



NEWSLETTER

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Dear Families and Friends,

Welcome Back

We're so pleased to welcome everyone back to school after a fun-filled summer break! It's been wonderful to see the children return with such enthusiasm and positivity. They have settled back into routines beautifully, and the school is already buzzing with energy and learning. A warm welcome to the families of our new starters in Reception. Here's to a fantastic term ahead!

Leadership Arrangements

You should have received a separate communication from Mr Cooper outlining the leadership arrangements for the start of term. Mr Cooper will continue to provide leadership support on a regular basis for West Cliff Primary Schools whose headteacher remains absent. To facilitate this, Mrs Wardell has stepped into the role of Interim Head of School during this period of support. Mr Cooper will remain the school's Executive Headteacher, visiting regularly and in constant communication with the Castleton team, to ensure the school continues to move forward.

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 below).

New School Administrator

You may have noticed over the holidays that we advertised for a new school administrator. Sadly, Mrs Moore will be leaving us at the end of September to pursue other interests, following a fantastic two and a half years with the team. Mrs Moore will still be very much connected with us; we look forward to utilising some of her talents in voluntary roles. We are, however, pleased to announce that we found a very capable replacement for Mrs Moore. Mrs Linda Taylor, currently administrator at Lealholm School, will be taking over Mrs Moore's responsibilities. Mrs Taylor has been working in this same role with very similar systems for the last 15 years at Lealholm which should allow for a seamless transition into life at Castleton. We very much look forward to welcoming her to our team.

Clubs and Wrap Around Care

After school clubs will commence next week. They will run on a Tuesday (Art Club for Acorns & Oaks), Wednesday (Signing Club Y1-Y6) and Thursday (Choir Y1-Y6) after school until 4.30pm. These clubs will be bookable by Microsoft forms which will be emailed to you. Please complete the form as soon as possible if your child is attending this provision. We kindly ask that once your child signs up for a club they attend regularly. This is important so that staff can plan effectively for each session. If your child is unable to attend a session for any reason, please inform the school in advance wherever possible.

We would also like to remind you that we have Wrap Around Care available every night after school from 3.30pm till 5.30pm (bookable through MCAS). Also Breakfast Club starting at 7.45am every day should you require it.

Chance to Shine Cricket (starting Monday 8th September)

Owen is returning to our school to deliver Chance to Shine Cricket sessions and the children are thoroughly excited! These sessions will take place during the school day, so please can all children come to school in their PE kit on a Monday this half term. Any changes to this will be communicated through the newsletter, Class Dojo or emails.

Forest School

Forest School also returns next week with our Year 5 and 6 children visiting the forest on Tuesday with Mrs Barber. Please can children come to school in their Forest School clothing. Acorns, Year 3 and 4 will begin their sessions the following week.



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Music Lessons

Music lesson will begin again next week with Mrs Lillie on a Tuesday this term, should you wish for your child to learn an instrument or sing please complete the online form which will be forwarded to you separately.

School Dinners

Please also find attached to this email our Autumn Term Menu.

Allergies

Please can we remind parents and carers that we are a nut free school therefore can we politely request that no nut products come into school as we do have children who are allergic to nuts. In addition to this, can we also request that should you provide your child with a packed lunch that no egg sandwiches are given, this is again because of a child with an egg allergy. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Flu Vaccinations

Please see the below message from the UK Vaccination team and the further attached information which you may find useful.

"Dear Parent/Guardian,

Vaccination UK is attending your child's school to provide flu vaccinations.

*For your child to receive their nasal flu vaccination in school, please complete a **YES** consent form using the **link below**. **The nasal spray is quick, painless and is the most effective option for under 18's.***

*If your child **cannot** have the nasal spray, the injectable flu vaccine is available, and you will be able to choose that method on the consent form.*

*If you **DO NOT** wish for your child to have a flu vaccination, please complete a **NO** consent via the same link :*

[Vaccination UK Immunisation link](#) "

A Crazy Castleton Caper

The children's considerable efforts with their fantastic illustrations, predominantly helped, to produce our above book. Every child from our 2024-2025 cohort contributed and is mentioned in the book. The book costs £8 and is available from the school office (with a free bag – while stocks last) and can be paid for via MCAS or by cash. In addition to this the book is also available at 'Off The Scale', again for £8 (cash only). Mrs Moore will also have a stall at the forthcoming Castleton Show – Saturday 13/09/25 where the book can be purchased (cash only). All proceeds go to school funds.

Have a great weekend,

Mrs Wardell

Interim Head of School

Mr Cooper

Executive Headteacher

Attendance:

Our attendance this week was: 97.6%

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Year Group winners: Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 6 – 100% amazing

Next Week's Events



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Monday	Chance to Shine Cricket please arrive in appropriate kit/footwear
Tuesday	Music Lessons with Mrs Lillie Forest School Year 5 & 6 please arrive in appropriate clothing/footwear Art Club with Mrs Murrell
Wednesday	Signing Club with Katie
Thursday	Choir Club with Miss Wilson
Friday	Oaks PE please arrive in appropriate kit/footwear

Headteacher Timetable		
	Mr Cooper	Mrs Wardell
Monday	West Cliff	Castleton
Tuesday	West Cliff	Castleton
Wednesday	West Cliff	Castleton
Thursday	Castleton/Glaisdale	Out of School
Friday	West Cliff	Out of 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)

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)

Future Diary Dates

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

September

08/09: Chance to Shine Cricket

09/09: Year 5/6 Forest School

15/09: Chance to Shine Cricket

16/09: Year 3/4 Forest School

16/09: Year 5/6 Girls Football Event

17/09: Acorns Forest School

19/09: Oaks Water Safety Workshop

23/09: Year 5/6 Boys Football Event

26/09: Oaks Cross Country Event

06/10: Chance to Shine Cricket

09/10: Year 6 Bikeability course

10/10: Year 5/6 Rugby Megafest event

13/10: Chance to Shine Cricket

17/10: Year 5/6 Tag Rugby Tournament

20/10: Chance to Shine Cricket

20/10: Individual School Photos

24/10: Oaks Cross Country

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

October

03/10: Acorns Multiskills event

29/09: Chance to Shine Cricket



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- 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.

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

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