



CARLTON MINIOTT PRIMARY ACADEMY

Attendance

Whole school attendance
this week was:

96.4%

Dates for your diary
2025/2026

- 20th to 23rd March - FOS Bags2School
- 23rd March - Year 1 School Trip
- 24th March - Year 5 Enrichment Day at Thirsk High School
- 25th March - Yrs 3/4 Football Competition / FOS Discos
- 27th March - School Closes for Easter Holidays
- 13th April - School Reopens for Summer Term / Parents' Evening
- 15th April - Parents' Evening / Dandelion Day
- 16th April - Year 3 Final Swim Session / Yrs 5/6 Netball Competition
- 20th April - Class 2 Cake Stall
- 23rd April—Class R Swimming lessons commence / Yrs 5/6 Cricket Competition

Cross-Country Final

Tillie recently qualified from our Area XC rounds to run in the final against other Year 6 qualifiers from other cluster schools.

She had an outstanding run and out of a large field of competitors she came 5th. Congratulations Tillie!



Yrs 5/6 Dodgeball Competition



Yesterday we took a team of nine Yr5 and Yr6 pupils to compete in a Dodgeball Competition at Thirsk High School, against other local primary schools.

They played really well as a team in what was a very fast-paced competition.

Month of the Military Child

Dandelion Day

To celebrate and raise awareness of the Month of the Military Child throughout April, we will be taking part in **Dandelion Day on Monday 15th April**. This special day helps us recognise the strength, resilience and adaptability shown by children who have a parent or family member in the Armed Forces.

Children are invited to **wear something yellow** to mark the occasion — the colour linked to dandelions, which symbolises how military-connected children can thrive wherever they go.

A poster with further details is attached on page 5 of this newsletter. We look forward to celebrating this important day together.



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Dates for your diary 2025/2026

- 4th May - Bank Holiday
- 6th—8th May - Year 4 Residential Visit
- 8th May - Yr3 Cricket Competition

Fortnightly Safeguarding Update

Keeping Children Safe: Understanding Criminal Exploitation & County Lines

We want to make all parents aware of an important safeguarding issue affecting children and young people across the country, including in quieter and rural areas.

Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE) happens when adults or older young people take advantage of children, often by offering them things like gifts, money, food, or attention, and persuading them to do things that are unsafe or illegal. Children may not realise they are being exploited — they may believe they are helping a friend or doing something harmless.

One form of this is known as County Lines, where organised groups use children to move items or messages between different towns. Children can be targeted in person or online, including through social media or gaming platforms. Exploitation can happen gradually, with children being made to feel special before pressure or threats begin.

Children involved in this are victims, even if their behaviour looks like a “choice”. They can be at risk of physical harm, emotional distress, missing school, being isolated from friends, or being placed in unsafe situations.

As always, keeping children safe is our top priority. If you ever notice changes in your child’s behaviour, have concerns about someone they are speaking to online, or feel something “doesn’t seem right”, please speak to us. No worry is ever too small, and early conversations can make a big difference.

FOS Update

Easter Raffle

Don’t forget to sell your raffle tickets for the Easter Raffle. Ticket stubs, cash and unsold tickets need to be returned to school by Thursday 26th March at the latest. Extra tickets are available at the school office.

Huge thanks to all the local businesses which have been so generous with their support, providing some fantastic prizes.



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FOS Update continued

Bags2School

Don't forget that you can bring any old clothes or materials to the trailer in the Key Stage 2 playground gates from school pick up today until school drop off on Monday. Each item you donate will help to raise funds for the children's learning.

School Disco

The next school disco is on Wednesday, 25th March.

5-5.30pm - Class R **Parents/carers must stay with their child throughout.**

5.45 to 6.45pm Classes 1-3

7 to 8pm Classes 4-6

Entry - £3.50 for reception, £5.00 for other year groups.

Please bring change for the tuck shop if possible.

Please note that mobile phones are not allowed at the discos.

Date for your diary:

Summer fair – Friday 26 June

Local Activities and Clubs

Thirsk Parishes have got their free Easter Trail again this year on Easter Saturday. Running 10am to 12 noon, with a free Easter Egg for everyone who completes it. Please see contact details opposite for further information.

Rev Mary Rolls
Rector - Thirsk Parishes +
Area Dean for Mowbray Deanery
(My normal rest day is Friday)

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Thirsk Junior Netball Club

New junior netball training sessions are launching on Thursdays at Thirsk Netball Club. They are expanding their junior section and providing more opportunities for local children to get involved in sport, develop their skills and build confidence in a fun and supportive environment. Thirsk Netball Club is a friendly, community-focused club and they are keen to encourage girls of all abilities to go along and give netball a try. Please see below for more information.



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Local Activities and Clubs

Parent Carer Support Neurodiversity Workshop

Please see below a poster with all the details of The Neurodiversity Workshop which will be delivered by James Koppert and will look at the challenges of parenting a neurodivergent child. The workshop is free, but spaces are limited.

Easter Family Fun Day at Thirsk Racecourse

Thirsk Racecourse are holding an Easter Family Day which takes place on **Friday 10th April**, and kids go free. They will also have lots of free children's entertainment, so it's a great opportunity for families looking for something to do during the Easter Holidays. See details below.

Online Safety Newsletter

Attached to this email is our Online Safety Newsletter for March 2026, for your information.

School Easter Holidays

A reminder that we break up next Friday, 27th March, for the Easter Holidays. We return to school on Monday 13th April.

More information can be found at
www.carltonminiottacademy.org



Dandelion Day
15th April

Dandelion Day returns in April 2026!

Join us in celebrating military children.

Wear something yellow, socks, a
scrunchie or anything bright to show your
support.





THIRSK NETBALL CLUB

NEW UNDER 11s NETBALL!

LEARN • TRAIN • PLAY

STARTING
AFTER EASTER
THURSDAY
16TH APRIL



ONLY
£5
PER SESSION

UNDER 11s

THURSDAYS 5:15 - 6:15PM

THIRSK HIGH SCHOOL

- DBS AND TRAINED COACHES
- FOR GIRLS AGED 7-11 (YEARS 3-6)
- DURING TERM TIME ONLY

TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST PLEASE EMAIL:

thirskjuniorsecretary@gmail.com





Parent Carer Support Neurodiversity Workshop

Join James Koppert and Carers Plus Yorkshire for a workshop about challenges of parenting a neurodivergent child.

James has a diagnosis of ADHD, is a parent of a child with neurodiverse conditions and has worked with schools and parents to develop strategies to support children and young people to develop positively around ADHD and autism.

Wednesday 22nd April | 10am to 12noon
1st Floor Meeting Room, Evolution Centre, Northallerton DL6 2NQ

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plus**
YORKSHIRE

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THIRSK RACECOURSE
YORKSHIRE RACING & EVENTS

Easter Family Day

Friday 10th April • Gates open at 11AM

All Entertainment is **FREE!**

- ✓ Easter Themed Fun
- ✓ Inflatables ✓ Stalls
- ✓ Face Painting
- ✓ Kids DJ & More!

Under 18's
Go Free!



SCAN HERE

Family Tickets are just **£25** pre-booked!

join us for an egg-cellent day!