## Barton, East Cowton and Ravensworth CE Schools

# Cornerstone Schools

Building Futures with Love

Our Christian value this half term: Thankfulness

September 2025

**New starters**

Welcome back to school, although summer already feels a dim and distant memory. It has been wonderful welcoming our new starters into school this September – they have all settled in so well, we've all been very impressed with how grown up they seem. Special mention to children who have moved to us from other schools – welcome to the Cornerstone family.

**Staffing**

We have a new Deputy Headteacher across our schools too. Welcome to Ms Lucy Hodges who has joined us from Trinity@Richmond. You will see her around as she gets to know the schools.

**Marketing**

If you see our Facebook posts, please like and share to spread the word about our village schools. We have a lot to be proud of, and we need to make sure people know that. Your support is greatly appreciated.

**Appointments**

Thank you for, wherever possible, making appointments for doctors, dentists, opticians etc out of school hours. Where it is not possible, we will ask for proof of the appointment, this can be an email or even a screenshot of a text reminder. This helps us to keep an accurate record when we monitor attendance.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kirstie Petch
Executive Headteacher

## Barton CE School

**National attendance figure: 94.7%  Target attendance: 97%  Barton attendance this month: 94.9%**

## Class news from Barton

Welcome back to a brand-new school term! It has been a fantastic start, with children showing great effort, hard work, and enthusiasm for learning right from the beginning. A very warm welcome goes to our new Reception and Preschool children, who have settled into school life so well—we are so proud of how confidently they've started their journey.

Congratulations also to our Year 3 pupils, who achieved an impressive third place in the Trigolf competition at Richmond School—what a brilliant team effort!

A big thank you to Mrs. Rankin for organising the fitting of our wonderful new trim trail over the summer holidays. We are very grateful to the company who generously donated the funds for this project, and we look forward to welcoming them into school soon for a photo shoot, so keep an eye out for us in the local paper!

| Barton – Dates for your diary | |
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| **Monday & Friday** | PE sessions will take place for all children every **MONDAY** and **FRIDAY**. Please ensure your child has their **SCHOOL** PE kit, suitable trainers and a water bottle |
| **Friday's** | Parent Collective worship every Friday at 3pm – all welcome! |
| **Begins Monday 8th September** | Afterschool Football club 3:30-4:30pm, please see letter sent on Friday 5th Sept, £3.00 per session, 7 sessions in total = £21.00 payable on MCAS. |

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| **Thursday 2nd October** | Richmond School Open Evening- 5pm |
| **Thursday 9th October** | SFX Open Evening - 5pm |
| **Friday 10th October** | Hello Yellow – info to follow |
| **Tuesday 14th October** | School photographs - 9am |
| **Thursday 16th October** | Harvest Festival – 2:30pm in church |
| **Wednesday 22nd October** | Yr3-6 Cross country at Richmond school – info to follow |
| **Thursday 23rd October** | Dark nights talk by PC Diamond & Fire safety |
| **Friday 24th October** | Break up for half term |
| **Monday 3rd November** | Back to school |

# East Cowton Primary School

**National attendance figure: 94.7%  Target attendance figure 97%  East Cowton attendance this month: 94.8%**

## News from East Cowton

We've had a great start to the new school year. The reception children have settled well into Class 1 and the Year 3 children have estabilsihed new routines and are working hard in Class 2.

**Class one News**
In science, the children have been spotting seasonal changes; keep those Autumn offerings coming in. We have also been exploring our wood on site, looking for micro habitats and creatures. As the weather changes, we will still plan to go outside weekly, so please send wellies.

KS1 girls enjoyed a trip out to Richmond school and joined up with the girls from Ravensworth school, to take part in a girls football event. Lots of fun was had, as well as making new friends.

The Class 2 children are enjoying our English text 'The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane,' by Kate Dicamillo. We've been learning how to incorporate speech in 3rd person writing, we've been adding adjectives to make expanded noun phrases and the older children have been improving their skills by including parenthesis. We've been planning stories and acting out schenarios, so we've been having lots of fun while we learn.

In Science, Year 3 and 4 children have been learning about plants. They have been experiementing with transpiration of water- they've turned white carnations bue and yellow carnations green. They were very excited to see the results.

Since Spring, we've had a couple of volunteers from the community in school, to help us with the school garden. Some children have loved weeding, planting and watering the flowers and vegetables we've had on show. We'd like to redo the garden next Spring so if you've some spare change, and would like some organic vegetables, then please feel free to ask staff or Nathan, to get you a bag of apples or some tomatoes for your tea!

| East Cowton – Dates for your diary | |
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| Mondays | Mondays Please can children bring their PE kits into school for the whole week. |

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| Tuesday 2nd September | Children return to school (please bring your PE kit). |
| Mondays | Please can children bring their PE kits into school for the whole week. |
| Fridays | Celebration assembly at 3.10pm. Parents welcome. |
| Mondays 8.9.25-20.10.25 | East Cowton Club- 3.30-4.30 |
| Tuesdays 2.9.25-21.10.15 | Netball and Basketball after school club 3.30-4.30 to book please sign up via MCAS. Please bring water bottles and PE kit. |
| Wednesdays 3.9.25-22.10.25 | Netball and Basketball after school club 3.30-4.30 to book please sign up via MCAS. Please bring water bottles and PE kit. |
| Monday 6th October – Friday 10th October | Individual tours for prospective new reception starters. Please call the school office to arrange a visit. |
| Tuesday 7th October | Harvest Festival 2.30pm at East Cowton Church |
| Thursday 9th October | SFX Open Evening – 5pm to 8pm |
| Friday 10th October | Hello Yellow – Mental Health Awareness Day – wear something yellow to raise awareness for children and young people's mental health |
| Thursday 16th October | Aquatic Fanatic organised by East Cowton Friends |
| Wednesday 22nd October | Cross Country for all of KS2 at Richmond School |
| Friday 24th October | School closes for half term |
| Monday 3rd November | Children return to school |
| Tuesday 11th November | Crucial Crewe for Year 6 - more details to follow |
| Monday 24th November | Skip2bFit- Please come to school in PE kit |
| Friday 28th November | Flu vaccine programme in school |

# Ravensworth CE School

**National attendance figure: 94.7%  Target attendance figure: 97%  Ravensworth attendance this month: 97.1%**

**Class News**

Welcome to the beginning of the new school year. We have had an amazing start to the new term welcoming our new reception starters and settling into the new class structures. Our Reception starters are busy making friends and settling in beautifully. We're fostering kindness, sharing, and teamwork every day. The Year 6s have been embracing their responsibilities and look very smart representing our school in the school ties kindly donated by Friends of Ravensworth, and In Class 2/3 we have been celebrating the qualities that each of us as individuals bring to our new class and have enjoyed collaborative learning.

We had a wonderful potato harvest from the potatoes we planted in the summer. We dug them up and weighed them and found we had 6.2kgs! We can't wait to eat them and are so proud of growing our own food.

The girls in Year 1 and Year 2 have been lucky enough to go to a Football Skills Festival at Richmond School where we had a fantastic and very energetic morning learning some great skills, meeting and making friends with the girls at East Cowton, as well as seeing friends from the surrounding schools.

**Class 2/3 – A Wonderful Start to the Term!**

In Class 2/3, we've had a fantastic and enthusiastic start to our learning journey this term. The children have embraced new learning across all areas of the curriculum, building on what they already know and extending their understanding. In Maths, we've been exploring place value and developing confidence with numbers. In English, the children have thoroughly enjoyed diving into *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane* and have produced some wonderfully creative writing inspired by the story. During our weekly PE sessions, we've been learning new skills through Netball, and we're incredibly proud of the progress the children are making in their swimming lessons – their confidence and ability in the water is growing each week! It's been a busy and exciting start to the term, and we're also learning to live by our school vision: **Building Futures with Love** – *Love for ourselves, Love for each other, and Love for the world.*

| **Ravensworth – Dates for your diary** | |
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| **Mondays – 3.15-4.15pm** | After School Sports Club |
| **Tuesdays – 3.15-4.00pm** | Football Club with Mr Needham (up until half term) |
| **Wednesdays – 3.15-5.30pm** | Art/Craft Club with Mrs Dobinson |
| **Fridays** | Collective Worship from 2.40pm – all welcome! |
| **Wednesday 1st October** | KS2 Swimming lessons |
| **Thursday 2nd October** | Richmond School Open Evening – 5pm to 7.30pm |
| **Week commencing 6th October** | Guided tours for new Reception starters (September 2026) |
| **Wednesday 8th October** | KS2 Swimming lessons |
| **Thursday 9th October** | SFX Open Evening – 5pm to 8pm |

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| **Friday 10th October** | **Hello Yellow** – Mental Health Awareness Day – wear something yellow to raise awareness for children and young people's mental health |
| **Tuesday 14th October** | Tempest Individual photos |
| **Wednesday 15th October** | KS2 Last Swimming lesson |
| **Thursday 16th October** | Harvest Festival – 10am in church (weather permitting)<br>Friends of School Movie Night – details to follow |
| **Wednesday 22nd October** | KS2 Cross Country Event – details to follow |
| **Friday 24th October** | Break up for half term – **No ASC this day** |
| **Tuesday 4th November** | Messy Church – 3.15pm to 5pm |
| **Week commencing 10th November** | Guided tours for new Reception starters (September 2026) |
| **Tuesday 11th November** | Year 6 at Crucial Crew Workshop – details to follow |
| **Thursday 13th November** | KS2 at Hockey Leaders Event – details to follow |
| **Friday 21st November** | Flu Vaccinations in school – consent form:<br>Vaccination UK Immunisation |
| **Tuesday 25th November** | Skip2BFit session in school – please ensure PE kit is in school |
| **Monday 1st December** | KS2 Boys Football Tournament at Richmond School – details to follow |
| **Wednesday 3rd December** | Christingle – 5pm in church – **No ASC this day** |
| **Friday 19th December** | Break up for Christmas – **No ASC this day** |

## Quick Links for Each School

**BARTON**

**Admin email address:** admin@barton.dalesmat.org

**School Lunch Menu:** School Lunch information

**School Holidays/Term Dates:** Term Dates 2025-2026

**The Friends of Barton School easy fundraising link:** Easy Fundraising

**Wraparound care:** Breakfast and Afterschool Club

**Uniform:** Uniform School Shop

**Cool Milk:** Cool Milk

**Newsletter:** 3 school newsletters link

**Facebook page:** https://www.facebook.com/Barton-CE-Primary-School-107161734680028

**EAST COWTON**

**Admin email address:** ecadmin@eckf.dalesmat.org

**School Lunch Menu:** School Lunch Information

**School Holidays/Term Dates:** Term Dates 2025-2026

**Friends of the school link:** Friends

**Wraparound care:** Afterschool Club

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

**Newsletter:** 3 school newsletters link

**Facebook page:** https://www.facebook.com/East-Cowton-CE-School-101930341769707

**RAVENSWORTH**

**Admin email address:** admin

**School Lunch Menu:** School Lunch Information

**School Holidays/Term Dates:** Term Dates 2025-2026

**Wraparound care:** Afterschool Club

**Ravensworth School Friends quick fundraising: -** www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/rsfarichmond/

**Uniform:** school/uniform/

**Newsletter:** 3 school newsletters link

**Facebook page:** 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