% amazing!

We are currently ranked 97th out of 294 schools in North Yorkshire.

Summer term reading winners

Martha P, Henry & Beverley, well done on all your reading and enjoy your extra special prize!



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Future Diary Dates

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

September

01/09: Staff training day
02/09: Staff training day
03/09: Children return to school
08/09: Year 5/6 Forest School
15/09: Year 3/4 Forest School
17/09: Acorns Forest School

Future Dates

11/05-14/05: SATs Week
08/06-12/06: Year 1 Phonics Screen Week
29/06-01/07: Year 3/4 Peat Rigg Trip

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)



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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

Term Dates 2026/2027

- Staff Training Day – Monday 7th September 2026
- Staff Training Day – Tuesday 8th September 2026
- First day of Autumn Term – Wednesday 9th September 2026
- Half-term – Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October 2026
- End of Autumn Term – Friday 18th December 2026
- Training Day – Monday 4th January 2027
- Half-term – Monday Half Term - Monday 8th February to Friday 12th February 2027
- Last day of Spring Term - Friday 19th March 2027
- Staff Training Day – Monday 5th April 2027
- First day of Summer Term – Tuesday 6th April 2027
- Bank Holiday – Monday 5th May 2027
- Half Term - Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June 2027
- Last day of Summer Term – Friday 23rd July 2027
- Staff Training Day – Monday 26th July 2027

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