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Glaisdale Primary School

16/10/2026

Dear Families and Friends,

Parents' Evening – Tuesday 20th October

We are looking forward to welcoming you to our first Parents' Evening of the school year. This will be a great opportunity to see how your children have settled into their new year group/class and to celebrate the progress they have made. Please arrive promptly to your appointment, so that we can maximise the time we have and avoid any delays to other parents' appointments.

How to Report Concerns

Earlier this week, parents will have received, via Dojo and email containing a poster outlining how you can raise concerns of any nature to school. It is important that any concerns – no matter how insignificant they may feel – are shared with school, so that these can be resolved as soon as possible. We also want to encourage children to raise these concerns too. We will be sharing appropriate parts of this poster with them and would appreciate your support in helping them feel confident in discussing any concerns as soon as possible.

Teacher Training Student – Explorers

Next week, we will be joined in Explorers by a student teacher – Laura Ord – from York St John University. We are very proud of our track record in supporting new teachers into the profession. This not only helps their growth but also helps with the professional development of our own staff who stay on the forefront of the latest advances in education. It also helps having an extra pair of hands in the school! Ms Ord will be with us over the next 5 months. She has had previous experience as a higher-level teaching assistant at another small school with a mixed EYFS and Key Stage 1 class. We are looking forward to welcoming her.

Governing Body Updates

Our joint Castleton and Glaisdale Schools governing body met for the first time this academic year. We have had a few changes to our membership. Please see below for an update on membership and roles.

- Mark Hollingworth (Chair of Governors and link governor for inclusion and attendance)
- Mark Blackwell (Vice-chair of Governors)
- Jo Kevan (Co-opted and safeguarding governor)
- Joe Culley (Co-opted governor)
- Kristi Jasper (Staff Governor)
- Olly Cooper (Ex-officio by virtue of office)
- Hayley Webster (Co-opted governor and link governor for EYFS)
- Ben Thorp (Co-opted governor)
- Will Whitehead (Glaisdale parent governor)
- **Vacancy** (Castleton parent governor)

Lockdown Practice

Next week, we will be practising our lockdown procedure with all children. We do this to ensure that we have a safe procedure for 'invacuation'. There are many (unlikely) reasons we may require this procedure, varying from police incidents to environmental health concerns. Like a fire drill, practising helps everyone become familiar with this routine. We practise this in a way to not alarm children. However, if your child mentions this at home, please reassure them that it helps us to look after everyone and certainly does not mean an incident will occur.

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Year 5 and Year 6 Biking on the Moors

What a fantastic experience for our Year 5 and Year 6 children, who enjoyed exploring our beautiful moorland by bike with Tanya the Education Officer responsible for Fylingdales Moor.

The children really impressed Tanya with their cycling skills, their knowledge of our local moorland terrain and their resilience in tackling the challenging landscape.

Stopping for lunch near Lila Cross gave them the perfect opportunity to reflect on the moors around them. They confidently discussed how the moss and grass are beginning to grow back, while recognising that the heather will take much longer to recover.

It's wonderful to see our Moorland Curriculum knowledge so deeply embedded in the children's understanding, with their learning coming to life out in the landscape they know so well.

School received a lovely message from Tanya about what a fantastic group of Year 5 and Year 6 children we have… and we have to say, we completely agree!

A big thank you to Miss Lees and Katherine Sedman for accompanying them, allowing us to make this happen.

Stay and Play

It was lovely to welcome some new, little faces to Explorers this week, in our first 'Stay and Play' session of the school year. It was a great opportunity for these children and families to get to know our school and to help inform them of their decision regarding schooling in September 2027 (and beyond). We are looking forward to hosting more Stay and Play sessions throughout the year, to help this important transition and to ensure children feel as comfortable in their new surroundings as possible.

End of Half-Term

As a reminder, school closes for the half-term break on Friday 23rd October. To confirm and to avoid confusion, school is open on Friday 23rd October – some schools nearby may have a training day on this date. All our term dates and training days are listed below.

Have a lovely weekend!



Mr Cooper
Executive Headteacher

Stars of the week

Explorers – **Obie-** for his fantastic blending this week during phonics and setting a great example of our school rules during Stay and Play.

Adventurers –**Leo-** for his wonderful diary entry from the perspective of Tarragon, the dragon slayer. He used a variety of sentence openers and high level vocabulary to entertain the reader.

Headteacher – **Francis** – for always being polite, friendly and a great member of the Glaisdale Family!

Erin – for being a fantastic role model in lots of different ways, upholding the rights of all at Glaisdale!

Rightsholder of the week

Rudy- for upholding article 17 access to information. Rudy confidently knew how to access information when researching Alfred the Great in History.

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Attendance

Our attendance this week was: **98.37%**
We are currently ranked **8th out of 287 schools**
Our attendance this year: **98.58%**
National Average for this year: **95.93%**
Attendance winners this week: **Years 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6 – all 100% Well done!**

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)

Next week's Events (19th-23rd October)

	In School	After School	Headteacher Timetable
Monday	PE Lessons (all children)	Paid-for after-school club 3.30-5pm	Glaisdale/Castleton
Tuesday		Paid-for after-school club 3.30-5pm **Parents' Evening**	Castleton/ Meetings off-site
Wednesday		Craft Club 3.30-4.30pm Paid-for after-school club 3.30-5pm	Castleton
Thursday	Music Lessons with Mrs Lillie	Sports Club 3.30-4.30pm Paid-for after-school club 3.30-5pm	Glaisdale
Friday		Paid-for after-school club 3.30-5pm	Glaisdale/Castleton

Next Week's Menu

	Main	Dessert
Monday	Meatballs in a Tomato Sauce & Pasta	Lemon Drizzle Muffin
Tuesday	Toad in the Hole & Mashed Potato	Chocolate Krispie
Wednesday	Crispy Salmon & Diced Potatoes	Pancake, Fruit & Ice- Cream
Thursday	Chicken Korma & Rice	Sticky Toffee Pudding & Custard
Friday	Fish Fingers (OR Battered Fish) & Chips	Fruity Jam Sandwich

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Future Diary Dates

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

November

- **02/11:** Individual and Sibling Photos
- **04/11:** Moors School
- **05/11:** Library Van
- **06/11**: Adventurers Sportshall athletics
- **11/11:** Remembrance Service
- **18/11:** Moors School
- **25/11:** Moors School

December

- **02/12:** Rudolph Run
- **03/12:** Library Van
- **04/12:** Pantomime Trip
- **08/12:** Nativity (1.30pm)
- **09/12:** Nativity (5.30pm)
- **17/12:** Carol Service (2pm)

Future Dates

- **16/03:** Easter Service (2pm)
- **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

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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