



Newsletter

Glaisdale Primary School

12/12/2025

Dear Families and Friends,

Glaisdale Mural Unveiling

We were honoured to be asked by our wonderful PTFA member, Katherine Sedman, to help create a mural fit for our village- a special tribute to the late Roger Norris who was a much-loved member of the Glaisdale community. The children worked incredibly hard to bring this vision to life, guided by Katherine's amazing artistic talent. Last Friday, the children were excited to be invited to Glaisdale train station for the official unveiling. It was wonderful to see the whole community there to share the moment, and we even had the opportunity to speak with our MP, Alison Hume about the recent work we did around UK Parliament week.

Straw and Order- Christmas performances

We are pleased to say that our Christmas performances of 'Straw and Order' were an absolute triumph. The children shone on stage with their enthusiasm, confidence and wonderful singing. Every child worked so hard when practising and this showed in the quality of their performances. A huge well done to all the children for their brilliant effort and a heartfelt thank you to parents/carers alongside our staff for your continued support. Your encouragement makes these moments extra special.

Singing for the Dalesfolk

At the time of writing, the children are preparing to visit the Robinson Institute to sing for the Dalesfolk. This is a Glaisdale tradition that is our honour to uphold.

Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day

We enjoyed a wonderful Christmas lunch together, with children and staff tucking into a festive feast. It was lovely to have Playgroup join us to share this special meal. Christmas Jumper Day added extra cheer, with the whole school brightened by colourful, sparkly jumpers. It was a joyful way to celebrate the season and bring everyone together.

Festive Stay and Play

We recently held our Festive Stay and Play session for young children and it was a great success. Families enjoyed a warm, welcoming afternoon filled with Christmas crafts, stories and seasonal activities. It was lovely to meet new faces and share a little of the festive joy within our school.

PTFA Christmas movie night- Tuesday 16th December

We are excited to announce that our PTFA will be hosting a Christmas Movie club on Tuesday 16th after school from 3.30- 5pm. This club will be open to all children in school. Please can you let Mrs Barber or Mrs Littlewood know if your child will NOT be attending so that school has an accurate register for safeguarding purposes/adequate staffing of the event.

Rudolph Run- Wednesday 17th December

We are looking forward to our Rudolph Run next Wednesday (17th December) at 10am. We will be donning our reindeer antlers and running laps of the quarry to raise money for Teesside hospice- a local charity. You are more than welcome to join us to spectate or even run with us. Our friends from Playgroup will also be joining us at this event. After the event, please collect any sponsor money and return to Mrs Littlewood.





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Walk to School Welcome- Thursday 18th December

On Thursday 18th December, we will be visited by Spike the hedgehog who will be encouraging children to travel actively to school (wherever safely possible). He will also be helping to lead an assembly about road safety, safe parking and sustainable travel.

Glaisdale Wraparound Care

We are pleased to share that we are hoping to introduce new wraparound care at Glaisdale, running Monday to Friday from 3.30pm to 5pm. This would provide families with additional after-school provision. Please note that this service is subject to the successful recruitment of a member of staff who would lead the wraparound care. We would be grateful if you could share the job advert with anyone who may be interested. If you are interested in the role yourself or would like more information, please let us know- we'd love to hear from you!

<https://nycjobs.engageats.co.uk/Vacancies/W/3027/0/461132/20177/after-school-club-leader>

Secrets Room Update

Thank you to all the parents/carers who have signed up for their children to visit our Secrets Rooms. Please ensure that you complete the online form, previously emailed out, by the end of today (Friday 12th December) as this is the deadline for this event. If you require any support completing this please contact Mrs Littlewood.

Get ready for a sprinkling of festive fun! Next week our library will be magically transformed into a Santa shop. Children will have the exciting opportunity to visit the shop and choose special gifts for their loved ones. Each gift will cost £2; all proceeds will go towards supporting future school activities. The aim of this festive event is to give children the joy and independence of buying their own presents, while spreading the spirit of kindness and generosity across our whole school community. We can't wait to see the smiles as our young shoppers faces.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Barber
Teacher-in-charge

Mr Cooper
Executive Headteacher

Attendance

Our attendance this week was: **98.2%**
 Our attendance this year: **98.2%**
 Attendance winners this week: **Explorers, with 100% attendance for the week**
 National Average for this year: **93.99%**
 We are currently ranked: **11th out of 290 schools**

Stars of the week

Explorers - Peter - for his great independent writing. Peter has shown a positive attitude towards his learning this week. Well done, Peter!

Adventurers - Jude - for his fantastic progress in reading. Jude has really applied what he has learnt in class to his independent work. Well done, Jude!





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DATE	DECEMBER EVENTS
Monday 15th Singing at The Mayfield care home	A group of Glaisdale children have volunteered to sing Christmas songs for the residents of The Mayfield care home, spreading festive cheer. They will travel by minibus at 1.30pm and return in time for the end of the school day. If your child wishes to attend, you will have received an earlier email.
Mon 15th- Thurs 18th Secrets Room	An exciting Christmas shopping experience for our pupils. Please contact our school office if you require more information.
Wednesday 17th Rudolph Run	Along with children from Tots on the Moor (Glaisdale Playgroup), we will be running laps of the quarry to raise money for Teesside Hospice; they are invited to wear their Christmas jumpers for this event. Sponsor forms have gone home with your children.
Thursday 18th Carol Service	Our annual Christmas Carol service will take place on Thursday 18 th December, 2pm at St Thomas', Glaisdale. It would be fantastic to see you all there and share the festive spirit.
Friday 19th Christmas party	On the final day of term, our children are welcomed again to wear Christmas jumpers and headwear as we celebrate Christmas.
Wednesday 24th Christingle Service	Everyone is invited to the Christingle service at St Thomas' Glaisdale 3.00 - 4.00pm. Anyone who has children in Adventurers who'd be happy to perform a short reading at the service please contact Alan Palmer on 01947 897030/ 07958475483 before 22 nd December.

Next Week's Events		
	In School	After School
Monday 15th	Secrets Room is open P.E both classes Some children singing at the Mayfield, Whitby for residents	
Tuesday 16th	Secrets Room is open	PTFA Christmas movie night- 3.30pm-5pm
Wednesday 17th	Rudolf Run Secrets Room is open	Arts and Crafts Club- 3.30-4.30
Thursday 18th	Music Lessons Walk to school welcome- Road safety Carol Service at St Thomas', 2pm	Lego Club – 3.30-4.30
Friday 19th	Whole school Christmas party	

Next Week's Menu		
	Main	Desert
Monday	Pizza & Potato Wedges	Chocolate Brownie
Tuesday	Spaghetti Bolognese	Cheese & Biscuit
Wednesday	Roast Chicken & Yorkshire Pudding & Mash	Rice Pudding & Jam
Thursday	Pork Meatballs in Tomato Sauce & Rice	Rhubarb Crumble Sponge & Custard
Friday	Fish Fingers & Chips	Fruit Muffin





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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: Mrs Laura Barber (01947 897218 or lbarber.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 Diary Dates

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

- **09/03-12/03:** Eskdale Music Festival
- **21/04:** Swimming lessons start again
- **11/05-14/05:** Year 6 SATs Week
- **01/06-05/06:** Year 4
- **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

Term Dates 2025/2026

- **Last day Autumn Term** – Fri 19th Dec 2025
- **Training Day** – Mon 5th Jan 2026
- **First day Spring Term** – Tue 6th Jan 2026
- **Half-term** – Mon 16th to Fri 20th Feb 2026
- **Training Day** - Fri 13th March 2026
- **Last day Spring Term** - Fri 27th March 2026
- **First day Summer Term** – Mon 13th April 2026
- **Bank Holiday** – Mon 4th May 2026
- **Half-term** - Mon 25th to Fri 29th May 2026
- **Last day Summer Term** – Fri 17th July 2026
- **Training Day** – Mon 20th July 2026

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

Term Dates 2026/2027

- **Training Days** – Mon 7th & Tue 8th Sept 2026
- **First day Autumn Term** – Wed 9th Sept 2026
- **Half-term** – Mon 26th to Fri 30th Oct 2026
- **Last day Autumn Term** – Fri 18th Dec 2026
- **Training Day** – Mon 4th Jan 2027
- **First day Spring Term**- Tue 5th Jan 2027
- **Half-term** – Mon 8th to Fri 12th Feb 2027
- **Last day Spring Term** - Fri 19th March 2027
- **Training Day** – Mon 5th April 2027
- **First day Summer Term** – Tue 6th April 2027
- **Bank Holiday** – Mon 3rd May 2027
- **Half-term** - Mon 31st May to Fri 4th June 2027
- **Last day Summer Term** – Fri 23rd July 2027
- **Training Day** – Mon 26th July 2027

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