Newsletter
11th September 2026













Welcome Back

A very warm welcome back to all of our children, families and staff as we begin another exciting school year at Willerby Carr Lane Primary School. I can't believe it's my fourth year here and those children who started at the same time as me are somehow in year 3 already!

I have enjoyed seeing everyone returning; there's been so much enthusiasm, friendliness and positivity. I have particularly enjoyed seeing the children and families who are new to our school, and I have been impressed with how settled and calm the EYFS area has been with all our new starters. It has also been lovely to welcome several new members of staff to our team.

Over the summer holidays, the whole school has been freshly painted and is looking fantastic. The small of new paint has faded and lots of the children have told me that they think it looks great. Staff have also completed their allergies and safeguarding training.

The start of the year is always so busy making plans for all of the exciting learning opportunities, events, trips and celebrations to look forward to across all year groups. To help keep everyone informed, each year group will shortly be sharing details of their welcome meetings, along with key dates and information for the year ahead. These will also be added to the school calendar on our website as soon as possible.

As always, we value our strong partnership with families. If you have any questions, concerns or anything you would like to discuss, please do not hesitate to get in touch. We are always happy to help and want to work together to ensure that Carr Lane provides the best start to our children's education.

I know there will be lots of tired children (and adults) at the end of this first week and I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Laura Widdowson
Headteacher



🌟 Excellence Awards 🌟

We are excited to remind families about our **KS1 Mini Excellence Awards** and **KS2 Excellence Awards**! Children can work towards a range of exciting skills, including Artist, Baker, Mathematician and many more.

The activities can be completed at home using the instructions provided in your child's Excellence Award class folder, which can be brought home from school at request. Activities may include trying something new, completing a challenge or learning new vocabulary.

There are fantastic rewards for children who complete an award: a special badge, a photograph on our Excellence Award display and Dojo points!

KS1: Please share completed activities with your child's class teacher for assessment.

KS2: Please share completed activities with Mrs Cowley for assessment.

We can't wait to see the children developing their skills, trying new things and celebrating their achievements!

Communication

We appreciate how important it is to communicate clearly with parents around school activities. At Carr Lane, you can expect the following from us:

- Welcome meetings for each year group (face to face and online)
- Fortnightly newsletters that share what has been happening in school, safeguarding updates, helpful websites or activities that we have been made aware of and key dates
- Weekly Instagram posts from each class sharing some of the things that the children have been doing (children who do not have social media consent will have faces covered or not be in photos)
- school calendar updated on the school website with key dates on
- Dojos from class teachers about significant changes in routines, timings or dates
- Appointments for parent evening meetings in Autumn and Spring term and drop in sessions in the Summer term (appointments with the headteacher, deputy headteacher and SENCO available during these weeks too)

How to Contact School

We want to work closely with our families and ensure that any questions or concerns are directed to the most appropriate member of staff.

Reporting an Absence

If your child is absent from school, please contact the school office as soon as possible by telephone, email or Arbor. If we have not received a reason for your child's absence, a member of the office team will contact you to ensure they are safe and accounted for.

Questions About Learning or Wellbeing

If you have a question or message about your child's learning, friendships, or social and emotional wellbeing, please contact the class teacher via Class Dojo. We kindly ask that you respect teachers' working hours and understand that they are unable to respond whilst teaching. Teachers will aim to respond within three working days. It may be that following this contact teachers suggest a phone call or face to face meeting. Parents are also able to request these kind of meetings.

Behaviour, bullying, safeguarding or other Concerns

Please contact a member of the senior leadership team:
Laura Widdowson: head@carrlaneprimary.net
Kathy Smith: deputy@carrlaneprimary.net
Harriet Turnbull: harriet.turnbull@carrlaneprimary.net

Special Educational Needs (SEND), health or wellbeing

Please contact the SENCO (Harriet Turnbull) via email: harriet.turnbull@carrlaneprimary.net

Although teachers are available on the doors each morning, please do not try to pass messages to them that are urgent or sensitive as they need to be in class to start the morning teaching. Lessons begin at 8:50.

First aid:

If your child has an accident at school and/or needs first aid treatment, staff will complete the relevant first aid form. If this is something that you need to be made aware of, a member of staff will call you straight away or speak to you at the end of the school day. When a head bump or head injury occurs but your child is well enough to stay at school, you will be notified via an in-app message on Arbor in all instances. We will contact you via telephone in all instances when your child is unwell and needs to be collected from school.

School meals:

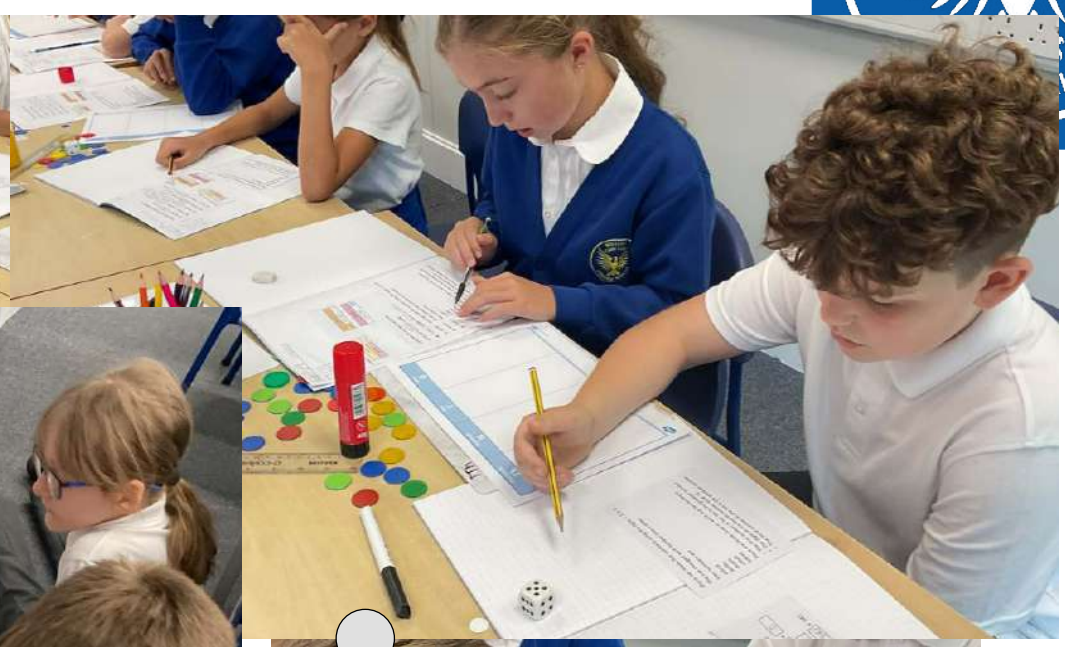
We ask that all school meals (including packed lunches) are booked and paid for in advance via Arbor. This helps us with our ordering process and saves valuable time at registration.
If your child's account is overdrawn, we will send you an in-app message via Arbor in the first instance.
If your account remains overdrawn, we will then contact you via email and then phone.

If you have any questions about school lunches then please contact the school office in the first instance.

Thank you for your support and cooperation in helping us maintain effective communication throughout our school community.

We have had a great first week in Falcons Class. We have been exploring the place value of 5 digit numbers and testing the properties of different materials in science.









Request

Before school and after school club has got off to a great start this week. We are really grateful to Mrs Rees for all the hard-work she put in over the summer to make sure that it could be up and running without interruptions.
We mostly have everything we need but would really appreciate some dressing up clothes if anyone is having a clear out.
Please just drop them at the office or send them in with your child.

Thank you.

Mobile Phones in Schools - Statutory Guidance

The Department for Education's Mobile Phones in Schools guidance is now statutory, with schools expected to implement the revised requirements from 1 September 2026.

The guidance establishes a clear expectation that schools should be mobile phone-free by default throughout the school day, including lessons, transitions, breaktimes and lunchtimes.

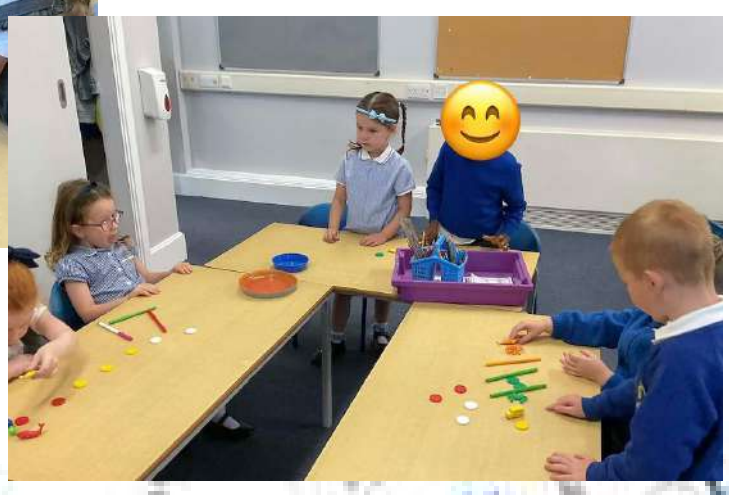
Our policy remains the same: any child who brings a phone into school should not have their phone out on the school site. They will hand it in to the class teacher who will secure it and it can be collected at the end of the day.

Thank you for your support with this.









New Starters

We have been so impressed with how well our new EYFS children have settled this week. They have been fantastic with their listening, following instructions and have enjoyed exploring all of the exciting resources in EYFS as well as making new friends!















