



# Newsletter

5/12/25



Dear Families and Friends,

## The first week of December

What a busy week we have had from heart-warming Christmas Carolling at Abbeyfields to an excitable Library Van visit to the fantastic Pantomime where our children had a great opportunity to mix and make friends with children from other YEAT schools. It is a true pleasure to be able to take all our children on these experiences, as always, they are a credit to the school, our families and the Castleton community.

## Choir's Christmas Album

You may remember a couple of weeks ago Miss Wilson took our fantastic choir to the recording studio to record a Christmas Album – well I have exciting news for you.... the Album is now ready! You can purchase either a digital copy (£5) or a CD (£8), please see Miss Wilson at the end of Choir Club or Mrs Taylor on reception; they are also available at Lizzie's Shop. The singing on the album is incredible and would make a fantastic Christmas gift!

## Music lessons

Music lessons next week will happen across two days; if your child has a music lesson with Mrs Lillie they will have this lesson on either Wednesday or Friday morning.

## Choir club

Due to the Nativity and Carols around the Tree, Choir Club has now finished for the term. If you are in need of after school provision for your child/ren our Wrap Around Provision will still be available 3.30pm till 5.30pm (£2 per hour). Please use MCAS to book on or speak to Mrs Taylor.

## Pre-Loved Christmas Jumper

Should you require a Christmas jumper for our upcoming festivities please pop into reception where either myself or Mrs Taylor will be able to show you our selection.

## Christmas Time Activities

December has begun and so has our Christmas celebrations and events; please see the events below as there has been some minor changes.

### Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December – Choir Christmas singing

We will be spreading the joys of Christmas through song to our local senior citizens on Tuesday 9th December. Christmas headwear is welcome!

### Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> & Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December - Acorn Nativity

On the evening of Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December (5.30pm drop at school/6pm start at the Village Hall). Please could all children come to school at 5:30pm in school uniform unless we have spoken to you individually. Most costumes need a white t-shirt and black shoes! We are also hoping to use face paints but do let us know if any children cannot have their face painted due to allergies. We will perform again on the afternoon of Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December (*Please note the slight change of time - 2pm*) our Acorn children will be performing their Nativity at the Village Hall. There will be a short appearance from Oak class too; all welcome!

### Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December: Rudolf Run, Christmas Jumper and Dinner day.

On this day we will be completing a Rudolf Run in support of Teesside hospice: you should have received at home a letter explaining the Rudolf Run and a sponsorship form. As well as this, children will be welcomed to wear a Christmas jumper and will enjoy their school Christmas dinner.



National Nurturing  
School Award  
2023



# Newsletter

5/12/25



## Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December: Carols around the Tree

We will be holding our annual tradition of Carols around the Tree on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 5.30pm at the front of school (weather permitting!).

## Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Party Day

On the final day of term, our children are welcomed again to wear Christmas jumpers and headwear as we celebrate Christmas. Fingers crossed for an appearance from the Man in Red!

## Christmas holidays

We will break up for the Christmas holidays on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December and return to school on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026!

Have a great weekend,

**Mrs Wardell**  
Interim Head of School

**Mr Cooper**  
Executive Headteacher

## Attendance:

Our attendance this week was: 95.9%

Our attendance this term: 95.9%

Our attendance this year: 96.8%

National average: 94.08%

Year Group winners: Year 3 and Year 4 - 100% amazing!

We are currently ranked 31<sup>st</sup> out of 280 schools.

## Star of the week:

Acorns- Luke for excellent knowledge and understanding of 2D shapes in Maths this week. Well done!

Oaks – Robyn for setting herself aspiring goals, then showing great work ethic leading her to achieve these goals and having to set more! Simply amazing - keep it up!

Headteachers' - Archie for always being incredibly polite, respectful and hardworking as well as being very helpful to Gaby!

## Weekly Reading Prizes:

Oaks: Jason, Maggie & Archie

Acorns: Cameron

## Next Week's Events

### Monday

**Acorn PE** please arrive in appropriate kit/footwear

### Tuesday

**Choir singing to the Senior Citizens** please bring Christmas headwear  
**Art Club** with Mrs Murrell



**National Nurturing  
School Award  
2023**



# Newsletter

5/12/25



## Wednesday

**Music lessons** with Mrs Lillie  
**Signing Club** with Katie  
**SATS Club** with Mrs Wardell

## Thursday

**Christmas Nativity Evening performance** 5.30pm meet at school, 6pm start at village hall.

## Friday

**Music Lessons** with Mrs Lillie  
**Christmas Nativity Afternoon performance** 2pm start at village hall.

### Next Week's Menu

	Main	Desert
<b>Monday</b>	Beef Burger with Diced Potatoes	Oat Cookie & Cheese
<b>Tuesday</b>	Crunchy topped Mac & Cheese	Sticky Toffee Pudding & Custard
<b>Wednesday</b>	Roast Gammon & Mashed Potatoes	Berry Mousse Pot
<b>Thursday</b>	Beef Mexican Taco with Rice	Chocolate Sponge & Chocolate Sauce
<b>Friday</b>	Battered Fish & Chips	Lemon Drizzle Shortbread

### Headteacher Timetable

	Mr Cooper	Mrs Wardell
<b>Monday</b>	West Cliff	Castleton
<b>Tuesday</b>	West Cliff	Castleton
<b>Wednesday</b>	Meetings all day	Castleton
<b>Thursday</b>	Castleton/Glaisdale/West Cliff	Castleton
<b>Friday</b>	West Cliff	Castleton

### 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](mailto:headteacher.cg@yeat.co.uk))

**Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead:** Mrs Nicola Wardell (01287 660496 or [nwardell.castleton@yeat.co.uk](mailto:nwardell.castleton@yeat.co.uk))

**Safeguarding Governor:** Mrs Jo Kevan (01287 660496 or [jkevan@yeat.co.uk](mailto:jkevan@yeat.co.uk))

### Future Diary Dates

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

#### December

17/12: Christmas Jumper and Dinner day

18/12: Carols around the tree

19/12: Christmas Party day

#### January

05/01: Training Day – school closed

06/01: School reopens for the spring term



Artsmark  
Silver Award  
Awarded by Arts  
Council England



National Nurturing  
School Award  
2023



# Newsletter



5/12/25

13/01: KS2 Forest School restarts (3&4)  
14/01: Acorns Forest School restarts  
15/01: Library Van

11/05-14/05: SATs Week  
01/06-05/06: Year 4 Multiplication Check Week  
08/06-12/06: Year 1 Phonics Screen Week  
16/06 - 17/06: Year 6 Edinburgh Trip  
29/06-01/07: Year 3/4 Peat Rigg Trip

## Future Dates

### Term Dates 2025/2026

- End of Autumn Term – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025
  - Training Day – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026
  - Half-term – Monday Half Term - Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026
  - Staff Training Day - Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2026
  - Last day of Spring Term - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026
  - First day of Summer Term – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026
  - Bank Holiday – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2026
  - Half Term - Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> 2026
  - Last day of Summer Term – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2026
  - Staff Training Day – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026
- Please avoid booking term time holidays, especially during assessment weeks.*

### Term Dates 2026/2027

- Staff Training Day – Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2026
  - Staff Training Day – Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2026
  - First day of Autumn Term – Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2026
  - Half-term – Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2026
  - End of Autumn Term – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2026
  - Training Day – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2027
  - Half-term – Monday Half Term - Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2027
  - Last day of Spring Term - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2027
  - Staff Training Day – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2027
  - First day of Summer Term – Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2027
  - Bank Holiday – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2027
  - Half Term - Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2027
  - Last day of Summer Term – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2027
  - Staff Training Day – Monday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2027
- Please avoid booking term time holidays, especially during assessment weeks.*



Artsmark  
Silver Award  
Awarded by Arts  
Council England



National Nurturing  
School Award  
2023