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Dear Families and Friends,

Harvest Festival and foodbank donations

Thank you so much to everyone who joined us for our Harvest Festival performance this week, it was lovely to be able to share the occasion with you all. Thank you also to everyone who kindly donated food items, your generosity is greatly appreciated; these items will be taken to Whitby Foodbank after half term by our KS2 Ambassadors.

Y5/6 Tag Rugby Tournament

Some of our Year 5 and 6 children joined forces with our friends from Glaisdale School to take part in a Tag Rugby tournament today. Another incredible afternoon of sport, fantastic effort and support of one another.

School Photographs- Monday 20th October

A reminder that school photographs will be taken on Monday 20th October. All children are required to come to school in full school uniform, looking smart and camera ready!

As is our Chance to Shine Cricket Day, please ensure that your child/children bring their P.E kit in a bag, as they will need to get changed into this during the day.

If you have younger children at home and you would like to include them in a family photograph with their sibling/siblings, then please arrive at school with them for 8.30am.

Parents Evening & Clubs

Parents Evening appointments are available via MCAS for parents to book; this is an excellent opportunity for you to discuss with your child/ren's teacher their learning and progress. We will be holding the evenings next week on Tuesday 21st and Wednesday 22nd October, if you have any issues with booking an appointment please speak with Mrs Taylor who will be able to book a slot for you. *Please note, that due to Parents Evening there will be no Art Club (Tuesday) or Signing Club (Wednesday) next week however our Wrap Around Afterschool Club will still be running 3.30pm till 5.30pm should you need to use it, please book this via MCAS.*

Play Leader training

On Thursday 23rd October Mrs Twamley will hopefully be able to visit us to deliver play leader training to **Year 2, 5 and 6**. Please can children in these year groups come to school in their PE kit.

KS2 Cross Country

Our KS2 children will once again be taking part in the second Cross Country race of the year at Whitby School on Friday 24th October. Please can all children come to school in their PE kit as well as suitable footwear and warm layers.

Half term

Next week we break up for our October half term on Friday 24th October, we will be returning to school on Monday 3rd November.

Have a great weekend,

N Wardell

Cooper



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Mrs Wardell
Interim Head of School

Mr Cooper
Executive Headteacher

Attendance:

Our attendance this week was: 97.3%

Our attendance this year: 97.6%

National average: 94.48%

Year Group winners: Reception, Year 2, Year 5 and Year 6 100% amazing!

We are currently ranked 94th out of 280 schools.

Star of the week:

Acorns – Bobbi for being a fantastic role model, always showing kindness, responsibility and setting a great example for others to follow. Well done!

Oaks – Jason, Beverley, Archie & Thea for greater independence when writing this week and producing fantastic newspaper reports on the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb. Well done!

Headteachers' Award – Layla for being a great play leader as well as demonstrating so much resilience, positive attitude and not giving up with her reading and spelling! Amazing effort!

Weekly Reading Prizes:

Oaks: Layla & Henrique

Acorns: Ada, Gabriel, Max and Clementine

Next Week's Events

Monday	Chance to Shine Cricket please bring appropriate kit/footwear to change into. School Photographs please come to school in uniform.
Tuesday	Forest School Year 5 & 6 please arrive in appropriate clothing/footwear Music Lessons with Mrs Lillie No Art Club Parents Evening
Wednesday	No Signing Club Parents Evening
Thursday	Play leader training Year 2, 5 and 6 please arrive in PE kit. Choir Club with Miss Wilson
Friday	Oaks Cross Country- please arrive in appropriate kit/footwear

Headteacher Timetable		
	Mr Cooper	Mrs Wardell
Monday	West Cliff	Castleton
Tuesday	Glaisdale/Castleton	Castleton
Wednesday	West Cliff	Castleton
Thursday	West Cliff	Castleton



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Friday	West Cliff	Castleton/Whitby School
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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)

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.

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 Wellbeing workshop

21/11: Year 5/6 Sportshall Athletics

05/12: Pantomime Trip

09/12: Choir singing to Senior Citizens

11/12: Nativity evening performance

12/12: Nativity afternoon performance

17/12: Christmas Jumper and Dinner day

18/12: Carols around the tree

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

December

03/12: Christmas singing at Abbeyfields

04/12: Stay and Play

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



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- 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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