

# Carrdyke Federation Newsletter



March 27<sup>th</sup> 2026

## Latest News



The project to reorganise the class libraries has continued, new furniture to display and store books in a more child friendly way has arrived. Books have been arranged in baskets under themes such as 'adventure', 'animal's', 'mystery'. The books are arranged so the children can see the covers making them easier to browse through. The next step is to add in non-fiction books something that was missing from the home reading libraries before. Children have already told us that they like the new selections and that they find it



easier to find books they like. In Class One and Two we will be updating the picture book selections over the coming terms

### Mrs Mary King's dates

- Term 4 Ends - Thursday 2nd April
- Term 5 Tuesday 21st April -Friday 22nd May
- Term 6 Monday 1st June - Wednesday 22nd July

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2.00pm Easter Service**

**(starts in church) All Welcome**

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May SATS week**

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May Farm Festival

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June Sunita Patel the Indian Experience

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June Aylmerton Residential Weekend

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June Sports Day

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June Class Three Cresswell Craggs visit

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July Federation Picnic

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July Leavers' Service 2.00pm

***As you can see, we have a very busy and fun packed summer term with a lot of enrichment activities...***

### Walcott dates

- Term 4 Ends - Thursday 2nd April
- Term 5 Tuesday 21st April -Friday 22nd May
- Term 6 Monday 1st June - Wednesday 22nd July

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 10.30am Easter Assembly in**

**Church. All Welcome**

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May SATS week**

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May Farm Festival

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June Class Four Metheringham Airfield Museum

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June Sunita Patel the Indian Experience

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June Aylmerton Residential Weekend

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June Cresswell Craggs visit

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June Sports Day

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July Federation Picnic

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July Leavers' Assembly 10.30am

## Staff Update

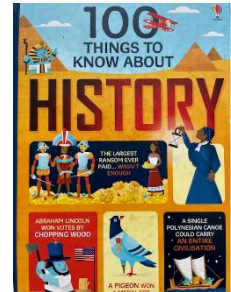
Two of our long serving staff will be leaving us at the end of the summer. Mrs Reed at Mrs Mary King's has decided it is time to retire and Mrs Miller at Walcott will be moving to a new role as SENDCO at another local school. Both these staff will be a greatly missed and I am sure you will join me in wishing them every success in the future. We are now looking to recruit new staff to fill their roles, interviews will take place in May.

## Children's Book Reviews

### 100 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT HISTORY

I recommend this book because I loved it. I liked it because it had lodes of facts. I think you would like this book if you like non-fiction. In this book it tells you how to make an axe in a European way and in an American way. You can also learn about the presidents of America in this book. There is also a music, science, unknown and a lot more of these books. If you want to buy a book like this you can go to [www.usborne.com](http://www.usborne.com)

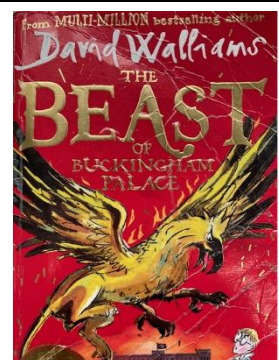
Erica Woolgar



### Beast of Buckingham Palace

This book is really fun and imaginative filled with adventure. I enjoyed the way I could really picture it in my head and understand what was happening. It's an amazing book and great for people with a crazy imagination, it's also filled with sad scenes and happy scenes. I loved all of the funny and detailed pictures [almost on every page]. It's a book I guarantee you will enjoy the whole way through.

Erin Child



### Shadow

This book is so descriptive, it made me feel like I was there. I loved the way that every couple of chapters it would change the point of view so that a different character would say their own part of the story. I also liked the names of the chapters like: When the stars begin to fall. I would recommend this book to anyone who likes the adventures of animals.

Elsie Smith



Walcott reviews will be in the next edition

## Reading Café



I would like to say a big thank you to all the parents of Class Two children at both schools who are regularly taking part in the Reading Cafés. We now have a good team of adults hearing children read during an end of the afternoon session.

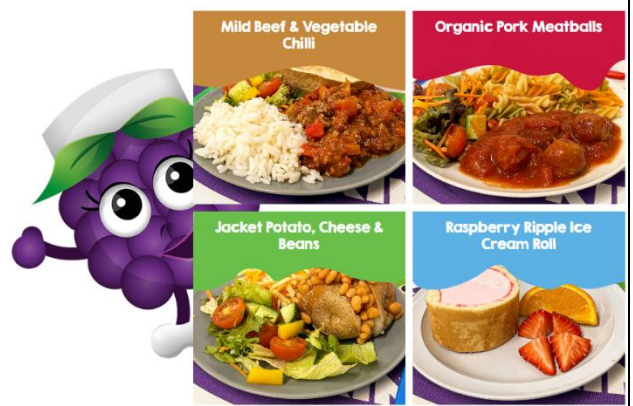
In the days before Ofsted existed teachers used to hear every child read every afternoon in most schools, I have been teaching long enough to remember the queue of children at the desk waiting to read whilst other children just got on with a task. Those days are long gone and teachers simply don't have the time to hear children read like this every day. Younger children do read during phonics every day, but this is not the same as a reading their own book with an adult in a more relaxed way, so the reading café is a great way to help.

## Good Lookin Cookin

The feedback from children and parents at the recent tasting session seemed to be really positive, the meatballs and mac and cheese seemed to go down particularly well! You now need to register your child on the Good Lookin Cookin website: [www.goodlookincookin.co.uk](http://www.goodlookincookin.co.uk) The new menus for next term will go live soon and if you have registered you will receive an automatic email to let you know.

It is really important that you register and book meals in advance of the start of term, the cut off is normally the Thursday the week before the holiday but being new schools to the service this might be different over Easter, this information will be in your email.

We won't be able to add new meals on the morning as we have done with our own kitchen, please avoid last minute panics and act now...



## Forest School and Wrap Around Care

Forest school is now becoming an established feature you only have to see the pictures that have been posted to see how much children are enjoying these sessions.

This is a big investment in staff training and we are also buying a lot of new equipment to allow the delivery of all the recommended elements.

In the coming months staff will be assessed with a view to them being able to deliver lessons with more risky elements such as using saws.

We are planning to offer Forest School as a curriculum time enrichment to groups at both schools for the coming year however at Walcott we will also offer it as part of the wrap around care offer on **Tuesday and Thursday nights after Easter.**

There are limited places but if you would like your child to take part in these Forest School sessions please book them through **parent pay** in the usual way.

These sessions will be weather dependent but we will aim to run them unless there is absolutely torrential rain. We have all-weather waterproof all-in-ones for children to wear in wet weather so we are well prepared! We have plans to install some covered areas using sun shade sails and this should help too.

