



Carrington Infant School

Carrington Schools Federation

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Dear Families

As part of our ongoing commitment to safeguarding, we're adapting how we showcase school life in response to growing concerns around the use and manipulation of children's images, including through AI.

This doesn't mean we'll stop sharing the wonderful moments happening in school. It simply means we've changed the angle.

Moving forward, you'll see more:

- Backs of heads
- Hands-on learning and activities
- Side-facing photographs, where appropriate and with the relevant permissions

Our aim is simple: to celebrate the learning, creativity, friendships and special moments that make school life so wonderful, while taking every step we can to protect our children's privacy and safety.

Thank you for your continued understanding and support as we make this important change.

Why Attendance Matters

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QmHQ3wqyNXE>

Every day at school is an opportunity for children to learn, grow and connect with their friends. Good attendance helps children build confidence, develop positive routines and make the most of the exciting learning experiences on offer. Even missing a small number of days can mean children miss important lessons and activities that are difficult to replicate. We understand that children are sometimes unwell, but whenever possible, we encourage families to prioritise attendance and arrive on time each day. By working together, we can ensure every child has the best possible chance to thrive and achieve their full potential.



Screen Time

Juggling family life and raising children in a digital world can be challenging. Find out more about how to support healthy screen habits for children under 5.

https://beststartinlife.gov.uk/screen-time-under-5s/?gclid=aw.ds&gad_source=1&gad_campaignid=23468623168&gbraid=0AAAAAowZrsnHn9_ZW9MGGIWnQHRiUTrWS&gclid=EALaIQobChMlofLfwexHlgMVJldQBh1OfTJkEAAAYASAAEgIAc_D_BwE



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Bourne End Junior Craft Show – competition entries

The annual Bourne End Junior Craft Show will take place in Bourne End Library on Saturday 3rd October. There will be the usual range of classes, split into age divisions. As always we have some fabulous arty crafty prizes on offer, as well as rosettes and even trophies. This year we also have a new Everything Elephant class, in which any piece of artwork may be entered, as long as it has one or more elephants as its main feature.

Entry is completely free of charge and is open to children and young people aged 4 – 16. Full details of classes and how to enter, plus an event timetable, can be found on our website www.bejuniorcraftshow.co.uk

Competition entries (accompanied by completed entry cards) can be dropped off at Bourne End Library either on Friday 2nd October from 3pm to 5pm or on Saturday 3rd October from 9.30am to 11am. We are open again from 12.30pm for the public to look round, and the grand Prize Giving is at 1.00pm.

School Census

Thursday 1st October is school census day, this means that every child attending school this day and every child ordering a school meal this day contributes to our funding for the coming year. Therefore, we appreciate your help in ensuring that your child is in school for morning registers on this day.

To mark census day, our school meal provider Culinera is offering a special pizza day. There are several different options so please make your order online. Please note ALL children will be signed up for a meal on this special 'trial' day so enjoy a break from making a packed lunch and choose their favourite option online in advance.

If you have already ordered for this half term, please check your order for this day as you may need to re-order due to the updated menu offering.

School Lunches

Menus are now available via the school gateway app to order up until October half term.

Class Dojo

Class Dojo is a useful home to school communication tool. However, it should be used for short, simple messages or quick updates, or information that only needs a simple reply from the teacher. Teacher meetings can be arranged via Dojo. Messages to teachers can only be expected to be seen during working hours, but teachers will not be able to reply whilst teaching. Please allow up to 3 days if a response is needed. You can email or call the school office with urgent messages, concerns or absences.

Dates for the diary

Fri 25th Sept – Big clothes day, £1 voluntary donation to cancer charity

Thurs 1st Oct – Toy workshop in school for year 1

Thurs 1st Oct – school census day

Tues 6th Oct in the morning - Harvest festival / boxes of kindness

Tues 20th, Weds 21st and Fri 23rd Oct 2026 after school - Parent consultations, day depends on class

Mon 26th – Fri 30th Oct – HALF TERM

Weds 4th Nov – Superheroes workshop in school, all years



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Mon 7th & Tues 8th Dec at 10am - EYFS nativity

Weds 9th Dec from 1.30pm - EYFS stay & play and Christmas crafts

Tues 15th Dec 1pm – RockSteady concert to parents

Fri 18th Dec – panto in school for all years

Fri 18th Dec – 1pm school finish for holidays

Community events

Sat 3rd Oct – Bourne End Junior Craft Show, Bourne End library

Weds 14th Oct – Common mental health challenges (primary) free webinar, go to <https://www.carrington-inf.bucks.sch.uk/local-clubs-courses-inc-holiday-clubs> for sign up details

Tues 17th Nov – Childhood anxiety (primary) free webinar, go to <https://www.carrington-inf.bucks.sch.uk/local-clubs-courses-inc-holiday-clubs> for sign up details



ClassDojo Messaging Parent Guide

Use ClassDojo For

- Short messages
- Quick updates
- Sharing achievements/photos
- Arranging meetings

Examples

- Letting you know a family change
- Requesting a meeting
- Sharing positive news

Contact the School Office For

- Absences
- Illness
- Dinner queries
- Urgent messages

Do NOT Use ClassDojo For

- Behaviour concerns
- Academic discussions
- Homework submission

Response Times

Messages checked during working hours. Allow up to 3 school days for a response.

Important Notes

Messages are only seen by your child's class teacher. Contact the school office for other staff.



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Awards

The following children have received awards in school this week. They will be bringing home certificates with the details of their achievements.

Class	Values award - Kindness	Hard-to-get-into book
Group 1	Lennon	
Group 2	Alayah-Jai	
Oak	Billy	Rio
Sycamore	Isaac	
Birch	Elias	Nirvarna
Chestnut	Betty	
ARP Unit	Lyric	

Kind regards
Mrs A Barron
Co-Head of School