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Dear Families and Friends,

Rights Respecting School Ambassadors

Our Ambassadors have been picked! This week our children voted for the children they think will represent them well and hear their voices (Article 12 and 13). Well done to all the children that applied, I know it was a difficult choice! Our steering group will be:

Reception: Samuel

Year 1: Ella

Year 2: Alfie

Year 3: Beverley

Year 4: Finley

Year 5: Martha P

Year 6: Robyn

Play Leader training

Unfortunately, Mrs Twamley was unable to make our play leader training this week, she will however come to school later in the half term to deliver this training to our Year 2, Year 5 and Year 6 children.

Library Van

We had a fantastic visit to the library van this week – Mrs Wardell's arms are just recovering from carrying all our returned books after the Summer Reading Challenge! We hope the children enjoy the new books they have picked, we cannot wait to listen to them read and hear about the adventures they have been on through the pages of their books.

Hello Yellow

It was wonderful to be able to support Hello Yellow on Friday and see all the children dressed in yellow and raise the profile of the importance of young people's mental health. We would like to take another opportunity to share the resources which Young Minds has to offer to support parents and carers if you ever need help and advice to support your children. This includes:

- online resources (www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/)
- a phone line, open 9.30am-4pm (0808 802 5544)
- an online chat for parents and carers to speak to trained professionals if you're concerned about your children's mental health (www.youngminds.org.uk/parents-helpline/)

Y5/6 Rugby festival

Another fantastic afternoon of sport! Well done to our Year 5 and 6 children who took part and got stuck into the Rugby Megafest today participating in an array of skills practices with children from other local schools. Exemplary behaviour, attitudes and effort!

Harvest Festival and foodbank donations

We are pleased to invite you to our Harvest Festival, which will be held at St Michael & St George, Castleton on:
Thursday 16th October at 10am.

This special event is a lovely opportunity for our school community to come together in celebration and reflection.



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In the spirit of giving, we have decided to support our local Whitby Food bank. From Monday 13th, we will be collecting tinned and packet goods in school to donate; please see the poster attached. These posters were designed by our Oak children with one being selected to be sent you all – Well Done Layla! Please consider contributing if you can do, so every donation makes a difference.

Year 5 & 6 Rugby Tournament

Some of our Year 5 and 6 children will join forces with our friends from Glaisdale School to take part in a Tag Rugby tournament on Friday 17th October. This event will take place in the afternoon and the children will need to come to school in their PE kit.

Parents evening

You should have received an email from Mrs Taylor with regards to our first Parents Evening of the year. They will be held on Tuesday 21st and Wednesday 22nd October after school in your child's classroom. Please use MCAS to book your preferred slot, if you are having trouble accessing MCAS please let Mrs Taylor know. This is a fantastic opportunity for parents to meet with their children's teacher and discuss their learning and progress. We look forward to seeing you all.

Have a great weekend,

Mrs Wardell
Interim Head of School

Mr Cooper
Executive Headteacher

Attendance:

Our attendance this week was: 96.6%

Our attendance this year: 97.6%

National average: 95.2%

Year Group winners: Reception & Year 2 100% amazing!

We are currently ranked 94th out of 280 schools.

Star of the week:

Acorns – Cameron for excellent work in Phonics and for working so hard to write his name accurately. Well done!

Oaks – Beverley for always putting in 100%, being a Maths whiz and always being kind, considerate and respectful.

Headteachers' Award – Harper for always being ready to learn and always working hard as well as brightening my day with her smile! Well done!

Weekly Reading Prizes:

Oaks: Thea & Finley C

Acorns: Molly, Alfie and Harper

Next Week's Events



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Monday	Chance to Shine Cricket please arrive in appropriate kit/footwear
Tuesday	Forest School Year 3 & 4 please arrive in appropriate clothing/footwear Music Lessons with Mrs Lillie Art Club with Mrs Murrell
Wednesday	Acorns Forest School please arrive in appropriate clothing/footwear Signing Club with Katie
Thursday	Harvest Festival at St Michael and St George 10am Choir Club with Miss Wilson
Friday	Year 5 & 6 Rugby Tournament – please arrive in appropriate clothing/footwear Oaks PE - please arrive in appropriate kit/footwear

Headteacher Timetable		
	Mr Cooper	Mrs Wardell
Monday	West Cliff	Castleton
Tuesday	West Cliff	Castleton
Wednesday	Glaisdale/Castleton	Castleton
Thursday	West Cliff	Castleton
Friday	West Cliff	Castleton/Whitby Rugby Club

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.

October

20/10: Chance to Shine Cricket
20/10: Individual School Photos
21/10: Parents Evening 1/2
22/10: Parents Evening 2/2
23/10: Play Leader Training Year 2, 5 & 6
24/10: Oaks Cross Country

November

07/11: Foodbank Visit KS2 RRSA
10/11: Stay and Play
11/11: Service at the War Memorial
12/11: Choir at the recording studio
19/11: Year 5/6 Barney and Echo Internet Safety and



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Wellbeing workshop
21/11: Year 5/6 Sportshall

12/12: Nativity afternoon performance
17/12: Christmas Jumper and Dinner day
18/12: Carols around the tree

Athletics

December

03/12: Christmas singing at Abbeyfields
04/12: Stay and Play
05/12: Pantomime Trip
09/12: Choir singing to Senior Citizens
11/12: Nativity evening performance

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

Term Dates 2025/2026

- 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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