



Newsletter

Glaisdale Primary School

24/04/2026

Dear Families and Friends,

Adders

As usual for this time of year, we have had sightings of adders around the school drive. We have spoken to children about avoiding adders if they see one and reporting this to other people nearby. We have also advised that children do not play in the moorland/grassy areas surrounding our school drive, to avoid inadvertently encountering an adder. We would appreciate if you can reinforce these messages, to ensure that all children are safe.

After-School Club Worker

We are still on the hunt for a new Glaisdale team member to help run our proposed new after-school club provision. We have been unfortunate over several rounds of recruitment to not find the right person, but we will endeavour to keep looking. We would be grateful if you could share this advert with anyone you think may be interested. There is some potential flexibility in the role for the right candidate, so if you or someone you know has questions as to how this role could suit, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

<https://nycjobs.engageats.co.uk/Vacancies/W/2066/0/467421/20177/wrap-around-care-leader>

Adventurers' Visit to Murton Park – Tuesday 28th April

To support the children's learning in History, we have arranged for the Adventurers to visit Murton Park in York. Here, they will be Roman Soldiers for the day, building their knowledge on why the Roman Army was so successful and completing activities that people and soldiers of this era would have partaken in.

The trip will take place on Tuesday 28th April with children from both Glaisdale and Castleton schools attending together. All children will travel via a coach to and from the park.

Adventurers will depart from the **Robinsons institute** at **8.20am** and return to the institute at approximately **4.45pm**, note that the departure and return times are outside of the school day. Please ensure that your child/children are in school uniform, has a warm/waterproof coat, brings a sun cap/has suncream applied and brings a packed lunch unless you have ordered one from school.

We will update families via Class Dojo for a more accurate return time on the day, as this is traffic dependent. Please can you ensure that your child/ren are on time to their departure point to avoid delays on starting our fantastic day.

Parent Forum – Wednesday 29th April

We are looking forward to welcoming you to our Parent Forum next week on Wednesday 29th April (4pm) at school. This is open to all parents as an opportunity to listen to the plans for school development, as well as contribute ideas/questions to help shape this future. Mr Cooper and Mrs Barber will both be in attendance. If you are unable to attend, please do not hesitate to catch Mr Cooper or Mrs Barber on the school gate, if you have any questions or feedback.

Stay and Play – Thursday 30th April

We are delighted to announce our next Stay and Play session for children who will be starting Reception in September 2026 or September 2027. This session will take place on Thursday 30th April from 1pm until 3pm.

These sessions are a lovely opportunity for children to explore our classrooms, meet our staff, and enjoy some fun activities, while parents and carers get a feel for daily life at Glaisdale. We may include some outdoor 'Moors School' activities on the 30th so please make sure you come with wellies (and trainers or shoes for inside school), waterproof coats and sun hats and sun cream (if, fingers crossed, the weather is kind).





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If you know any families with younger children, please do encourage them to come along and see what our wonderful setting has to offer. We'd love to welcome them and share what makes Glaisdale such a special place to learn and grow. We have three further transition days for new starters over the term: Wednesday 3rd June (9am-12pm); Tuesday 7th July (9am-1pm) and Thursday 9th July (11.45am-3.30pm). We hope these days will help our new starters settle into their new school.

National Cricket Day

We had a fantastic day celebrating National Cricket Day, joined by our friends from Castleton, Lealholm and Oakridge. The Explorers enjoyed learning the basic skills of the game and had great fun taking part in quick cricket activities. Meanwhile, the Adventurers built on their experience, honing their skills and competing in an exciting cricket tournament. A wonderful time was had by all, with plenty of teamwork, enthusiasm and sportsmanship on display throughout the day. A huge thank you goes to our Chair of Governors, Mark Hollingworth, for the time and effort he has dedicated to organising such a memorable and enriching experience for everyone involved.

If your child is interested in playing cricket more often, you can contact Mr Hollingworth (07825 356897) for sessions at Glaisdale Cricket Club, including ECB run courses over the summer.

Year 3/4 Cricket Competition – Friday 1st May

Years 3 and 4 will be taking part in a Cricket Day at Mulgrave Cricket Club on Friday 1st May. This exciting event will take place during normal school hours.

Please note that children will be away from school over lunchtime, so we kindly ask that you complete the form below to give permission for your child to attend and to indicate their lunch choice.

[Year 3 and 4 Cricket Consent Form](#)

On the day, children should come to school wearing their full P.E. kit. They will also need to bring a warm, waterproof coat, a sun cap (and have suncream applied), and a packed lunch if one has not been requested from school.

We look forward to a fantastic day of cricket and outdoor learning.

Music Lessons and Mini Arts Festival

There will be an additional music lesson session next week (Monday) in lieu of a postponed session in May. Please ensure music instruments are in school on this day, as well as the regular slot on Friday.

Also, as you may be aware, it is the annual 'Mini Arts Festival' at the Robinson Institute at the end of May. Mrs Lillie will be there on Saturday 30th May at 10am with her music pupils from Glaisdale, Castleton, Lealholm and Danby schools. We'd love for as many of our pupils and families to be able to attend as possible to support their peers in cheering on their performances.

<https://3-minutearts.uk/mini-arts-festival/>

Swimming

It was great to restart swimming lessons this week. These will continue fortnightly across the term. Please ensure your child comes to school with appropriate swimming kit, towel and goggles (if required) 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!

Our swimming sessions will be held on the following dates:

5th May, 19th May, 9th June, 23rd June (excl. Year 5 & 6)





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Edinburgh Fundraising

As a reminder, Year 6 children attending the Edinburgh residential visit need to raise £50 through their own creative, entrepreneurial activity. In the past, children have done this through doing extra jobs at home or for family members. Some ex-pupils also created their own mini-business project, making and selling products to raise this money. We always advise that pupils do this with their parents' permission and, if required, help.

This £50 fundraising is on top of the parental deposit and the amount the school/PTFA funds for the visit. There will be an additional product on MCAS for parents to transfer this money, for ease. Please ensure that this is completed and transferred to school by Friday 22nd May.

Moors School

Moors School sessions will recommence this coming Thursday (30th April) with sessions fortnightly thereafter, unless otherwise stated.

Curriculum Overviews

Alongside the email containing this newsletter, you should have received your child's class' curriculum overview for the summer term. We hope you find this useful to understand what your child will be learning, as well as a provocation for discussion of topics at home.

Upcoming Bank Holiday

As a reminder, Monday 4th May is a national bank holiday and school will, therefore, be closed. We will be open as usual on Tuesday 5th May.

A note from our PTFA

You can help increase "Glaisdale School PTFA Whitby's" entries into easyfundraising's giveaway to win one of five £400 donations- every new supporter who joins is an entry!

Sign up before midnight 26th April, it'll only take two minutes:

<https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/glaisdale-school-ptfa/kr1hn3/c2s/J1YccjD6/CE942/facebook/>

Have a lovely weekend,

Mr Cooper
Executive Headteacher

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.

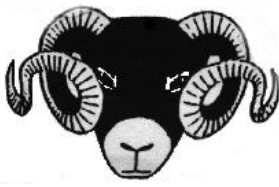
Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mr Olly Cooper (01947 897218 / 01287 660496 or headteacher.cg@yeat.co.uk)

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)





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Attendance

Our attendance this week was: **97.3%** National Average for this year: **94.8%**
 Our attendance this year: **97.3%** We are currently ranked: **11th out of 290 schools**
 Attendance winners this week: **Reception, Year 4 and Year 6**

Stars of the week

Explorers - **Ezra**- for returning to school with such a positive attitude towards his learning!
 Adventurers – **Jake**- for a sensible, mature attitude to learning, always trying his very best!
 Headteacher – **Sid** – for excellent progress in reading!

Rightsholder of the week

This week our RRSA have selected **Rudy** as our Rightsholder of the week. He has upheld Article 12 'respect for other children's views'. Well done, Rudy!

Next week's Events

	In School	After School	Headteacher Timetable
Monday	Music Lessons (in lieu of Friday 15 th May) P.E lessons for the whole school		Castleton
Tuesday	Adventurers Trip to Murton Park		Glaisdale
Wednesday	Football practice for selected children (please bring additional kit/footwear to change into)	Parent Forum (4pm) Arts and Crafts Club 3.30pm-4.30pm	Meetings off site/Glaisdale
Thursday	Moors School Stay and Play	Sports Club 3.30pm-4.30pm	Meetings off site/Castleton
Friday	Music Lessons Year 3/4 Cricket Event		Glaisdale

Menu for Next Week

	Main	Dessert
Monday	All Day Breakfast	Oaty Cookie
Tuesday	Cheese and Tomato Pasta	Lemon Drizzle Bun
Wednesday	Roast Beef	Fruit and Ice Cream
Thursday	Chicken Korma	Fruity Flapjack
Friday	Fish fingers or fish with chips	Doughnut Muffin





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Future Diary Dates

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

April

- **28/04:** Adventurers: Visit to Murton Park
- **29/04:** Parent Forum (4pm)
- **30/04:** Moors School

May

- **01/05:** Y3/4 Cricket at Mulgrave Cricket Club
- **05/05:** Swimming
- **07/05:** Barclays Shield Final Football
- **08/05:** Y3/4 Golf at Whitby Golf Club
- **11/05-14/05:** Year 6 SATs Week
- **14/05:** Moors School
- **15/05:** Sea Shanty Workshops (parent performance in school at 3pm)
- **19/05:** Swimming

June

- **01/06-05/06:** Year 4 Multiplication Check
- **02/06:** Y5/6 Cricket at Whitby Cricket Club
- **03/06:** Stay and Play (morning)
- **04/06:** Moors School

- **08/06-12/06:** Year 1 Phonics Screen Week
- **09/06:** Swimming
- **12/06:** Y5/6 Quad Kids
- **16/06-17/06:** Year 6 Edinburgh Trip
- **17/06:** Years 3-5 Headingley Cricket
- **18/06:** Moors School
- **19/06:** Y1/2 Quad Kids
- **23/06:** Y5/6 Athletics
- **23/06:** Swimming
- **26/06:** Adventurers Rounders
- **29/06-01/07:** Year 3/4 Peat Rigg Trip

July

- **02/07:** Moors School
- **03/07:** Y3/4 Junior Golf at Whitby Golf Club
- **07/07:** Stay and Play (morning + lunch)
- **09/07:** Stay and Play (lunch + afternoon)
- **15/07:** Year 6 Crucial Crew
- **16/07:** Moors School

Remaining Term Dates 2025/2026

- **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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