Barton, East Cowton, Kirkby Fleetham and Ravensworth CE Schools

Cornerstone Schools

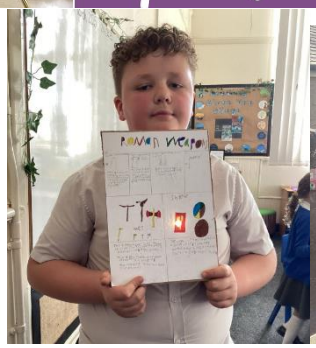
Building Futures with Love

Our Christian value this half term: Forgiveness

March 2025

•Dear Parents and Carers

Spring term is often a shorter term than others, but we've managed to cram so much in. Our Class 1 children have loved learning about Grace Darling and Ramadan, and they REALLY loved the fruit smoothies! I have been reliably informed that they were absolutely delicious! Class 2 and 3 children have focussed on Coasts – with the link to Lindisfarne in particular (and its link to the Vikings). The children have shown a high level of interest and done some super, detailed work.



Safeguarding

Staff take their safeguarding duty very seriously and work tirelessly to ensure that children are safe in our care. Safeguarding and child protection encompasses almost everything that we do. If you require advice or support or are worried about a child, please contact either myself or SENCo (Amy Crisp) or the base leader of your school to share your concerns. This link NYSCP will also take you to North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children and Young People's page that has information for support available for families.

Polite reminder

Could we ask, in the interests of setting a positive example to our children, that vapes are not used on any of our sites and preferably kept away from the gates too.

Kind regards,

Mrs K Petch

Executive Headteacher

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Barton CE School

National attendance figure: 94.7% Target attendance: 97% Barton attendance this month: 97.4%

News from Class 1

What a busy few weeks we have had in Class One this month, from making delicious pancakes on Shrove Tuesday to healthy smoothies in DT, we have been very hands on. The children have particularly enjoyed talking about keeping their bodies fit and healthy and exploring new, exotic fruits.

In PSHE we have been thinking about keeping ourselves safe. We have been talking about keeping ourselves safe around the home, water safety and road safety. There are some useful videos you can share and discuss with your children if you wish;

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=knImLNSKsgQ

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T3f7N109ZN0

We have also been learning about appropriate contact from Pantosaurus to help our children understand that their body belongs to them, and they should tell a safe adult they trust if anything makes them feel upset or worried. Here is the link to the video and song if you want to sing along too;

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-lL07JOGU5o

We have been taking advantage of the intermittent sunshine by making obstacle courses and enjoying our snack outdoors...

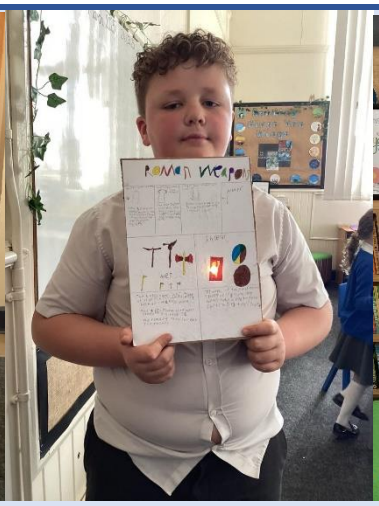
News from Class 2

It has been an exciting few weeks for Class Two. We have started our new class novel, 'Impossible Creatures' by Katherine Rundell. We have read a novel by this author before, so we know we are definitely in for a treat. We created our own islands to add to our class Archipelago and the children have enjoyed having autonomy over their island and creatures.

At the beginning of the month, the whole class entered the Archery, Boccia, Kurling and Kinball competition at Richmond School. We had a lot of fun participating in all the games (especially Kinball – we had never even played it before!) and we came 3rd! Well done Team Barton!

The Year 5's and 6's participated in 'Bikeability' this month too. Johan and Dean brought a wealth of experience, and the children learned how to be safe on their bikes. The children are now able to use primary and secondary position when navigating on the road and have much more confidence on their bikes too.

We had so much fun making our electrical posters in D.T. The children had to design their own posters based on 'The Romans'. We researched what made a good electrical poster and then got to designing. They peer-assessed each other's ideas and then it was time for making! Each poster had to have a circuit attached to the back that powered a bulb. This was a great reminder of our 'electricity' topic in science mixed with the designing element of D.T. Look at some of our posters, we think they are great!



World Book Day 2025

We were extremely lucky this year to celebrate World Book Day with a trip to Richmond Library. The children were given a tour of the library and the chance to explore a wonderful array of fictional and non-fictional texts with their friends. They were shown how to scan and borrow a book using the electronic library systems, completed a treasure hunt and a quiz.

We had another very successful Reading Cafe. We swapped lots of books, we ate delicious cakes, and we had so much fun reading to one another. We are very passionate about books at Barton, and it was lovely to see everyone enjoying some time with a book.

40 Years of Comic Relief

Great fun was had by all to celebrate Comic Relief this year, from fabulous costumes to delicious cakes, smiles all round!

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 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
Tuesday 22nd April	Training/Inset day – Staff only
Wednesday 23rd April	Children return to school – Summer Term
Wednesday 30th April	Mini Tennis – Info to follow
Thursday 1st May	Coffee & Cake in aid of Stroke Association – 2:30pm

Kirkby Fleetham CE School

Kirkby Fleetham - Children celebrating achievements this week

Stars of the Month	Dojo Points	Bolton	Middleham	Richmond
Ollie, Freya, Murray, Ellie, Rosie, Hollie, Beau, George, Faddiei and James.	Total for month	144	157	143
	Total for year	786	1050	991

National attendance figure: 94.7% Target attendance figure 97% Kirkby Fleetham attendance this month: 89.7%

Class news

Our year 6 children were extremely excited to receive their leavers hoodies earlier this month. They had been keeping all the other children in the dark as to which colour they had chosen so it was a big surprise! Many thanks to the Friends of the school who funded the purchase of them.

On Shrove Tuesday the whole school came together to make pancake batter! After learning all about the significance of pancake day in worship it was lovely to sample these yummy treats at playtime.

Wow, what amazingly fabulous costumes the children arrived wearing for World Book Day on Thursday 6th March!

Craft club with Sharon was especially exciting one week this month as they made slime! Not just ordinary slime, but slime with added sequins and an abundance of glitter. It is safe to say a fun and sparkly time was had by all!

On Tuesday 11th March class 1 went on a visit to Baydale Farm in Darlington. Not only did they learn all about what crops are grown there and what they are made into but also they were lucky enough to feed the lambs and hold new born chicks! They were even allowed to bring a sugar beet back to school which they then decided to roast and eat!

On Tuesday 18th March class 2 joined up with the children from East Cowton school to compete in a dodgeball competition in Northallerton. They all displayed excellent skills which resulted in achieving bronze medal position! Well done team Kirkby Cowton!

Friday 21st March was Red Nose Day and all the children came to school wearing red. Thank you to those of you who sent a donation in – we managed to raise £15 for this fabulous cause.

On Tuesday 25th March our class 2 children went across to East Cowton to take part in some young leaders training with Mr Duncan Burgess. The children were divided into groups and were asked to invent a fun playground game. These games were then trialled by the younger children who seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves. Well done class 2!

Kirkby Fleetham – Dates for your diary	
Mondays	Please bring PE kits and water bottles to school
Fridays	Collective worship 3.05pm – all are welcome
Tuesday 1st April	Parents evening 3.30-5.30pm – please book your appointment via MCAS
Wednesday 2nd April	Easter service 9.30am at KF Church – all are welcome!
Friday 4th April	Easter egg hunt 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: 93.9%

News from East Cowton

This month our Year 5 children went to Richmond School to learn about electromagnets, turning a nail into a working magnet. They loved the lesson and showed enthusiasm and engagement throughout the lesson.

On Thursday, 6th March, we celebrated World Book Day. We shared our favourite picture books with friends, and teachers shared their favourite storybooks with small groups.

Class 2 enjoyed 'The New Famous Five' book written by Chris Smith. They designed rucksacks and wrote about items they'd need to take with them! They watched and listened to the author reading Chapter 5, and then wrote their own short narrative to predict what would happen next. Using Tinkercad, children worked in pairs to create their own treasure map. They then teamed up with the Class 1 to search for hidden treasure; being rewarded with chocolate coins and a World Book Day voucher.

To end the day, there was yet more reading and sharing of books with family members at the reading café. Thanks to all who came, contributed cakes, and made generous donations. **We raised £135, which has been spent on updating our non-fiction books in the library.**

Our year 5 and 6 children attended a Dodgeball competition at Northallerton Leisure Centre, making up a team of 10 with children from Kirkby Fleetham School. The children worked well as a team; they had lots of fun and were kept active all afternoon. They arrived back in school clutching bronze medals- well done team!

This week, we had a special whole-school afternoon learning about 'Why do Muslims celebrate Eid?' The children made Muslim treats from biscuits, chocolate, and coconut. They also created crescent moon and star decorations as well as seed bombs. All tasks were completed with Islamic music playing. A fun interfaith afternoon was had by all!

The children in Year 5 and 6 had a playground leadership training session with Duncan. They learnt skills on how to engage and involve all children. They invented games and then taught the younger children how to play them. One game they invented was called Dynamo-Tig and was great fun!

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 4.30pm **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
Monday 31st March	Trip to Baydale Farm – Class q (rescheduled date)
Wednesday 2nd April	Easter Lunch – please remember to pay via MCAS
Wednesday 2nd April	Parents' Evening – Class 2 ONLY. Book via MCAS before Sunday 30th
Thursday 3rd April	Parents' Evening – Class 1 & 2. Book via MCAS before Sunday 30th
Thursday 3rd April	Easter Messy Church (at school)
Friday 4th April	Finish for Easter holidays

Wednesday 23rd April	School reopens to children

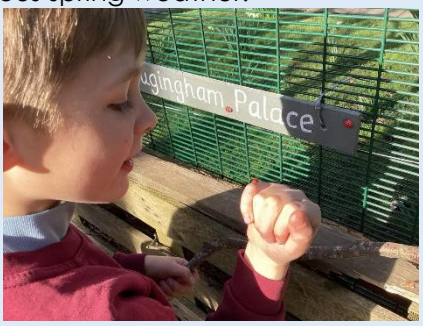
Ravensworth CE School

National attendance figure: 94.7% Target attendance figure: 97% Ravensworth attendance this month: 96.5%

Class News

Class 1 were delighted to have received our caterpillars in the post this week. We bought the pack with money we had raised from our plant sales at the Summer School Fair. The previous Year 2s were a part of this so we wrote them invitations to join us for the butterfly release day.

We have recently made some additions and improvements to our outdoor area and are thoroughly enjoying exploring and investigating in this glorious spring weather.



Class 2 have had an exciting and busy half term, filled with exploration and discovery!

In Forest School, the children have loved getting hands-on with nature—building dens, spotting minibeasts, and learning about plants—all while embracing the joy of muddy adventures! Their teamwork and curiosity have been wonderful to see.

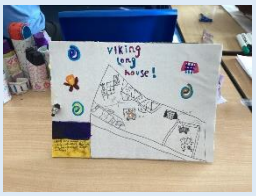
Back in the classroom, we've been scientists, investigating solids, liquids, and gases by making our very own lava lamps! The children were amazed watching the colourful bubbles swirl and rise—a perfect mix of fun and learning.

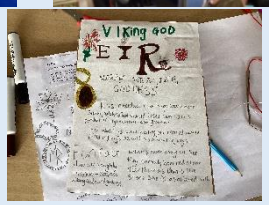
Class 3 have had been very busy both in and out of school, we attended a Kurling, Dodgeball, Archery and Kinball event at Richmond school where we had great fun and walked away with 1st and 2nd placings, well done Team Ravensworth!

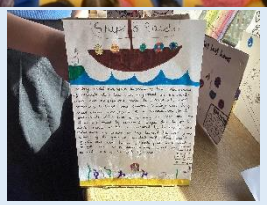
We had great fun dressing up for World Book Day and sharing our favourite books. Lots of children have been inspired to read books they wouldn't usually choose.

In Science, we have been looking at the properties of materials and exploring reversible and irreversible changes – making lemonade to see if we could reverse the changes or does it make new materials – we discovered that when a chemical reaction and new materials are made the change isn't reversible like burning, cooking and rusting.

We have also enjoyed making informative posters that incorporate a circuit to show our learning on the topic of the Vikings.







The whole school enjoyed a visit to Mainsgill Farm for the lambing season we saw lots of new lambs that had been born, as well as many other animals and enjoyed a lovely walk with the older children helping and encouraging the little ones and connecting with nature along the way.

Ravensworth – Dates for your diary	
Wednesdays – 3.15-5.30pm	Art/Craft Club with Mrs Dobinson
Thursdays – 3.15-4.15pm	After School Sports Club
Fridays	Collective Worship from 2.40pm – all welcome!
Tuesday 1st April	Year 5 Science transition at Richmond School Mother's day reading café from 2pm
Thursday 3rd April	Easter Service - Three Little Trees performed by Class 2 and a blessing from Reverend Anthony, 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 **Class 3 – Forest School Sessions start** – please send clothes into school in a separate bag
Friday 23rd May	Break up for Whitsun half term – **No ASC this day**
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