



Newsletter

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Dear Families and Friends,

Welcome back!

Join Our School Governing Body!

We are looking for new members to join our School Governing Body and help make a real difference in our school community. Being a school governor is a rewarding way to contribute to the education and wellbeing of our children. Governors work together with the Headteacher and staff to shape the school's vision, monitor performance, and ensure every child has the best possible start in life. No previous experience is needed — just enthusiasm, commitment, and a desire to support our school. Full training and support are provided.

If you'd like to find out more or express your interest or know someone who might like to help shape our school community, please contact Mrs Wardell via email nwardell.castleton@yeat.co.uk or see me on the school gate!

Play Leader Training

It was wonderful to welcome Mrs Twamley back into school on Thursday. All of our Year 2, 5 and 6 children took part in a session with Mrs Twamley building and developing their leadership skills and creating games they can introduce to their friends during play time.

KS2 RRSA Members Visiting Foodbank

At the time of writing, our KS2 members of the RRSA steering group will be delivering our Harvest donations to Whitby Foodbank. We are proud that our KS2 members want to ensure that their donations are safely delivered so that they can help local families in need. Thank you all once again for your kind donations.

Odd Socks Day—Monday, 10th November

On Monday, 10th November, our school will be celebrating Odd Socks Day to mark the start of Anti-Bullying Week. This fun event is all about celebrating what makes us unique and spreading kindness and respect for others.

Everyone is encouraged to come to school wearing their brightest, silliest, and most mismatched socks! There's no need to buy anything new — just pick out two odd socks and wear them proudly to show that being different is something to celebrate.

Odd Socks Day reminds us that we're all unique, and that's what makes our school community so special. Together, we can stand up against bullying and create a culture where everyone feels valued and included.

Let's fill our classrooms and hallways with colour, laughter, and positivity — one pair of odd socks at a time!

Music Lessons

Music lessons will be on Monday next week due to us visiting the war memorial on Tuesday morning.

Stay and Play

Next week on Monday 10th we will be holding our first Stay and Play of the year for our new starters in September 2026. This session will be from 2pm till 3pm - please share with our wider community.

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.



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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. Can we please request that all children come to school with wellies to change into.

Choir Recording Studio Trip

Our Choir will be visiting the recording studio on Westerdale Side on Wednesday 12th November to record a Christmas album. Please can we request that all children in the choir are in school for 8.45am so the bus can leave promptly at 8.50am. Miss Wilson has requested, if possible, for children to come to school with some Christmas headwear. The album will be available to purchase later in the half term just in time for some Christmas shopping!

Year 5/6 Basketball

On Friday 14th November our Year 5 and 6 children will be attending Whitby School to take part in a Basketball event. Please can children come to school in their PE kit with appropriate footwear, we will be leaving just after lunch and returning to school for the end of the school day.

Have a great weekend,

Mrs Wardell
Interim Head of School

Mr Cooper
Executive Headteacher

Attendance:

Our attendance this week was: 90.8%

Our attendance this year: 96.7%

National average: 94.34%

Year Group winners: Year 4 & Year 6 100% amazing!

We are currently ranked 94th out of 280 schools.

Star of the week:

Acorns – Miles for always being such an interested and enthusiastic learner and for super map skills in Geography this week. Well done!

Oaks – Ted for fantastic sports leadership, encouraging respectful play during play times and being a fractions whizz in Maths! Fantastic!

Headteachers' Award – Heidi for always been a valued and respectful friend showing kindness and care towards others always through her actions and words.

Weekly Reading Prizes:

Oaks: Connie



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Next Week's Events

Monday

Odd Socks Day please come to school in your craziest odd socks!

Music Lessons with Mrs Lillie

Acorns PE please come to school in your PE kit and appropriate footwear

Stay and Play for September new starters - 2pm

Tuesday

Remembrance Service at the Memorial please can children come to school with their wellies

Forest School Year 5 & 6 please arrive in appropriate clothing/footwear

Art Club with Mrs Murrell

Wednesday

Choir Recording Studio trip

Signing Club with Katie

Thursday

Choir Club with Miss Wilson

Friday

Oaks PE please arrive in appropriate kit/footwear

Year 5 & 6 Basketball event please arrive in your PE kit and footwear.

Next Week's Menu

	Main	Desert
Monday	Cheesy Tomato Pasta Bake	Vanilla Swirl Cookie
Tuesday	Chicken Korma with 50/50 Rice	Fruity Jam Sandwich & Custard
Wednesday	Mince Beef & Dumpling & Mash	Jelly & Ice-cream
Thursday	Hot Dog & Potato Wedges	Toffee Apple Muffin
Friday	Battered Fish & Chips	Chocolate Orange Mousse Cake

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 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)



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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

19/11: Year 5/6 Barney and Echo Internet Safety and Wellbeing workshop

21/11: Year 5/6 Sportshall Athletics

December

03/12: Christmas singing at Abbeyfields

04/12: Stay and Play

04/12: Library Van

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
- 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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