



Newsletter

Glaisdale Primary School

19/12/2025

Dear Families and Friends,

Mr Cooper's Support of West Cliff Primary School

Mrs Hird (Substantive Headteacher of West Cliff Primary School) has decided to leave her position of Headteacher at West Cliff Primary School at the end of December. As you will be aware, Mr Cooper has been supporting this school as Interim Leader during Mrs Hird's absence. This arrangement will continue for the spring term whilst a new Headteacher is being recruited, with Mrs Barber continuing to be the Teacher-in-Charge and the first point of contact for any queries. Mr Cooper will be present at different points throughout the term, to ensure the school and students continue to thrive and he looks forward to returning to his substantive role of Executive Headteacher of Castleton and Glaisdale Schools in the summer term.

Singing for the Dalesfolk- A Glaisdale tradition

Last week, our children had the honour of singing for the Dalesfolk during their final meeting. This is a much-loved Glaisdale tradition that we were proud to be a part of. The children entertained everyone with their beautiful singing and truly touched hearts with the Christmas cards they made for the occasion. As part of our oath to improve our local community, it is always a privilege to attend events like this and stay connected with the wonderful people around us.

Singing at Mayfield Care Home

Similarly, we spread joy at the Mayfield Care Home this week. Some of our children volunteered to visit the care home to entertain the residents with some Christmas songs. It was heart-warming to see so many residents clapping along and enjoying the festive spirit.

A Fond Farewell and a Warm Welcome

We would like to say thank you and farewell to Mr Bates, who has worked hard teaching P.E at Glaisdale over the past few years. We wish him all the very best for the future.

At the same time, we are pleased to welcome Mr Coultas, who will be continuing to provide high-quality P.E lessons on Mondays, starting from the 12th January. Mr Coultas is very much looking forward to getting to know our children, families and staff, and becoming part of the Glaisdale Primary family.

Secrets Room

The Glaisdale Secrets Room gave children the opportunity to do some special Christmas shopping for their family and friends. The children loved choosing thoughtful gifts and even learned some fantastic wrapping skills along the way. £132 was raised for our PTFA, this will be used to provide enriching experiences for our children in the New Year.

PTFA Christmas Movie Night

Our PTFA Christmas Movie Night was a lovely festive event. The children settled in to watch Christmas at Mistletoe Farm and were treated to delicious hot chocolate topped with cream and marshmallows, along with juice and biscuits.

A huge thank you to all our PTFA volunteers who helped make this evening a success, and for your continued support at PTFA Club throughout this past half term. We really appreciate everything you do for our school community.

Following the Christmas break, PTFA club will be running one session per month (Tuesdays) whilst the weather is poor. Further communication regarding dates will be sent out in January.





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Rudolph Run

On Wednesday, our children transformed into reindeers and followed our very own Rudolph, who we cleverly summoned with a verse of Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer running laps around the quarry. With lots of smiles, energy and festive cheer we managed to complete enough laps to help us fly all the way to Lapland. A huge thank you to the parents/carers who came along to watch, cheer and support the children, and for your generous donations to Teesside Hospice which is such a worthy local cause. Mrs Littlewood will be taking in any voluntary donations from the run, up to the end of the first week in January, then totalling up and passing on to Teesside Hospice.

Walk to School Welcome

What a wonderful start to our Thursday this week. Spike the Hedgehog joined us for a Walk to School Welcome, chatting with our children about the importance of wearing reflectors so that cars can see us in the dark. After this, the whole school took part in a road safety assembly where Chrystal from North Yorkshire Council praised our children for their lovely manners and excellent listening skills.

Carol Service

We were delighted to come together for our Carol Service, where children sang a beautiful mixture of traditional carols and much-loved Christmas songs. Mrs Lillie's music students accompanied the performances with their instruments, adding extra magic to the occasion. A heartfelt thank you to all our parents, carers and community members who joined us to celebrate this festive season- your support made the event truly memorable!

Whole School Christmas Party

As we write this, we are very much looking forward to our whole school Christmas party. It promises to be a wonderful opportunity for children and staff to come together to celebrate. With music, games and plenty of Christmas cheer planned, we are sure it will be a special occasion full of smiles and laughter.

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>

Please note that although childcare qualifications are desirable, they are not essential, this is something that could be developed should the successful candidate wish to. Furthermore, if you are appointed as After School Club Leader and your child (ren) or grandchild (ren) attend Glaisdale School, they will receive free places at our wraparound provision.

Poppy Appeal

Thank you so much to everyone who purchased something from our Poppy Appeal box last month, we found out yesterday that we raised £59.63 in total for the Royal British Legion.





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Merry Christmas

School will close for the Christmas break at the end of the school day on Friday 19th December. We will reopen to pupils on Tuesday 6th January.

We would like to thank all children, parents and carers for their continued support throughout this term. We wish everyone a happy, peaceful, and restful Christmas break and look forward to welcoming everyone back in the New Year.

Have a lovely Christmas break,

Mrs Barber
Teacher-in-charge

Mr Cooper
Executive Headteacher

Attendance

Our attendance this week was: **98.4%**
 Our attendance this year: **98.2%**
 Attendance winners this week: **Years 1, 3, 5 and 6**
 National Average for this year: **93.68%**
 We are currently ranked: **3rd out of 290 schools. Well done, what a way to end 2025 !**

Stars of the week

Explorers - All the Explorers class for a successful Autumn Term 2025! Well done, Explorers!

Adventurers- All the Adventurers class for a successful Autumn Term 2025! Well done, Adventurers!

Events in January		
	In School	After School
Monday 5th	PD day school is closed to pupils	
Tuesday 6th	Children return to school following the Christmas break	
Wednesday 7th		Arts and Crafts Club- 3.30-4.30
Thursday 8th	Music Lessons	Board Game Club – 3.30-4.30
Friday 9th		
Spring Menu		
	Main	Desert
Monday		
Tuesday	Chicken Korma with 50/50 Rice	Fruity Jam Sandwich & Custard
Wednesday	Mince Beef & Dumpling & Mash	Jelly & Ice-cream
Thursday	Hot Dog & Potato Wedges	Toffee Apple Muffin
Friday	Battered Fish & Chips	Chocolate Orange Mousse Cake





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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.

January

- **16/01:** Adventurers Sportshall Athletics
- **21/01:** Adventurers Playleader training
- **27/01:** Adventurers Change For Life
- **28/01:** Adventurers Playleader training (reserve date in the case of poor weather)

February

- **03/02:** Explorers Gymnastics

March to July

- **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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