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Glaisdale Primary School

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Dear Families and Friends,

Cold Weather Plan

As the colder months set in, please can we inform/remind you of our cold weather plan and the procedure we follow to understand if we can open school safely.

Whilst we try to make a decision on school opening as early as possibly – occasionally the evening before if the forecast is obvious – we also try to give every opportunity to allow for school opening.

We base our decision beyond a forecast and observable conditions. We also have to consider staffing levels, staff's respective journeys to/from school, catering arrangements, as well as heating, drinking water and sanitation arrangements. This multitude of elements mean we have to dynamically review and risk assess, often on the morning of any potential closure. Moreover, the leaders who make these decisions are often travelling themselves when trying to make and communicate these decisions. We thank you for your patience and understanding as we try to make the safest and most practical decision regarding opening.

Once we have made a decision, we aim to communicate this as soon as possible (whether we are open or closed). We will do this through our usual channels – Arbor, email, Dojo and Facebook – where possible. Likewise, if we need to close during the school day, we will aim to inform parents as soon as possible through these channels, as well as put contingencies in place for any children that are unable to be collected immediately.

As always, for your own journeys to/from school, please use your best judgement to decide whether it is safe to travel, informing us as soon as practical and safe if your child is unable to attend or be collected as usual.

Medicines in School

Please can we remind you that any medicines brought into school must be passed from a parent/responsible adult to a staff member and not placed in a child's bag. This is to prevent the medicines getting lost or picked up by another child.

Permission forms for administering medicines can be completed via the school office.

Parent/PTFA Forum

Thank you to parents that joined to us and/or contributed to our parent forum this week. It is great to hear feedback and ideas from the whole school community, as well as share the things the school is working towards in response to national priorities. We will aim to work on your feedback over the coming weeks.

For those unable to attend forums, we will have a termly parent feedback questionnaire which will be sent electronically, allowing us to gather more views and ideas from a wider pool of families. As always, please do get in touch directly, if you have anything to discuss.

As mentioned in this forum, our current PTFA leadership, Sara Wilson and Kath Sedman, will be stepping down from their roles at the end of this school year. We are keen to ensure a smooth handover to new leaders, in particular having members who can continue fundraising for activities and experiences that have been so well-received over the last few years and would not have been possible without this support. The PTFA will also need leaders who can act as signatories on the account and provide an organised structure to meetings and proposed activities. If you are interested in this, please do discuss with Sara, Kath or Mr Cooper.

Moors School

We have now finished our Moors School sessions for the season and will recommence these in the spring. This will give our site time to recover, as well as time for us to dedicate to curriculum and Christmas plans. We will recommence sessions in the spring, as well as have one-off outdoor learning activities ahead of this recommencement.

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Wraparound Club – Week commencing 14/12/26

There will be no wraparound club provision between 14th-17th December. Our other extra-curricular clubs: Booster, Craft and Board Games clubs will still run unless otherwise stated. If you require childcare on these dates, please get in touch with school, so we can look at alternative solutions. To confirm, there will be a wraparound club on Friday 18th December. There will also be no wraparound club provision in the week commencing 11th January 2027. Again, please contact school if you require us to look at alternative solutions.

Whitby Gazette – New starter photo

Our Reception children will appear in this week's Whitby Gazette. A special keepsake edition has been published on Thursday 19th November at the cost of £2, for any parents/family members who wish to purchase a copy. Please note: this only includes children for whom we have permission to share their image.

Height and Weight Wednesday 25th November

As shared in a separate email communication, Year 6 and Reception-aged pupils will take part in an anonymous national height and weight survey on Wednesday, unless opted-out by their parents. This is a national survey to help inform public services on how best to support children's health. More information can be found in the email.

School Individual/ Sibling Photographs

School and sibling photo orders will close on Tuesday 24th November, to ensure free delivery to school. You can order through the Tempest website using your unique link that was emailed to you, or if you have received paper order forms visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest at Customerservice@htempest.co.uk

Have a lovely weekend!
Mr Cooper
Executive Headteacher



Attendance

Our attendance this week was: **93.51%**
Our attendance this year: **97.45%**
Attendance winners this week: **Year 6 – 100% Well done!**

We are currently ranked **31st out of 289 NY schools**
National Average for this year: **95.36%**

Rightsholder of the week

Millie- for embracing article 28; for her access to education through her plan in English.

Stars of the week

Explorers – **Aubrey-** for a wonderful week of learning, always being 'Ready' and a wonderful member of our class.
Peter- For his enthusiasm for reading and brilliant writing this week.
Adventurers –**Rosie D-** for excellent progress in maths. The effort she puts into her work is outstanding!
Headteacher – **Georgie** – for being a fantastic role model in school this week and upholding our school values.

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Next week's Events (23rd – 27th November)			
	In School	**After School**	**Headteacher Timetable**
Monday	PE Lessons (all children)	Paid-for after-school club 3.30-5pm	Castleton
Tuesday		**Year 6 Booster Club 3.30-4.30pm** Paid-for after-school club 3.30-5pm	Glaisdale/Castleton
Wednesday		**Craft Club 3.30-4.30pm** Paid-for after-school club 3.30-5pm	Castleton/Glaisdale
Thursday	Music Lessons	**Board Games Club 3.30-4.30pm** Paid-for after-school club 3.30-5pm	Castleton/Glaisdale
Friday		Paid-for after-school club 3.30-5pm	Glaisdale/Off-site meeting

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.

December

- **01/12:** Stay and Play
- **01/12:** Adventurers planting trip
- **02/12:** Rudolph Run
- **03/12:** Library Van
- **04/12:** Pantomime Trip
- **08/12:** Nativity (1.30pm)
- **09/12:** Nativity (5.30pm)
- **10/12**: Christmas Jumper Day/Christmas Lunch
- **14-17/12:** No wraparound club
- **17/12:** Carol Service (2pm)

Future Dates

- **11-15/01:** No wraparound club
- **26/02**: PTFA Coffee Morning
- **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

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Remaining Term Dates 2026/2027

- **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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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)