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Dear Families and Friends,

A celebration!

In case you missed our celebration on social media; it was wonderful to see us recognised as the number one school for outcomes and OFSTED results in Whitby and Scarborough. Although school is not just about assessment results and OFSTED it was amazing to be recognised in this way. Thank you to those parents who shared this news far and wide, letting the world know just how special our school and community is.

Parents Evening

A message of thanks to all parents and carers who attended Parents' Evening. It was lovely to see so many of you in school and to have the opportunity to discuss the children's progress, achievements and next steps. We really value the partnership between home and school- thank you for your continued support and commitment.

School Photographs

A message from Tempest:

*Have you ordered your school photos yet? A polite reminder that the closing date for **free delivery** back to school is **Monday 3rd November 2025**. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link that was emailed to you, or if you have received paper order forms visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk*

If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 5).

Many thanks,

Tempest

Clubs after half term

Our clubs will continue after half term on a Tuesday (Art), Wednesday (Signing) and Thursday (Choir). If your child would like to attend any of our clubs, please speak to Mrs Taylor.

As well as this we will continue to provide wrap around care through Breakfast Club starting at 7.45am and After School Club running for two hours after school, both these provisions are available every day. Please use MCAS to book your child/ren onto these. Note: Breakfast club is also available within the afterschool club link.

Forest School

When we return to school after half term it will be an Acorn (Wednesday) and Year 3 and 4 (Tuesday) forest school week.

KS2 RRSA member visiting foodbank

Our KS2 members of the RRS Ambassadors will be delivering our Harvest donations to Whitby Foodbank on Friday 7th November. We are proud that our KS2 members want to ensure that their donations are delivered so that they can help local families in need.

Poppy Appeal and War memorial service

As part of our preparations for Remembrance Day, we have a range of items from the Royal British Legion available for children to purchase in support of the Poppy Appeal. Suggested donation amounts range from £1 to £2, all proceeds will go towards this important cause. Further information to follow after the October half term.

On Tuesday 11th November at 11am, we will hold a short service of Remembrance at the War memorial. The children will share readings and reflections as we remember and show respect for those who have served.



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PTFA & The Co-op

Our fantastic PTFA have successfully secured a fundraising opportunity at Castleton Co-op. Please, if you shop there and are able to, we would love your support! The funds the PTFA raise help towards providing wider curriculum opportunities such as swimming lessons and trips for all our children irrespective of a family's financial situation. All you need to do is register for a Co-op members card, if you don't already have one, and select us as your chosen cause. If you have a card then simply log on to the app and select Castleton Primary School PTFA: it takes just 3 clicks. The more new members who sign up and choose us before the 14th November the more money we get- without you having to spend a penny just follow this link: <https://coopapp.onelink.me/ftOk/y4faabqf> Thank you!

Half term

Today we break up for our October half term holiday, we will be returning to school on Monday 3rd November. It has been a long half term, and I am sure many children will welcome the rest and plenty of sleep! We wish all our children, families and staff a well-deserved break. Thank you for your continued support, we are very much looking forward to hearing about the many half term adventures on our return to school!

Mrs Wardell
Interim Head of School

Mr Cooper
Executive Headteacher

Attendance:

Our attendance this week was: 96.6%

Our attendance this year: 97.5%

National average: 94.48%

Year Group winners: Year 2, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 100% amazing!

We are currently ranked 94th out of 280 schools.

Star of the week:

Acorns – Julia for working hard to improve her letter formation. Beautiful handwriting, well done!

Oaks – Esmae for fantastic Question Time, in-depth writing and always doing the right thing. Amazing effort!

Headteachers' Award – Benjamin for always articulating his answers, thoughts and feelings so well and upholding our school rules and values with pride. Well done!

Weekly Reading Prizes:

Oaks: Ted & Rue

Acorns: Willow, Cameron, Samuel, Bobbi, Isaac and Ella

Next Week's Events

Monday

Tuesday

Forest School Year 3 & 4 please arrive in appropriate clothing/footwear

Music Lessons with Mrs Lillie

Art Club with Mrs Murrell



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Wednesday

Acorns Forest School please arrive in appropriate clothing/footwear
Signing Club with Katie

Thursday

Play leader training Year 2, 5 and 6 please arrive in PE kit.
Choir Club with Miss Wilson

Friday

Oaks PE - please arrive in appropriate kit/footwear
KS2 RRS Ambassadors trip to Whitby Foodbank

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

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

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

Term Dates 2025/2026

- End of Autumn Term – Friday 19th December 2025

- Training Day – Monday 5th January 2026



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- 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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