Carrington Infant School

Carrington Schools Federation

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Dear Families

We are delighted to share some exciting news as we continue our OPAL journey. Mrs Seager has taken on the role of Parent OPAL Lead, while Mrs Lord has become our Governor OPAL Lead. These are important roles that will help support and champion the development of outdoor play and learning across our school.

We are incredibly grateful for their enthusiasm, commitment, and willingness to be part of this exciting journey. Their involvement will help strengthen the partnership between our school, families, and governors as we work together to provide the very best play opportunities for all children.

NSPCC Speak Out, Stay Safe Assembly

On Monday 9th November, the children took part in the NSPCC's Speak Out. Stay Safe. programme by watching a special age-appropriate video. The session helped pupils understand their right to feel safe, recognise trusted adults who can help them, and learn the importance of speaking out if they are worried about themselves or someone else. Through engaging stories and discussion, the children explored key messages about personal safety, resilience and seeking support, reinforcing that no problem is too big or too small to share. The programme encouraged children to feel confident, listened to and empowered to speak up whenever they need help.

Anti-Bullying Week 2026

Anti-Bullying Week takes place from Monday 16th November to Friday 20th November 2026, with this year's theme, "Break the Silence."

To launch the week, we will be taking part in Odd Socks Day on Monday 16th November. Children are invited to wear their brightest, funniest, or most unusual socks to school. This simple activity celebrates our individuality and reminds us that our differences make us unique and special.

Please note that this is not a non-uniform day. Apart from their odd socks, children should wear their normal school uniform.

We look forward to a week of activities that encourage kindness, respect, and the confidence to speak out against bullying.

Home Learning Challenge

This week's challenge is to collect food items for a food bank donation. Please feel free to bring these items to school on Monday 16th November and the school council will deliver them to the community pantry at Christ Church.

Possible items are:

- Grains & Carbohydrates: Pasta, rice (white and brown), whole-wheat pasta, and noodles.
- Tinned & Shelf-Stable Proteins: Canned tuna, chicken, salmon, tinned meat (like ham, corned beef, or stewed steak), baked beans, and lentils.
- Cooking Basics: Cooking oil, pasta sauces, tinned tomatoes, stock cubes, and basic herbs/spices.
- Breakfast & Snacks: Cereal, instant oatmeal, granola bars, and biscuits.
- Canned Fruit & Vegetables: Tinned fruit, canned carrots, sweetcorn, and tomatoes.
- Long-Life Drinks: UHT milk, long-life fruit juice, tea bags, and coffee.
- Toiletries & Non-Food Essentials: Soap, shower gel, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, and sanitary products.
- Household Cleaning Items: Laundry detergent, washing-up liquid, and surface cleaners.

Christmas Card Competition

If your child would like to take part in the competition to design our school Christmas cards for 2026, please ask them to design their card on the sheet sent home this week. The sheet needs to be returned – with the child's name and class clearly printed on the back of the design - direct to the Office by **Wednesday 18th November**.

The top 5 designs will be used for the school's Christmas cards in the community. The overall winning designer will have the very special opportunity of switching on the Flackwell Heath lights at Christmas on the Heath on Saturday 28th November.

EYFS stay & play and Christmas crafts

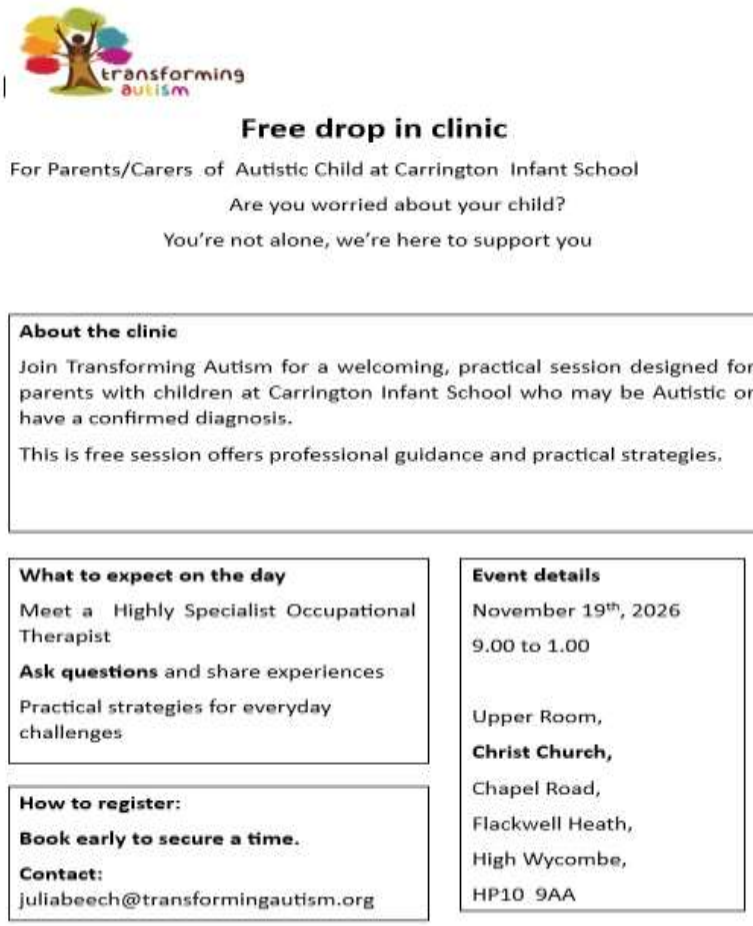
Due to circumstances beyond our control we've had to move the date of the early years stay & play and craft session to the afternoon of Tues 1st December. Please update your diaries. Emails with timings and a sign up form will be sent soon. Thank you

Dates for the diary

Mon 16th Nov – last forest school club
New Mon 16th Nov – Odd socks day for anti-bullying week
New Weds 18th Nov – deadline for returning school Christmas card entries
New Thurs 19th Nov – PTA disco and mufti day, please sign up on link sent by email
New w/c 23rd Nov – PTA tombola bags to be decorated, filled and returned to school
Weds 25th Nov – last tennis club
Mon 30th Nov – last gymnastics club
New Tues 1st Dec – ARP unit stay & play 1.15-1.45pm for parents, email coming out soon
Date change Tues 1st Dec from 1.30pm - EYFS stay & play and Christmas crafts, sign up required
Thurs 3rd Dec – last Create (art) club
Fri 4th Dec – last dance club
New Fri 4th Dec – PTA cake sale & secondhand jumper sale after school
Mon 7th Dec – EYFS nativity 10am, sign up required, email will be sent
Tues 8th Dec – EYFS nativity 10am, sign up required, email will be sent
Weds 9th Dec – last football club

New Weds 9th Dec – school Christmas lunch – order on Gateway
New Thurs 10th Dec – Save the Children Christmas jumper day for donation (not non-uniform)
Date change Thurs 10th Dec – last choir
New Fri 11th Dec – Choir event at Cliveden, please complete the form sent by email
New Fri 11th Dec – Lost property, please check out the tables outside school at pick up for any lost items
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 - https://www.carrington-inf.bucks.sch.uk/local-clubs-courses-inc-holiday-clubs for flyers and more information on the below events



Tues 17th Nov – Childhood anxiety (primary) free webinar
Thurs 19th Nov – Transforming autism drop-in clinic, see poster below
Sat 21st Nov - Bourne End Junior Sports Club Have a Go Day, 2-5pm
Sun 22nd Nov – Aylesbury Christmas on the Cobbles event
Sat 28th Nov – Christmas on the Heath 3-6pm, choir perming at 3.15pm in the community centre
Sat 28th Nov – Wycombe High School Frost Fair 10.30am-2pm

Sat 5th Dec – Flackwell Scouts pantomime – booking link - https://www.ticketebo.co.uk/1st-flackwell-heath-scouts/aladdin-1st-flackwell-heath-scouts
Mon 21st – Weds 23rd Dec – 9.30am-3.00pm – Little Elves Christmas Crafts

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
Beech	Lydia	Eiliyah
Hazel	Elena	Abdullah
Oak	Georgie	Aaryan
Sycamore	Binh	
Birch	Ronnie	Musa
Chestnut	Starr	
ARP Unit	Arlo	

Kind regards
Mrs A Barron and Mrs K Buckley
Co-Heads of School