Barton, East Cowton, Kirkby Fleetham and Ravensworth CE Schools

# Cornerstone Schools

## Building Futures with Love

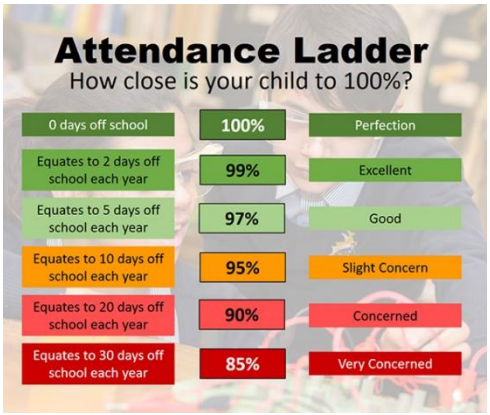
## Our Christian value this half term: Friendship

May 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

It's been such a surprisingly short term that it's hard to believe it is already another holiday. However, we've managed to pack in a lot of activities and learning during that time. Our Year 6 children have reached an important milestone in their lives and completed their end of Key Stage 2 SATS tests. The children approached these tests with determination and calm, despite it being a quite scary experience in some ways. We are incredibly proud of them and the attitude that 'SATS don't measure everything' and everybody has skills that are far more important than those the SATS measure. A special THANK YOU to our fabulous friends' groups for their hoodies – I'm sure you agree – they look amazing!

**Applications for time off in term time**




We've recently received a large number of applications for holidays in term time. While I fully appreciate the significant cost difference of holidays out of season, unfortunately the guidance that I have to follow, and am held accountable for, means that it is highly unlikely that I am able to authorise any. Unauthorised holidays have a significant impact on your child's attendance and often academic achievement. You can find your child's up-to-date attendance figure on MCAS.

Have a lovely half term break,

Mrs K Petch

Executive Headteacher

# Barton CE School

**National attendance figure: 94.7%  Target attendance: 97%  Barton attendance this month: 95.7%**

We've had such a fun and busy month here at school, and we're excited to share some of the lovely things that have been going on!

First up, a big well done to our fantastic School Council who have chosen The Stroke Association as their charity this term. They put in loads of effort planning and setting up a brilliant Tea and Cake Afternoon—and it was a huge success! Thanks to their hard work (and all the yummy cakes), we raised an amazing £150. Well done, team!

Class 1 had a roar-some time on their Dinosaurs Everywhere trip to Kirkleatham Museum. The children had a blast hunting for dinosaurs, digging for fossils, and making their very own fossil prints using clay. There were lots of excited faces and muddy hands, and it was a trip to remember!

And have you seen our school garden lately? It's looking absolutely beautiful and is bursting into bloom! A huge thank you to everyone in our school community who donated plants, flowers, and vegetables. The children have taken great pride in watering everything and keeping it growing—it's really becoming a special little space for us all to enjoy.

Thanks as always for your continued support—we couldn't do it without you!

| Barton – Dates for your diary | |
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| **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 |

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| **Friday 23rd May** | Break up for half term |
| **Monday 2nd June** | Return to school |
| **Tuesday 3rd June** | North Yorkshire Rotters Workshop – PM Whole school |
| **Wednesday 4th June** | Friends Bag2School collection - 9am |
| **Wednesday 4th June** | Box2BFit – PM Whole school |
| **Mon 9th – Fri 13th June** | Year 1 Phonics Screening |
| **Monday 9th June** | Athletics Afterschool club starts for 5 weeks 3:30-4:30pm – info to follow |
| **Wed 25th June** | African Dance Workshop – PM Whole school |
| **Wed 25th – Fri 27th June** | Reception new starters taster mornings. |
| **Mon 30th June – Tues 1st July** | Richmond school Year 6 Transition Days |
| **Wed 2nd – Thurs 3rd July** | SFX Year 6 Transition Days |
| **Fri 4th July** | Ripon Cathedral Year 6 Service, followed by Year 6 Leavers Trip |
| **Mon 14th July** | SPORTS DAY – Info to follow |
| **Fri 18th July** | Break up for Summer |

# Kirkby Fleetham CE School

In out of school club earlier this month we took advantage of the gorgeous weather and held a teddy bears picnic! The fluffy friends very much enjoyed the special treats provided by their little humans!

Our martial arts try out session in Colburn proved to be so much fun we were able to arrange for a couple more sessions which class 1 thoroughly enjoyed!

Class 1 were lucky enough to be invited by Mr Barker to visit his gorgeous apple orchard this month. The children learned all about how the beautiful blossom will help to create all the apples later on in the year, they were even lucky enough to taste some delicious apple juice!

Class 1 were treated to a whole morning of PE this month as a thank you from Simon Carson who started his school sports business at Kirkby Fleetham all those years ago!

Lots of fun was had by all on class 1's trip to Runswick Bay! The sun shined, fossils were discovered, toes were frozen in the water and ice creams were smeared over little faces – who could ask for a better day?

The children treated us all to a surprise party on Thursday and Friday! It really was one of the most overwhelmingly touching moments and will be stored in our memories and treasured for a very long time.

The staff team at Kirkby Fleetham would like to thank all of our wonderful families, past and present, for their support and kindness over the last few months.

We wish you all the best of luck in the future and we hope that the children settle quickly into their new schools.

Whilst we are all no longer at Kirkby Fleetham, we hope that a little bit of Kirkby Fleetham will stay with us always.

# East Cowton Primary School

**National attendance figure: 94.7%  Target attendance figure 97%  East Cowton attendance this month: 94.3%**

## News from East Cowton

We've all been enjoying the sunshine at East Cowton- welcome back to the summer term!

The most significant and most talked about event in May, is the lovely SATs test for the Year 6 children! I have to say, that I am immensely proud of the three Year 6 children- they did not moan and showed no nerves at all!

Each day, they came in tried their best and all of them had a positive 'can do' attitude. Last Friday, all the children enjoyed an 'After SATS Fun Morning.' Everyone deserved to share the occasion as it's hard work being quiet and not being able to go to the loo! Each member of staff ran an activity: badminton, baking, crafting and parachute games. We had a lovely but productive morning- hope the cakes went down a treat!

This half term Class One have been extremely fortunate to have Rachel from Embers join us in our very own Bluebell Wood to conduct our Forest School sessions. We have learnt about staying safe in the woodland, how to build dens from huge sticks and tarps, make a fire, toast yummy marshmallows, play forest games and collect beautiful objects from nature to create beautiful bookmarks.

*Open with Seesaw*

We have thoroughly enjoyed learning about dinosaurs in history. We have been thinking about clues which prove that there was life on a supercontinent millions of years ago. We have explored some fascinating curiosities and learnt about the life and times of the famous fossil hunter Mary Anning.

We have been amazed by a special visitor who also popped into our school and explored our grounds. Keep an eye out for Dippy who was last spotted in Pepper Arden.

## Celebrating Success Beyond the Classroom!

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# Brompton under-tens win the Joshua Slater Trophy

BROMPTON under-tens met NYSA in the final of the Joshua Slater Trophy for the second year running, and both teams knew it was going to be a tough match.

The first half was not very pretty but Brompton stuck to their jobs, getting stuck in and working hard for each other with Ted and Rupert reducing NYSA to long shots.

Late in the first half, Ollie whipped in a corner and it went into the net to put Brompton 1-0 up. He has claimed the goal, but it was clearly off a defender.

In the second half there were some big tackles with Frankie pulling the strings for Brompton. NYSA pulled it back to 1-1 after Brompton didn't clear their lines. However Omar scored two quality goals, both great finishes, under pressure to win the game 3-1 for Brompton.

Brompton under-tens after winning the Joshua Slater Trophy

We love to hear about our pupils' achievements outside of school, and we're thrilled to celebrate Ollie and Ted for their fantastic sporting success. The duo recently triumphed in football, winning the Joshua Slater Trophy! A huge well done to both of you — we're incredibly proud of your hard work and dedication.

| East Cowton – Dates for your diary | |
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| **Mondays** | **Please can children bring their PE kits into school for the whole week.** |
| **Wednesdays (23.4 – 16.7)** | After school club – Sports with ML Sports 3.30pm to 4.30pm<br>**Children need their PE kit and a water bottle.** |
| **Monday 28th April – Monday 9th June** | **Forest Schools** – Class 1 (this will replace PE)<br>Please bring a coat and suitable clothing. |
| **Friday 23rd May** | Break up for May half term. |
| **Tuesday 3rdJune** | **Sports Hall Athletics** - Y5/6 (Northallerton Leisure Centre) |
| **Tuesdays (3.6 – 15.7)** | **After school club** – Tennis 3.30pm to 4.30pm<br>**Children need their PE kit and water bottle.**<br>**Sign up now via MCAS;** payment must be received by Monday 2nd June. |
| **Thursday 5th June** | **Family Box 2B Fit session** (morning)- Each child can invite a parent to come along in sportswear and join in with Dave! More information to follow. |
| **Thursday 5th June – Thursday 3rdJuly** | **Forest Schools** – Class 2 (this will replace PE)<br>Please bring a coat and suitable clothing. |
| **Tuesday 10th June** | **Sports Hall Athletics** - Y3/4 (Northallerton Leisure Centre) |
| **Tuesday 17th June** | **Mini Tennis** - Y3/4 (Northallerton Leisure Centre) |
| **Wednesday 18th June** | Parents are invited to watch a Class 1 and Class 2 **African themed dance** performance at 3pm. |
| **Wednesday 25th June** | **Sports day**, 1pm |

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| **Tuesday 8th July** | **Multi Skills** - Y1/2 (Northallerton Leisure Centre) |
| **Friday 18th July** | **Year 6 Leavers Service**, 2pm |
| **Friday 18th July** | Break up for the Summer. |

# Ravensworth CE School

**National attendance figure: 94.7%  Target attendance figure: 97%  Ravensworth attendance this month: 97.8%**

## Class News

It has been another busy month in school, and we have all enjoyed the glorious weather that May brought too.

We are immensely proud of all our Year 6s for completing their SATs and couldn't have asked any more of them, they have shown great attitude, confidence and resilience throughout the week and were very pleased to receive their Leavers hoodies (thanks to Ravensworth Friends) and celebratory hot chocolate and donuts when it was all over!

We have also enjoyed some wonderful learning over the last few weeks exploring our topic of Africa finding out about some of the countries within the continent, in Geography, creating Maasai necklaces and animal masks in Art, we have loved getting out for Forest Schools and honing our tennis skills in PE in readiness for the tennis tournament which the children have competed in over the last two weeks. Phew, we have crammed so much into such a short term and I'm sure the children are looking forward to the half term break next week as much as the staff are!

Class One have thoroughly enjoyed themselves this term between being outside in this fantastic weather and learning all about dinosaurs. We enjoyed pretending to be palaeontologist and finding out where in the world fossils have been found. We even got to make our own fossils.

The staff went on a fantastic hike up Whernside to raise money for a school in Zimbabwe. Some of the children have also gone on sponsored walks with their families and have raised some money. Together we have raised the incredible sum of £555. If you would like to find out more about the charity, please click on the link: https://www.friendsofmutakeschool.org/ or else you can speak to Mrs Richards. There is still time to donate to help us reach our online target https://www.justgiving.com/page/lauren-orvis-6. A huge thank you to everyone who has supported us through donations and/or going on a walk yourselves.

The most significant event this month must be the celebration of Mrs Stanwix's time at Ravensworth school; she has tirelessly dedicated 28 years to helping generations of children grow and flourish and has decided the time has come for her to enjoy a well-earned retirement – not that she won't be keeping herself busy, we know she has lots planned already! Thanks to everyone who was able to attend her fond farewell last weekend the sun certainly shone for our Superstar HLTA, who has always gone above and beyond for the many staff, pupils and parents over the years. We cannot thank you enough Mrs Stanwix and you will be sorely missed and always welcome here at Ravensworth. I know we will see you over some of the events in our final term but hope you will return in the future too! We must thank Mrs Stanwix for the special Buddy bench that she has donated to school; such a generous gift that will allow us to fondly remember her whenever we use it.

| Ravensworth – Dates for your diary | |
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| **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!<br>**Please note there will be no collective worship on the following dates:**<br>**Friday 13th June**<br>**Friday 20th June**<br>**Friday 18th July** |
| **Monday 2nd June** | Children return to school<br>Tempest Class photos |
| **Wednesday 4th June** | Box2Bfit day (in school), please send PE kit into school<br>**Class 1 – Forest School Sessions start** – please send clothes into school in a separate bag |
| **Monday 9th June** | Year 1 Phonics Screening Check this week |
| **Wednesday 11th June** | **Class 1 – Forest School Session** – please send clothes into school in a separate bag<br>Richmond School Meet the Tutor Evening |
| **Thursday 12th June** | Richmond School Meet the Tutor Evening |
| **Friday 13th June** | KS2 at the Brownlee Triathlon in Harrogate – details to follow<br>**No Collective Worship this day** |
| **Monday 16th June** | **Sports Week!** |

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| | Progressive Martial Arts (in school), please send PE kit into school |
| **Wednesday 18th June** | **Class 1 – Forest School Session** – please send clothes into school in a separate bag |
| **Thursday 19th June** | KS2 Stand Up Paddleboarding at Ellerton Lake – details to follow |
| **Friday 20th June** | Simon Carson Sports (in school) – please send PE kit into school<br>**Colour Run** (in school) – details to follow. Parents are welcome at this event, but please note that there will be no Collective Worship this day |
| **Tuesday 24th June** | New starter DEAP session – 10.30am to 12pm |
| **Wednesday 25th June** | African Dance Workshop (in school), please send PE kit into school<br>**Class 1 – Forest School Session** – please send clothes into school in a separate bag<br>**MESSY CHURCH** – 3.15pm to 5pm – details to follow |
| **Thursday 26th June** | New starter DEAP session – 1.30pm to 3.00pm |
| **Friday 27th June** | KS1 Fun Run at Richmond School – details to follow |
| **Saturday 28th June** | Friends Annual Ball! |
| **Monday 30th June** | New starter session – 9.00am to 11.30am (children only)<br>Richmond School Year 6 transition day<br>Ravensworth transition to new classes - am |
| **Tuesday 1st July** | New starter session – 9.00am to 12.30pm (children only)<br>Richmond School Year 6 transition day<br>SFX Year 6 Information Evening – 5pm to 8pm |
| **Wednesday 2nd July** | SFX Year 6 transition day<br>**Class 1 – Last Forest School Session** – please send clothes into school in a separate bag |
| **Thursday 3rd July** | SFX Year 6 transition day |
| **Friday 4th July** | Year 6 Leavers Service at Ripon Cathedral and activity – details to follow |
| **Saturday 5th July** | School Friends BBQ and Summer Fete! |
| **Monday 7th July** | Whole School trip to the Life Centre in Newcastle – details to follow |
| **Tuesday 8th July** | **Sports Day**, parents welcome from 1pm |
| **Tuesday 15th July** | Year 6 to Oakbridge Primary School for an author event - details to follow |
| **Wednesday 16th July** | End of year production – afternoon and evening performances – details to follow – **No ASC this day** |
| **Friday 18th July** | Year 6 leaver's service and picnic - Year 6 parents only<br>Break up for the summer holidays – **No Collective Worship or ASC this day** |

**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