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Glaisdale Primary School
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Dear Families and Friends,

New Teacher-in-Charge

I am pleased to announce that we have successfully appointed Mrs Laura Barber to the position of Teacher-in-Charge, following interviews on Wednesday which saw an exceptionally strong field. Mrs Barber will be replacing Mr Wood who will be leaving us after Easter. Mrs Barber joins us with a great deal of experience in her current, senior role at Lockwood Primary School, where she has led several school initiatives, as well as stepped in as the Teacher-in-Charge and deputy roles on various occasions.

Mrs Barber will be joining Mr Wood for some handover during the coming weeks, ahead of her official start after Easter. We are looking forward to welcoming her to the team.

As a reminder, after Easter, Mr Cooper will no longer be the interim headteacher of Lythe and Goathland Schools and will be returning to his substantive role as Executive Headteacher at Castleton and Glaisdale School. He will be at Glaisdale for 50% of the week and will be supporting Mrs Barber in her new role.

New School Administrator (Glaisdale and Castleton Schools)

I am also pleased to announce that we have appointed Mrs Jenifer Littlewood to the position of School Administrator, following a recruitment process which saw significant interest. Mrs Littlewood will be replacing Mrs Gray who will be leaving us at the end of this half-term. They have already started handing over, ahead of Mrs Littlewood’s official start after half-term.

Mrs Littlewood’s working pattern will be similar to that of Mrs Gray’s, where she will cover responsibilities at both schools, especially on days Mrs Moore (Castleton School Administrator) does not work. However, there may be some slight differences. Please see the proposed schedule below:

	Castleton	Glaisdale
Mon	Mrs Moore all day	Mrs Littlewood all day
Tues	Mrs Littlewood all day (remote cover for Glaisdale)	
Weds	Mrs Littlewood all day (remote cover for Castleton)	
Thurs	Mrs Moore (morning)	Mrs Littlewood all day
Fri	Mrs Moore all day	Mrs Littlewood (morning)

Memory Woodland Opening

Wow! What an evening we had last Friday to celebrate our ‘Memory Woodland Opening’. It was truly amazing to see the past and the present together at our wonderful school. A huge thank you to everyone involved, especially the PTFA for their continued hard work in helping drive the school forward.

I must save special praise for our wonderful children who joined ‘Glaisdover’ in performing a fantastic version of ‘what a wonderful world’. If you look on our Facebook page, you will notice that the video of the children has over 1,000 views. Simply Brilliant!



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Books for Breakfast (Parental Event)

As part of our continued push to promote and develop a love of reading, we are hosting our first ever 'Books for Breakfast' event. This will take place on Friday 14th February at 8.30am until 9.00am. Parents are invited into school to read alongside their child before School begins. Tea and coffee will be provided for any parent who chooses to attend, and breakfast will be offered to any child. Please see our poster on social media for further information.

World Book Day – 7th March 2025

Similar to last year, the PTFA will be holding a World Book Day costume swap shop ahead of the day itself. This will take place on Friday 28th February (3.00pm) outside school. Children/parents can freely choose to borrow one of the costumes provided by the PTFA or use one from home.

Please can we ask for donations of any unwanted costume or costume items, including any borrowed from last year, so that we have plenty in stock to choose from. Please bring these to school in the first week back after half-term.

Year 5/6 Peat Rigg Pre-Visit Meeting – Zoom – Tuesday 4th March (5.00pm)

There will be a pre-visit Zoom meeting for parents/children in Year 5/6 who will be attending the Peat Rigg residential next month. This will take place on Tuesday 4th March (5.00pm). Please use the following link to join the meeting (this will also be shared again nearer the time):

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88401910467?pwd=aW1pKdEbsN64dO6JLGV0vYoSE4Unig.1>

Meeting ID: 884 0191 0467

Passcode: MhLf15

Moors School

Our next Moors School session is on Tuesday 25th February. Please send your child to school in their moors school clothes. The rest of the dates this term are: Thursday 13th March and Thursday 27th March.

Year 1/2 Gymnastics

Year One and Year Two children enjoyed an afternoon at Whitby College where they took part in a range of gymnastic activities. The children developed their travelling, rolling, jumping and balancing skills throughout the afternoon and had great fun using the springboard and vault apparatus! The Year 10 Sports Leaders were fantastic at encouraging and supporting the children so that everyone had a great afternoon.

New Starter Stay and Plays

We have scheduled two new dates for Stay and Play sessions for children starting school in September 2025:

- Thursday 6th March (2.30-3.30pm)
- Thursday 24th April (2.00-3.30pm)

We look forward to seeing you there.

Year 6 Edinburgh Trip

The dates for our Year 6 Edinburgh trip have been confirmed as Tuesday 17th June – Wednesday 18th June. More information regarding deposit, fundraising and other arrangements will be shared in due course.



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End of Half-Term

We will be closing for our half-term break on Friday 14th February. School will re-open on Monday 24th February.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mr Wood
Acting Head of School

Attendance: Our attendance this week was: 84.6%
 Our attendance this year: 95.6%
 National average for this year: 94.8%
 Class Winners – Explorers – 89.8%

Stars of the Week:

Headteacher: Jake – A brilliant attitude at the gymnastics festival this week. He was an absolutely superstar!
 Adventurer: Leo – Jaxon – A real change in attitude! He has been more determined and independent all week and it has been fantastic to see.
 Explorer: Sid – We are incredibly proud of all the progress he has made; it is amazing to see!

Headteacher / Acting Head of School Timetable		
	Mr Cooper	Mr Wood
Mon	Whitby/Castleton	Goathland/Glaisdale
Tues	Lythe/Goathland	Glaisdale all day
Weds	Goathland/Lealholm	Glaisdale/Lealholm
Thurs	Lythe/Castleton	Glaisdale all day
Fri	Lythe/Goathland	Glaisdale all day

Next Week's Events	
Monday 10th February	PE for both classes (with Mr Bates)
Tuesday 11th February	Moors School (both classes)
Wednesday 12th February	Lego Club Arts and Crafts Club
Thursday 13th February	Sports Club
Friday 14th February	



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Safeguarding Statement

Yorkshire Endeavour Academy Trust and Glaisdale 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: Mr Andrew Wood (01947 897218 or awood.glaisdale@yeat.co.uk)

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead: Rowan Mitchell (01947 897218) or rmitchell.glaisdale@yeat.co.uk)

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

Future Dates

February

14/02 – Books for Breakfast

25/02 - Moors School

27/02 - Y3/4 Gymnastics

March

04/03 - Y3/4 Hockey Coaching

06/03 - KS2 Cross-Country

06/03 - New Starter – Stay and Play

11/03 - Y3/4 Hockey Tournament

13/03 - Moors School

18/03 - Straws Cup Football Tournament

21/03 – Training Day

26/03-28/03 – Y5/6 Peat Rigg

27/03 - Moors School

27/03 - KS2 Cross-Country

Future Diary Dates

12/05-16/05: Y6 SATs Week

02/06-13/06: Y4 Multiplication Check

04/06: School photos

17/06-18/06: Y6 Edinburgh Trip (TBC)

June: Y1 phonics screening

Remaining Term Dates 2024/25

- Half Term - Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February 2025
- Staff Training Day - Friday 21st March 2025
- Last day of Spring Term - Friday 4th April 2025
- First day of Summer Term – **Tuesday** 22nd April 2025
- Bank Holiday – Monday 5th May 2025
- Half Term - Monday 26th May to Friday 30th 2025
- Last day of Summer Term - Monday 21st July 2025
- Staff Training Day – Tuesday 22nd July 2025

Please avoid booking term time holidays, especially during assessment weeks.



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