

Carrington Infant School

Carrington Schools
Federation

Newsletter

**Friday 18th
September 2026**



Key Dates

All events are on our calendar on the website [here](#)

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INFANT SCHOOL EVENTS

- Thurs 1st Oct – Toy workshop in school for year 1
- Thurs 1st Oct – School census
- 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
- 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 – see our website for flyers and more detail

- 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

JOINT FEDERATION EVENTS

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



Message from Mrs Barron

It has been another busy and successful week at school. We are delighted with how well the children have settled into their phonics lessons. Pupils have shown enthusiasm, confidence, and a positive attitude towards their learning, making an excellent start to the term.

This week, we welcomed several external visitors into school. Nurses visited to administer flu vaccinations, and the photographer spent time capturing individual and class photographs. Both visitors commented on the excellent behaviour of our pupils, noting how polite, respectful, and well-mannered they were throughout their visits. We are incredibly proud of the way our children represented the school.

We are also delighted to share that the school has achieved **ModeShift Accreditation at Good Level**. This recognition celebrates our commitment to promoting sustainable and active travel. It is a wonderful achievement for our school community and reflects the efforts of pupils, staff, and families in supporting healthier and more environmentally friendly travel choices.

Thank you for your continued support, and we wish everyone a wonderful weekend.



Celebrating Reception

It's been wonderful to welcome our new Reception cohort into school. Over the last two weeks the children have been learning the new routines, exploring different areas of the classroom and forming new friendships. We are so amazed with how well they have settled in. Please remember they are taking a lot of information in each day and getting to grips with their new environment and a lot of change, so please don't worry if they are more tired than normal or if you notice a slight change in behaviour - this is completely normal!

This week we have based our learning around the story "Owl Babies". We discussed how although the mother owl leaves to find food she returns to her babies at the end - just like the children's adults. There have been opportunities for children to create owl collage pictures, owl puppets, draw their own pictures from the story and much more. We also begun our phonics sessions this week and the children have been really engaged each day when learning a new letter sound. Please check your child's bookbag as we are sending home the letter sounds that the children have learnt this week – s,a,t and p. Please practice these letter sounds at home, you could also see if your child can find objects around the house that begin with these sounds.

Next week we will be reading the story "Elmer" and the children will have the chance to take part in some very colourful activities to enhance their learning. We will also be starting our maths sessions and looking at "subitising" which means to instantly look at a group of small objects and know how many there are without counting them one by one.

Celebrating Year 1



The children have settled into life in Year 1 incredibly well, and we are very proud of how they have adapted to their new routines. They are thoroughly enjoying exploring the continuous provision areas and are becoming increasingly confident in accessing the different resources available to them. We have been working hard on teaching the children how to tidy up carefully and show respect for our classroom resources. Although there is still plenty of training and practice to be done, they are making great progress and are beginning to demonstrate these skills more independently each day.

We have enjoyed starting our new topic 'Toys' this week. The children have already had some fantastic discussions about their favourite toys and have been enthusiastic about sharing their ideas. Our new Positive Pathway system is also working very well across the year 1 classes, and the children are responding positively to the clear expectations and rewards. Next week, we will continue exploring our topic by looking at toys from the past and learning about the toys that parents and grandparents enjoyed when they were children. ***Please remember to bring in any old toys that you would be happy for us to explore and discuss on Monday. Thank you for your support.***

A close-up photograph of a child with light brown hair, wearing a white t-shirt, kneeling on a grey paved surface. They are using pink chalk to draw a star-like shape. The image is partially obscured by a white torn-edge graphic.

Celebrating Year 2

What a fantastic first few weeks back at school we have had! It has been so lovely to see all the children enjoying their time in year 2. During our Connections Weeks, we explored all the things that make us special and got to know each other much better.

We have begun our first topic, The Great Fire of London, and have enjoyed creating chalk fires in art and exploring the sequence of events in history. In maths, we have been looking at numbers and place value, and exploring how these can be represented using manipulatives. In English, we have started reading our new story, Leo and the Octopus, and have been learning how to use adjectives in our writing. We have even used these to write our own poems. We were very lucky to hear the new Gruffalo Granny story and even had a go at drawing her!

Coming up next week:

We will continue to explore the features needed to create a great friendship narrative in English, use place value to deepen our understanding of numbers in maths, create collage flames in art, and learn why the fire spread so quickly in history.



Celebrating the ARP Unit

What a wonderful start back to school the ARP unit has had! Our primary focus has been, and always will be, regulation. We had a wonderful week of connections activities which included producing a collective mural, sharing information about ourselves, and saying 'hello' to new friends.

We had our first Forest School session where the children explored the area, made music, and simply enjoyed being in nature.

This week we commenced our 'All About Me' topic. The children observed themselves in the mirror and then identified their own eyes from a selection, which they used to create a self portrait. Using building blocks with their faces on, the children stacked the bricks to correctly reveal a photo of themselves. This led to them mixing up the bricks and making funny, mixed up faces!

We have all been enjoying using the new covered garden area outside of Willow Class; outdoors in all weathers, just as it should be!



Celebrating home learning

Well done to Isaac and Jaina for their wonderful cards for this week's home learning challenge.

Thank you to everyone who shared their challenges with us!

Next week's challenge is:

Picking up litter with an adult on a local walk.

Home Learning Challenge - Kindness Thank You Card!



"A card for Mummy & Dad because I love them"



Mrs Buckley



Mrs Barron



Mrs Cliffe



Mrs Henderson

Carrington Infant
School Designated
Safeguarding Team

Safeguarding ... IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

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.