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Dear Families and Friends,

Rights Respecting Schools Silver Award!

We are delighted to share that our school has been awarded the Silver Rights Respecting Schools Award, a significant achievement that recognises our commitment to placing children's rights at the heart of our school community.

This award reflects the hard work of our pupils, staff, and wider school community in promoting respect, equality, and understanding of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. At Silver level, it is recognised that our children not only learn about their rights but also actively apply these values in their daily interactions, attitudes, and learning.

We are incredibly proud of how our pupils demonstrate respect, empathy, and responsibility, helping to create a positive and inclusive environment for everyone.

Thank you for your continued support in reinforcing these values at home. Together, we are helping our children grow into thoughtful, informed, and respectful individuals.

We will continue working towards the Gold award and look forward to sharing further progress with you.

Forest School

It was lovely to see Year 3/4 and Acorns start their summer term Forest School sessions this week. These sessions will run on a fortnightly basis unless otherwise stated over the term. Next week, Year 5/6 will have their first session of the term, taking place on the new day of **Monday**, to avoid clashing with swimming lessons which also start next week.

Acorns PE

Acorns will have a fortnightly PE session taking place on Thursdays in the week they do not have Forest School. The first of these sessions was due to take place in the upcoming week (Thursday 23rd April), however children will be attending a National Cricket Day event instead, as part of their PE entitlement. These fortnightly sessions are on top of the PE provision of swimming sessions taking place over the term.

Swimming

Swimming lessons start next Tuesday and will run on the dates listed below. Please ensure your child comes to school with appropriate swimming kit and towel in a separate bag on these dates. We encourage independence when the children are changing but will of course help, if necessary, with this being said please can parents consider the children's uniform on Tuesdays as tights are quite difficult to master! If you have not done so already, please complete the online consent form. Additionally, we would be grateful for any voluntary contributions to these sessions, as outlined in the original email sent. These can be paid via MCAS. These sessions are already subsidised by the school, so any further contributions will aid us in continuing these sessions for the whole school in the future.

Our swimming lessons will be held on the following date:

21st April, 5th May, 19th May, 2nd June (not Year 5 & 6), 9th June, 16th June, 23rd June (not Year 5 & 6), 30th June, 14th July

Music Lessons

Due to swimming taking place on a Tuesday, Mrs Lillie is kindly going to come in to school on Tuesday morning and Wednesday afternoon to deliver music lessons to the children.

Cricket Engagement Day

It was wonderful to welcome Owen back into school on Thursday to deliver some exciting cricket lessons for all the children. As always Owen was highly complementary of the children on their effort levels, sportsmanship and behaviour.





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National Cricket Day – Thursday 23rd April – Glaisdale Cricket Club

On Thursday, we will be celebrating National Cricket Day with friends from our neighbouring schools. We will visit Glaisdale CC where we will take part in a range of cricket activities led by sports leaders, staff and our very own Mr Hollingworth who has organised the day. A separate message/online form has been sent out regarding this, including information on what children need to bring, as well as how you can provide consent.

Year 3/4 Quad Kids

We are excited to share that our Year 3 and 4 children will be taking part in the Quad Kids event at Whitby School next Friday, 24th April. This is a fantastic opportunity for the children to get involved in a fun and active athletics competition, where they will take part in a range of events including running, jumping, and throwing. Please ensure that children come to school wearing their full P.E. kit, including suitable trainers. As the event will take place outdoors, it is important that they also bring a warm, waterproof coat so they are prepared for all weather conditions. We expect to return to school in time for the end of the normal school day.

PTFA and Year 6 Coffee morning

Please come and support our fantastic PTFA and our Year 6's who will be raising funds for their Year 6 Edinburgh Trip on Saturday 18th April at Castleton Village Hall, 10am till 12noon. We look forward to seeing you there.

Termly Reports

You will soon be receiving your child's short termly report, if they are in Year 1-6 and sit written assessments. These reports are designed to keep parents informed of how their child has performed in recent assessments, as well as share attendance information. If you have any questions about this information, please do contact your child's teacher.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mr Cooper
Executive Headteacher

Attendance:

Our attendance this week was: 98.3%

Our attendance this term: 98.3%

Our attendance this year: 96.1%

National average: 94.8%

Our Target: 96%

Year Group winners: Reception, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 6 with 100% - Incredible!

We are currently ranked 94th out of 280 schools.

Star of the week:

Acorns: Cameron- for being such an inquisitive learner and demonstrating his fantastic imagination and storytelling skills during our Helicopter Stories this week. We loved the different voices for the characters!

Oaks: Scott – for been an active and engaged learner across the curriculum. Well done!

Headteacher: Henrique – for making excellent progress towards independence in maths!





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Spring Term Reading Winners:

Oaks: Layla and Robyn

Acorns: Max

Next Week's Events

Monday

Year 5 & 6 Forest School please come to school wearing appropriate clothing and footwear

Tuesday

Swimming lessons all children to come to school with swimming kit in a bag.

Music Lessons with Mrs Lillie

Art Club with Mrs Murrell

Wednesday

Earth Day

Mrs Carol Wilson joining us for assembly

Signing Club with Katie

SATs Club with Mrs Wardell

Music Lessons with Mrs Lillie

Thursday

National Cricket Day at Glaisdale CC all children come wearing PE kit with appropriate footwear

Choir Club with Miss Wilson

Friday

Year 3/4 Quad Kids please come to school wearing PE kit with appropriate footwear

Year 5/6 PE please come to school wearing PE kit with appropriate footwear

Next Week's Menu		
	Main	Desert
Monday	Chicken Nuggets	Shortbread
Tuesday	Pizza	Victoria Sponge
Wednesday	Roast Gammon	Jelly and Ice Cream
Thursday	Spaghetti/pasta bolognaise	Crumble sponge and custard
Friday	Fish and chips	Brownie

Headteacher Timetable	
Monday	Meetings off site all day
Tuesday	Glaisdale/Castleton
Wednesday	Castleton/Meetings off site
Thursday	Glaisdale
Friday	Castleton





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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.

April

- 18/04: Year 6 Coffee Morning
- 21/04: Swimming
- 22/04: Earth Day
- 22/04: Carol Wilson Assembly
- 23/04: National Cricket Day at Glaisdale Cricket Club
- 24/04: Quad Kids Y3/4
- 28/04: KS2 Trip to Murton Park
- 30/04: Stay and Play

May

- 01/05: Y3/4 Cricket at Mulgrave Cricket Club
- 05/05: Swimming
- 07/05: Barclays Shield Final @ Whitby Town
- 08/05: Y3/4 Tri Golf at Whitby Golf Club
- 11/05-14/05: KS2 SATS Week
- 18/05: Sea Shanty Workshop
- 19/05: Swimming

Future Dates

- 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

Remaining Term Dates 2025/2026

- 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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Artsmark Silver Award
Awarded by Arts Council England



National Nurturing School Award
2023