Barton, East Cowton, Kirkby Fleetham and Ravensworth CE Schools

Cornerstone Schools

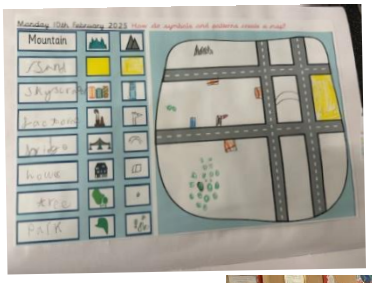
Building Futures with Love

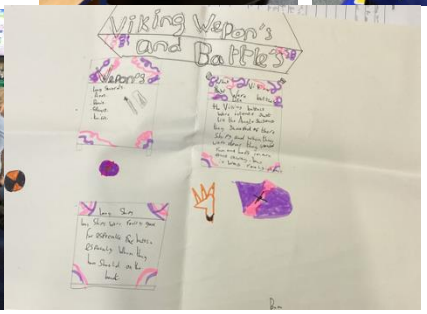
Our Christian value this half term: Forgiveness

February 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you all had a good break at half term, it certainly feels like lots of the children did fun and exciting activities. This term, the main thrust of our learning is switching from history to geography or vice versa in some schools. Making links between the subjects is a key part of making learning stick and helping the children's understanding of different subject areas.





Sporting achievements

Many of our children have taken a trip to Richmond or Northallerton recently to take part in various sporting events. These events are a super way to give children an opportunity to meet other children, experience 'big' school and play sports competitively. It is sometimes a bonus to do rather well at events too! Well done to all for taking part (sometimes scary in itself) and even winning for some!

Safeguarding

If you have any worries or concerns about a pupil, please do not hesitate to contact any of the staff below through either your child's school or via any of the other schools and somebody will get back to you as a matter of urgency.

Designated safeguarding Lead – Mrs Kirstie Petch

Deputy Safeguarding Lead – Miss Amy Crisp

Deputy Safeguarding Lead (Barton)– Mrs Amy Whiteley

Deputy Safeguarding Lead (East Cowton)– Miss Holly Coxon

Deputy Safeguarding Lead (Kirkby Fleetham)– Ms Kirsti Hume

Deputy Safeguarding Lead (Ravensworth)– Mrs Kellie Harris

Kind regards,
Mrs K Petch
Executive Headteacher

Barton CE School

National attendance figure: 94.7% Target attendance: 97% Barton attendance this month: 94.7%

Class 1

We have really enjoyed our art unit in Class 1 on Colour and Expression, exploring how colours can make us feel. Our last lesson before half term saw us exploring how natural objects could be collected and used to create colours for painting. We were so fascinated and excited to see and explore the reds, greens, browns and yellows we created with berries, herbs and leaves.

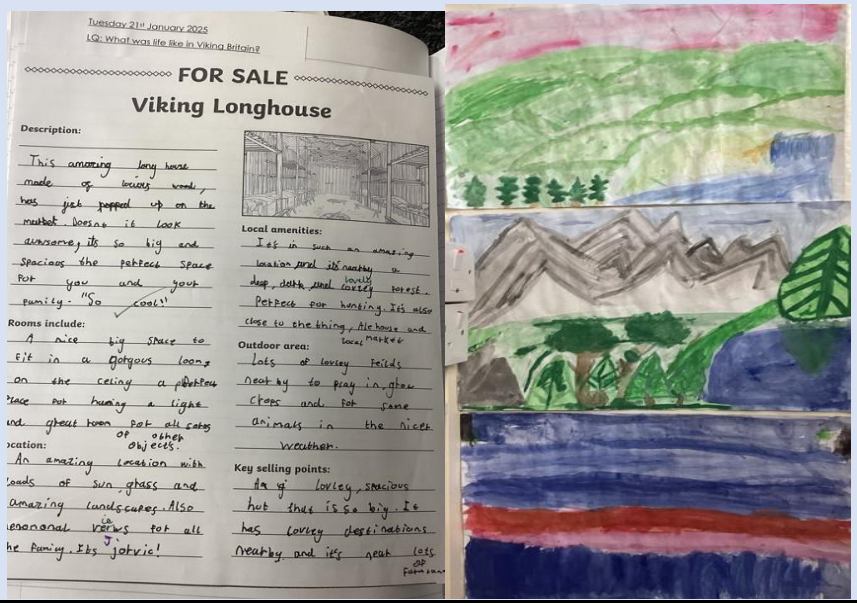
Early Years (Pre-school)

We pride ourselves here at Barton with offering a fantastic teacher led Early Years setting. We currently have places in our Pre-school and reception year groups so please spread the word to anyone that is looking for a 25/26 school or preschool place. Our new banner is looking bright and eye catching and we have been regularly visiting the Barton Playgroup in the village hall. Small schools have so much to offer!

Class 2

In Class 2, we have really enjoyed the Vikings topic in History, which also linked with the class novel of Beowulf. The children loved hearing the gruesome adventures of the mighty warrior Beowulf and how he slayed the three beasts from the story. We have just started our new class novel 'Impossible Creatures' by Katherine Rundell and this promises to be full of exciting tales of mythical creatures. We have already designed our own islands which has made up our class Archipelago.

Class 2 have painted some beautiful landscapes and seascapes too from our land and sea topic in Art. We really focussed on the vocabulary in art this term and the children understand what makes an effective land or sea scape due to their horizon lines, transparency and different perspectives.


Tuesday 21st January 2025

LQ: What was life like in Viking Britain?

FOR SALE

Viking Longhouse

Description:

This amazing long house made of lovely wood, has just popped up on the market. Doesn't it look awesome, its so big and spacious the perfect space for you and your family. "So cool!"

Rooms include:

A nice big space to sit in a gorgous lounge on the ceiling a platform place for having a light and about keen for all sorts of other objects.

Location:

An amazing location with loads of sun, grass and amazing landscapes. Also seasonal views for all the family. Its jolvic!

Local amenities:

Its in such an amazing location and its nearby a deep, dark and lovely forest. Perfect for hunting. Its also close to the thing, Alehouse and local market

Outdoor area:

Lots of lovley fields next by to play in, also crops and for some animals in the nice weather.

Key selling points:

Its so lovley, spacious but this is so big. It has lovley destinations nearby and its near lots of Farmland

Barton – Dates for your diary	
PE Sessions PM	Monday and Thursday for **Class 1**, Monday and Friday for **Class 2** - Children must make sure their **SCHOOL PE** kits are in school.
Friday's	Collective Worship 3pm – All welcome
Tuesday 4th March	**Afterschool club till 4pm only**
Wednesday 5th March	Class 2 Archery, Curling & Boccia Event at Richmond School – see form sent. Children to come to school in their SCHOOL PE kit.
Thursday 6th March	World Book Day – Whole school trip to Richmond Library 10:30-11:30am Reading Cafe & Book swap 2:45-3:30pm
Tuesday 18th March	Friends Bag2School collection 9am
Wednesday 19th/Thursday 20th March	Bikeability for Year 5 & 6 – info to follow, children will need a road worthy bike
Friday 21st March	Red Nose Day – see Seesaw message sent 25.2.25
Monday 24th March	Reception & Year 6 height and weight checks
Thursday 27th March	Reception –Year 6 Parents Evening
Tuesday 1st April	Year 5 Science transition at Richmond School – details to follow
Wednesday 2nd April	Easter Service in Church at 2:30pm

Thursday 3rd April	Friends Bingo & Bunny Drive 6-7:30pm
Friday 4th April	Break up for the Easter Holidays

Kirkby Fleetham CE School

Kirkby Fleetham - Children celebrating achievements this week

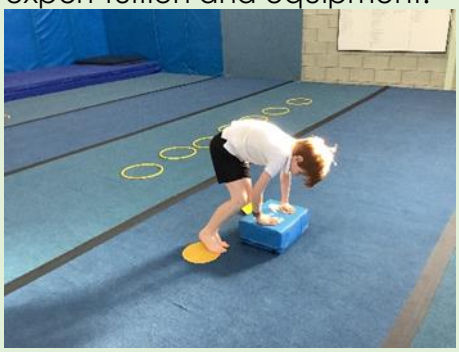
Stars of the Month	Dojo Points	Bolton	Middleham	Richmond
Beau, Hollie, Isaac, Faddiei, Rosie, Ollie, Ailsa, Zara, James and George	Total for month	129	114	111
	Total for year	642	893	848

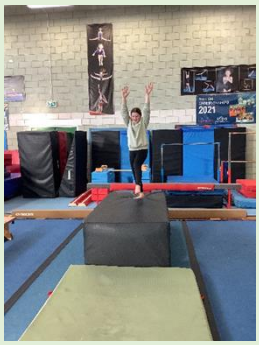
National attendance figure: 94.7% Target attendance figure 97% Kirkby Fleetham attendance this month: 90%

Class news

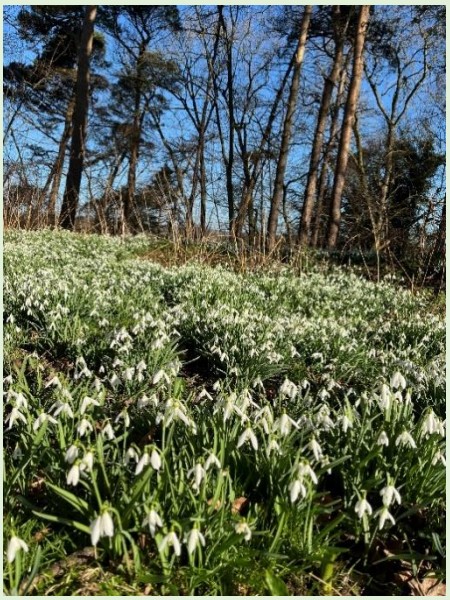
Class 2 Gymnastics

As part of their PE curriculum, the children in class 2 have been attending gymnastics lessons with Richmondshire Gymnastics Club on a Thursday afternoon. They have been using the bars, springboard and wedges to develop their rolls, jumps and balances and have enjoyed both the expert tuition and equipment.





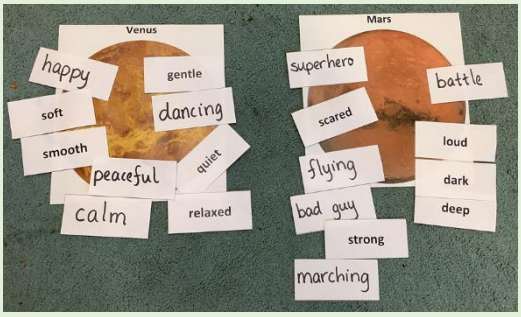
Class 2 were delighted to get out on one of their wonderful wellbeing walks again after a short break due to grotty weather! Today however, the sun was shining and we went on a fabulous long walk through woods and fields.Highlights included trying to locate the position of the loudest woodpecker in the world, finding a carpet of snow drops and chatting to some new born lambs. The walk supercharged our brains for some incredible maths work, including finding the area of triangles. This week we also finished our dramtic and heroic novel Beowulf, ending with the chidlren writing a reading comprehension for Ms Hume – they all agreed she would fail her SATS tests if she were to take them. Oh dear!



Class 1:
We have had such an exciting start to this half term! In our History lessons we are learning all about Grace Darling and her brave rescue in 1838. Our student, Miss Lauder, is leading the History lessons and the children are already engaged with the excitement of stories from long ago. To complement our History work, our class text this week and next is Hello Lighthouse. This week we learned what it was like to be a lighthouse keeper in the 1800's, and today the children took on the role of a lighthouse keeper and wrote letters telling a friend about their lives tending the light. Their independent writing is more impressive very week!

Our science lessons continue to be about animals and how they grow, change and adapt. On Monday we learned about carnivores, herbivores and omnivores—we even got to look at some (pretend) animal poo to determine the animal's diet! In Computing we will be making music on computers. This week we listened to some music by Gustav Holst and talked about how it made us feel. We are feeling very excited to make our own music next week.

And in RE we are learning the Easter story. Today the children have found out the most important events of Holy Week. We are very excited to celebrate Shrove Tuesday next week with pancake making, pancake races and of course, lessons about what this has to do with Easter!



Kirkby Fleetham – Dates for your diary	
Mondays	Please bring PE kits and water bottles to school
Fridays	Collective worship 3.05pm – all are welcome
Thursday 6th March	World Book Day
Tuesday 11th March	Class 1 trip to Baydale Farm
Tuesday 18th March	Class 2 dodgeball competition
Friday 21st March	Red nose day
Friday 4th April	Break up for Easter
Wednesday 23rd April	Return to school

East Cowton Primary School

National attendance figure: 94.7% Target attendance figure 97% East Cowton attendance this month: 98.8%

News from East Cowton

Class Two

The children continue to be excited about our class story, Beowulf. We are nearing the end of the last chapter and are waiting with bated breath to find out if our hero makes it to the end alive! Miss Weston is teaching the children the skills to write their own battle cry. We've been learning new vocabulary and writing rhetorical questions to involve the reader. I look forward to the children performing their final speeches!

Class 2 joined forces with the children of Kirkby Fleetham to learn a new sport—Tchoukball! The overall opinion is that it's great fun. It's a great game for children to develop their hand-eye coordination skills. They must throw accurately and work as a team to score points from a bouncy net!

Class One

The children have been learning about different animal groups in science. They enjoyed having a visit for the week from a hamster, which gave us a great opportunity to explore hibernation. We also had a bird day, where the children did some bird watching in school, made bird feeders, did a bird song quiz, and handled some chickens that had come to visit us for the day.

The children have read the text 'Last Stop on Market Street' but have now moved on to the beautiful story 'Leaf' about the journey of a polar bear. This has already sparked the children's interest, as they have been using illustrations to ask questions about polar bears. They are excited to find out facts and will be starting some non-fiction writing. This also links with our science lessons, where we will be looking at how animals adapt to their environment.

John Dakyn Trust

Just a reminder that this wonderful, local charity is available for supporting young people with small grants. If you need any further information, please ask at school and we can put you in contact with the right people.

East Cowton – Dates for your diary	
Mondays	**Please can children bring their PE kits into school for the whole week.**
Tuesdays	After school club – Tag Rugby 3.30pm to 4.3pm. **Children need their PE kit and water bottle.**
Wednesdays	After school club – Sports with ML Sports 3.30pm to 4.30pm **Children need their PE kit and a water bottle.**
Fridays	Parent Worship 3.10pm in the school hall - everyone welcome
Tuesday 4th March	Year 5 Science transition at Richmond School
Thursday 6th March	World book day - please see email for more information.
Monday 10th March	T-ball Competition for Y3/4
Tuesday 11th March	Class 1 trip to Baydale Farm
Tuesday 18th March	Dodgeball Competition for Y5/6
Friday 21st March	Red Nose Day – more information to follow
Monday 24th March	Reception & Year 6 height and weight checks – **information sent out via email to Reception and Y6 parents.**
Wednesday 2nd April	Easter Lunch – more information to follow
Thursday 3rd April	Easter Messy Church (at school) – more information to follow
Friday 4th April	Finish for Easter holidays
Wednesday 23rd April	School reopens

Ravensworth CE School

National attendance figure: 94.7% Target attendance figure: 97% Ravensworth attendance this month: 93.9%

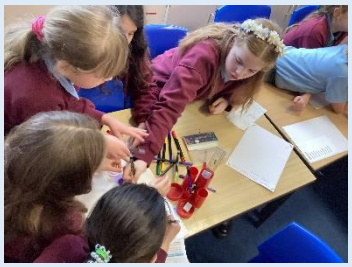
Class News

In art, Class One have been talking about dyes and pigments - What did ancient artists use instead of paints and where did they get their colours from? We talked of mineral pigments, plant pigments and then created some of our own using natural materials such as fruits, vegetables and spices. Crushing these up, we progressed to 'painting' a design onto plain fabric. We had some beautiful creations.

Also thank you to all the parents for sending in bird food. We will now be taking turns feeding the birds outside our classroom. We have predicted which types of birds might come and visit our birdfeeder.

In our efforts to show love for our world we make sure we recycle all the paper and card we use in school.

We have enjoyed lots of collaborative learning this term in Class 2 and 3 – to end our history topic we enjoyed a Viking feast, and to develop our knowledge of online safety on Internet safety day, we learned more about scams and phishing to keep us safe.



Class 3 have enjoyed sporting success in Dodgeball at Richmond school this term with our year 6 team coming joint first after a very fierce and closely matched final.

Class 2 Forest School

Forest School has already helped our children to develop a deep appreciation for the natural world. They learnt all about plants, animals and ecosystems while spending time outdoors in all kinds of weather. We had a little sun, rain and lots of wind. We celebrated 'windnesday'!

Ravensworth – Dates for your diary	
Wednesdays – 3.15-5.30pm	Art/Craft Club with Mrs Dobinson (excluding 19th March)
Thursdays – 3.15-4.15pm	After School Sports Club
Fridays	Collective Worship from 2.40pm – all welcome!
Wednesday 5th March	Year 5/6 Archery, Curling & Boccia Event at Richmond School **Class 2 – Forest School Session**, please send clothes into school in a separate bag
Thursday 6th March	World Book Day - details on Seesaw
Wednesday 12th March	**Class 2 – Forest School Session**, please send clothes into school in a separate bag
Friday 14th March	Skipping Leaders Event (now taking place in school)
Monday 17th March	Whole school trip to Mainsgill – details to follow
Wednesday 19th March	**Class 2 – Forest School Session**, please send clothes into school in a separate bag Messy Church – 3.15pm to 5.00pm – details to follow
Friday 21st March	Red Nose Day! - details to follow
Monday 24th March	Parents Evening – from 3.30pm to 6pm – available to book online via MCAS from 7am on Monday 10th March
Wednesday 26th March	**Class 2 – Last Forest School Session**, please send clothes into school in a separate bag
Friday 28th March	Friends of School – GNAAS bag collection
Tuesday 1st April	Year 5 Science transition at Richmond School – details to follow
Thursday 3rd April	Easter Service in school at 10am
Friday 4th April	Break up for the Easter Holidays – **No ASC this day**
Tuesday 21st April	Training/Inset day
Wednesday 22nd April	Children return to school

Saturday 28th June	SAVE THE DATE – Friends Annual Ball!

Quick Links for Each School

BARTON
School Lunch Menu: School Lunch information

School Holidays/Term Dates: Term Dates 2024-2025

The Friends of Barton School easy fundraising link: Easy Fundraising

The Friends of Barton School amazonsmile link: Amazonsmile

Wraparound care: Breakfast and Afterschool Club

Uniform: Uniform School Shop

Cool Milk: Cool Milk

Newsletter: 4 school newsletters link

KIRKBY FLEETHAM
School Admin email: kfadmin@eckf.dalesmat.org

School Lunch Menu: School Lunch Information

School Holidays/Term Dates: Term dates 2024-2025

The Friends of Kirkby Fleetham School easy fundraising at no cost to you: Kirkby Fleetham easy fundraising link

Wraparound care: Breakfast and Afterschool Club

Friends of the School Facebook link: Friends

Uniform: Uniform Link

Newsletter: 4 School newsletters link

EAST COWTON
Admin email address:
ecadmin@eckf.dalesmat.org

School Lunch Menu: School Lunch Information

School Holidays/Term Dates: Term Dates 2024-2025

Friends of the school link: Friends

Wraparound care: Afterschool Club

Uniform Order: Order direct from School trends via this link: School Trends

Newsletter: 4 school newsletters link

RAVENSWORTH
Admin email address: admin

School Lunch Menu: School Lunch Information

School Holidays/Term Dates: Term Dates 2024-2025

Wraparound care: Afterschool Club

Ravensworth School Friends quick fundraising: - smile.amazon.co.uk

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/rsfarichmond/

Uniform: school/uniform/

Newsletter: 4 school newsletters link

School Facebook pages
Please help us to promote our schools by liking and sharing out Facebook pages:
https://www.facebook.com/Barton-CE-Primary-School-107161734680028
https://www.facebook.com/East-Cowton-CE-School-101930341769707
https://www.facebook.com/Kirkby-Fleetham-CE-School-102216125067240
https://www.facebook.com/Ravensworth-CE-Primary-school-100240412148195

Useful Contacts and Links for Parents

SENCO: If your child is struggling and you would like some advice, please contact their class teacher in the first instance, or you can contact Miss Crisp our SENCO on amycrispsenco@dalesmat.org

Keeping Children Safe Online
Whilst children are spending so much time online, we need to make sure we keep them as safe as possible. If you would like some advice on this, please see guidance for parents below:
https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/ https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents

If you are worried about the safety of a child or want to know more about how to keep your own child safe:
NYSCP (North Yorkshire safeguarding children partnership)
NSPCC
Parents Protect
Parent Zone

Free School meals
If your circumstances have changed and you think you may be eligible for free school meals, please contact the school office or follow this link: Apply for Free School Meals

North Yorkshire local assistance fund
The fund has been established from 1 April 2013 to help families under exceptional pressure to stay together. Awards will be goods in kind, not cash, and will not have to be repaid. warmandwell.org.uk/ For assistance with fuel and heating bills

County Music service
Is your child interested in playing a musical instrument? North Yorkshire County Music Service offer a wide variety of lessons for pupils. For more information on the type of lessons available and costs, please visit www.northyorkshiremusichub.co.uk to register your interest.

Sports links:
North Yorkshire Club Finder
A great way for schools to 'signpost' their pupils (parents/guardians) to their local clubs. The link can be found here - North Yorkshire Sport - Activity Finder