



Newsletter

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Dear Families and Friends,

Nativity

As I write we will be preparing for our afternoon performance of the Acorns nativity 'Woolly' - if it is anything like last night's performance it will be incredible! Thank you to our wonderful PTFA for providing the refreshments and hampers, our staff who have helped to create the Acorn and Oak performances and you, our parents for joining us either on the evening or afternoon and helping your child/ren with learning lines or with their musical performances.

Choir Performance

This week our Choir performed again singing carols to our local senior citizens; as always, their singing was beautiful and was enjoyed by all who were there.

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!

Choir club

Due to the 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

Please see below for our Christmas activities next week:

Wednesday 17th 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. ***Sponsorship money can be brought into school or following the links on the sponsorship form be completed electronically.***

Thursday 18th December: Carols around the Tree

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

Friday 19th 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!





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Christmas holidays

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

Have a great weekend,

Mrs Wardell
Interim Head of School

Mr Cooper
Executive Headteacher

Attendance:

Our attendance this week was: 96.2%

Our attendance this term: 95.9%

Our attendance this year: 96.7%

National average: 93.99%

Year Group winners: Reception, Year 2 and Year 4 - 100% amazing!

We are currently ranked 31st out of 280 schools.

Star of the week:

Acorns- Grace for 'performing to an audience' so well as a narrator during our Nativity this week. Well done!

Oaks – Ella for perseverance and determination with her assessments leading to great success – Fantastic effort!

Headteachers' - Acorns for amazing performances in the Nativity; a true delight to watch on stage. Well done!

Weekly Reading Prizes:

Oaks: Due to the pantomime, we will have a double draw next week!

Acorns: Willow and Clementine

Next Week's Events

Monday

Acorn PE please arrive in appropriate kit/footwear

Tuesday

Music lessons with Mrs Lillie

Art Club with Mrs Murrell

Wednesday

Christmas Jumper Day – children are welcome to come to school in a Christmas jumper.

Rudolf Run – children to wear PE kit and appropriate footwear to school

Christmas Dinner Day

Signing Club with Katie

SATS Club with Mrs Wardell

Thursday

Carols around the tree – 5.30pm outside the front of school (weather permitting).

Friday

Christmas Party Day – children are welcome to come to school in a Christmas jumper



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Next Week's Menu		
	Main	Desert
Monday	Pizza & Potato Wedges	Chocolate Brownie
Tuesday	Spaghetti Bolognese	Cheese & Biscuit
Wednesday	Christmas Dinner Day	
Thursday	Pork Meatballs in Tomato Sauce & Rice	Rhubarb Crumble Sponge & Custard
Friday	Christmas Party Food	Fruit Muffin

Headteacher Timetable		
	Mr Cooper	Mrs Wardell
Monday	Meetings all day	Castleton
Tuesday	Castleton/Glaisdale	Castleton
Wednesday	West Cliff	Castleton
Thursday	West Cliff	Castleton
Friday	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)

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.

January

05/01: Training Day – school closed
06/01: School reopens for the spring term
13/01: KS2 Forest School restarts (3&4)
14/01: Acorns Forest School restarts
15/01: Library Van

February

04/02: Curling Day

12/02: Library Van

Future Dates

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





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Term Dates 2025/2026

- 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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Awarded by Arts
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