



Newsletter

Glaisdale Primary School

11/09/2026

Dear Families and Friends,

Welcome Back

It has been a pleasure to welcome you all back this week, following a long 7 weeks away from school! It has been pleasing to see all children settle into their routines, especially those who are starting school for the first time or have just moved classes. There has been a real buzz around the school, and we are very much looking forward to another positive year.

New Payment and Booking System – Arbor

Thank you for your patience whilst we switch to our new payments and booking system, Arbor. This system will replace MCAS and can be used to pay for all school services, such as clubs, trips and meals. It is also used as a booking system for our wraparound care too. Unfortunately, the switchover has taken longer than we hoped. However, rest assured, all school services will continue as usual, and we will reconcile any payments once our new system is live. We will also initiate welcome emails from Arbor to parents once the system is live. Thank you for bearing with us as we also learn a new system. Once we are 'live', if you have any problems accessing or paying for school services, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

New Paid-for After-School Club

We are delighted to announce that our new paid-for after-school care option is now available. This is being led by Ms Jacinth Stamp who started with us this week. The club will run daily between 3.30-5pm at a cost of £4.50 per child (£4 for any additional siblings). This includes a light snack (if wanted) as well as a range of activities.

Our free after-school clubs will continue to run. These are Craft Club (Wednesday) and Sports Club (Thursday). We will review this arrangement in due course, once our paid-for after-school provision is fully established. Please note: any child that attends one of the free after-school clubs but subsequently attends the paid for after-school club (between 4.30-5pm) will still be charged the full cost of £4.50. This is in order ensure financial sustainability of the club.

Once our new Arbor system is running, club spaces can be booked through this. In the meantime, please arrange any sessions in good time with the school office.

Year 5/6 Bikeability – Tuesday 15th September

We are pleased to confirm that children in Years 5 and 6 will be taking part in a Bikeability session. The programme is designed to develop children's knowledge, skills and confidence in riding safely on roads and within their local community.

The morning session will take place on the school playground, where children will develop and practise the necessary cycling skills. During the afternoon, children will have the opportunity to apply these skills while cycling out into the local community.

Children will need to bring the following with them on the day:

- A roadworthy bicycle
- A correctly fitted cycling helmet

Children will have their lunch as usual at school, so there is no need to make any alternative lunch arrangements.

Following the afternoon session, children will return to school and will be dismissed at the usual collection time of 3.30pm.

Should you have any questions or queries regarding Bikeability, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Barber.



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Moors School – Wednesday 16th September

We will be starting our Moors Schools sessions next week (Wednesday) for all children. For those new to Moors Schools, this is an exciting and essential part of our curriculum, where children learn through play and the outdoors, developing their knowledge of the National Curriculum as well as building interpersonal skills. Throughout the year, we complete a range of progressive tasks; some of these relate to subjects in school and some are standalone or adventurous tasks, such as den building or fire lighting!

On Moors Schools days, children need to arrive at school in appropriate outdoor clothing and footwear, including waterproof layers if conditions are due to be wet. Children should also wear longer trousers to help with walking through some of the overgrown sections of our Moors Schools site. Children do not need uniform on these days. Children will go Moors School (on average) every fortnight – provisional dates for sessions can be found below.

Music Lessons

Music lessons with Mrs Lillie have recommenced. These will now take place on Thursdays (not split over Wednesday's and Friday's). Please ensure your child has their instruments and any notes for their session.

Adventurers' Trip to York – Thursday 24th September

On Thursday 24th September, Adventurers will be taking their first trip of the school year, heading to York. This will be a 'double trip' where we will take advantage of two offers to support two different units of study from our curriculum. Firstly, children will get the chance to learn about the artist they are studying this term, Vincent Van Gogh, by visiting the Van Gogh Expo. Children will get to take part in a 360° immersive experience looking at this artist's work through virtual reality.

We will then have two further excursions relating to our history units for this year, Anglo Saxons and Vikings. We will visit Jorvik Museum where we will look at the history of York and, in particular, the impact the Anglo Saxons and Vikings had. We will then develop our archaeological skills by visiting Jorvik's DIG site, where we will get hands-on looking at how historians have pieced together history based on evidence they have found underground.

This is a comprehensive trip and, as a result, we need to depart earlier and return later than the usual school day. Children will need to arrive at **Lealholm School** at **8.10am**, wearing their school uniform, a coat and their packed lunch (unless they have ordered one from school). We aim to return to **Lealholm School** for **4.30pm** and as usual, we will communicate via Dojo should this change on the day at all.

With the total cost of this visit being higher due to the number of activities and transport cost (£30 per child), we will be asking parents for a voluntary contribution of £10 per child. The PTFA, as usual, continue to subsidise other parts of our trips – something we are very grateful for. The school also uses its own funding to cover any shortfall; we would, therefore, be grateful, if this can be considered, so that we can continue running these fantastic experiences for children.

An **online form** has been sent out for you to provide consent for this visit, as well as acknowledgement as to whether or not you wish to provide a voluntary contribution (these will be added to your new payment system account, once it is live).

PE Sessions

PE sessions recommence on Mondays (weekly) delivered by our sports coach Mr Coultas. Children should arrive at school in their PE kits on these days. They do not require uniform.



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Nut-Free School

As a reminder, our school is a 'nut free' school. Please do not send in any nuts or products containing whole nuts. This does not apply to products which 'may contain nuts' – these can still be brought to school.

Curriculum Overviews

Alongside the email containing this newsletter, you can also find your child's class' curriculum overview for the term. We hope you find this useful to know what children will be learning this term and as a provocation for discussion at home.

Thank You!

Finally, a massive thank you to the Whitehead family who have been busy helping replace part of Explorers outdoor area over the summer! For those of you that have seen this, I am sure you will agree they have done a fantastic job and made this area much nicer for children.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mr Cooper
Executive Headteacher

Attendance

Our attendance this week was: **98.8%**
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Attendance winners this week: **Adventurers – all 100% Well done!**

Stars of the week

Explorers – **Sid** - for his excellent contributions to our learning this week.
Adventurers – **Millie** - for her excellent start to life in Adventurers, challenging herself in maths. Well done, Millie!
Headteacher – **Ralphie** – for setting an excellent example without any prompt.

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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Next week's Events (14th – 18th September)

	In School	After School	Headteacher Timetable
Monday	PE Lessons (all children)	Paid-for after-school club 3.30-5pm	Castleton
Tuesday	Year 5/6 Bikeability	Paid-for after-school club 3.30-5pm	Glaisdale
Wednesday	Moors School	Craft Club 3.30-4.30pm Paid-for after-school club 3.30-5pm	Castleton/Glaisdale
Thursday	Music Lessons with Mrs Lillie	Sports Club 3.30-4.30pm Paid-for after-school club 3.30-5pm	Castleton/Glaisdale
Friday		Paid-for after-school club 3.30-5pm	Meetings outside school

Next Week's Menu

	Main	Dessert
Monday	Chicken Burger & Wedges	Toffee Apple Muffin
Tuesday	Chicken, Yorkshire Pudding & Mash	Autumn Jelly
Wednesday	Pizza & Wedges	Marble Sponge and Chocolate Sauce
Thursday	Chilli Beef Nachos & Rice	Shortcake
Friday	Fish Fingers (OR Battered Fish) & Chips	Chocolate Surprise Cake

Future Diary Dates

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

September

- **24/09:** Adventurers' Trip to York
- **30/09:** Moors School
- **30/09:** Flu vaccinations

October

- **02/10:** Y4-6 Pro-Ride Cycling Competition
- **13/10:** Year 5/6 Biking on the Moors Trip
- **14/10:** Moors School

Future Dates

- **14-16/04:** Year 5/6 Peat Rigg Visit
- **10-14/05:** Year 6 SATs Week
- **07/06-18/06:** Year 4 Multiplication Check
- **14/06-18/06:** Year 1 Phonics Screening Week
- **28-29/06:** Year 6 Edinburgh Trip



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Remaining Term Dates 2026/2027

- **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

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

Term Dates 2027/2028

- **Training Days** – Mon 6th Sept 2027
- **First day Autumn Term** – Tues 7th Sept 2027
- **Half-term** – Mon 25th to Fri 29th Oct 2027
- **Last day Autumn Term** – Fri 17th Dec 2027
- **Training Day** – Tues 4th Jan 2028
- **First day Spring Term** - Weds 5th Jan 2028
- **Half-term** – Mon 21st to Fri 25th Feb 2028
- **Last day Spring Term** – Thurs 6th April 2028
- **Training Day** – Fri 7th April 2028

- **First day Summer Term** – Mon 24th April 2028
- **Bank Holiday** – Mon 1st May 2028
- **Half-term** - Mon 29th May to Fri 2nd June 2028
- **Last day Summer Term** – Fri 21st July 2028
- **Training Days** – Mon 24th and Tues 25th July 2028

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