



Carrington Infant School

Dear Families

Thank you all for a brilliant Autumn term. We have accomplished so much in the last fourteen weeks here in school and across the federation. The work with the Junior school that is detailed in my federation newsletter, shows the strides that we are making to secure a strong pathway for your children from reception to year 6.

Thank you to the PTA who have supported us by providing opportunities for the children and in turn raised money for the school. This term we have purchased new reading corner furniture for the reception classes, resources for Year 1's continuous provision, a swing for the ARP and committed funds for the coaches needed for class trips as well as buying weighted blankets for sensory circuits. We will also be purchasing new storage for EYFS as well as additional resources.

This term is the first for the school as a trauma and attachment informed setting. We have prioritised connection before correction and ensured all staff have been trained so that your children can be guaranteed a school that puts their psychological safety at the forefront of what we do. We are working towards our silver award which we hope to secure before the end of the academic year.

Your partnership has never been more important. We are in extremely challenging times with regards to SEND funding yet I am so proud of the creative, forward thinking and determination shown by our school. This term I have met with countless people within the local authority to raise the profile of this school and to drive the conversation for greater funding. The local authority recently announced a £3 million investment to clear the considerable backlog of EHCP assessments, sadly not all for this school, but it is a significant step in the right direction. Joy Morrissey MP came to the school in October to see the brilliant work happening across the school, but particularly in Willow Class and Cherry Class. The care, support and dedication shown by the staff in these two areas of the school is nothing short of excellent.

Looking forward to the next term I am delighted that we have new clubs in the form of a science club and a basketball club as well as opportunities for the children beyond the curriculum. Year 1 continuous provision continues to thrive and I will be introducing an Eco Club for children in Key Stage 1 to kick start our climate action plan which is on the website for you to view.

Finally, I am really pleased that we will start working with music therapist, Joolz Michalak, who will support a small number of children across the school on a weekly basis from January until July. This is being supported by Christ Church and we are incredibly grateful for their continued support and commitment to our school.

Have a lovely Christmas and I will see you on Monday 5th January 2026.

Mrs Cyster

I am writing to share some heartfelt news about a very special member of our school community. Teaching Assistant, Mrs Lucy Cyster has not been at school for a number of months due to a stroke she suffered in February 2024 and now, after many years of dedicated service, she will be retiring due to ill health.

Mrs Cyster has been an integral part of our school for so long. She began working here in 2003 and since this time she has worked across every part of the school, supporting countless pupils in their

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learning journeys and making a real difference to their lives. Her patience, kindness, and ability to bring out the best in every child has been recognised by everyone.

Over the years, Mrs Cyster has been key to the success of so many children. In her role as Emotional Literacy Support lead, she was able to support children with their anxieties and worries and give them a safe space at school, she worked across all classes and during the final year of working her she helped to establish our first inclusive space, 'Willow Class' and remarked several times how much joy it gave her to work in this class. Her contribution has not only shaped the academic progress of our pupils but also their confidence and happiness.

It is with great sadness that we say farewell, but we do so with immense gratitude. While her health means she cannot remain with us in the classroom, she will always be part of our school family, and we will miss her dearly. On behalf of the entire school community, I want to thank Mrs Cyster for her years of service, her dedication, and the love she has shown to every child and colleague. We wish her comfort, strength, and happiness in the next chapter of her life.

Federation Newsletter

Please see attached letter with news and updates from the Federation.

Curriculum Newsletter

The autumn curriculum newsletter is ready to view on the key information / curriculum page of our website or follow this link [Go to this Sway](#) . It includes news and photos covering music, English, PSHE and art highlights for this term.

Christmas tree collection for charity

From Thursday 8 – Sunday 11 January 2026, Child Bereavement UK will be travelling across Bucks and Berks collecting and recycling people's real used Christmas trees in return for a donation. If you live within HP7, HP8, HP9, HP10, HP11, HP12, HP13, SL2, SL6, SL7, SL8 and SL9 and would like to benefit from this service, please register before Sunday 4 January: <https://just-helping.org.uk/>

In addition, the charity is looking for volunteers to help with the collection. For more information and to sign up please visit: <https://www.childbereavementuk.org/faqs/christmas-tree-collection-volunteer-bucks-berks>

Knowledge Organisers Spring Term

Please see attached year 1 & 2 knowledge organisers for the spring term to discuss with your children to help their learning. These are also available on the year group pages of our updated website here <https://www.carrington-inf.bucks.sch.uk/topic/children>

Upcoming school events

Mon 5th Jan – return to school

Fri 9th Jan – dance club starts

w/c 12th Jan – all external and internal clubs start

Tues 3rd Feb – EYFS height & weight check – opt in/out with the online portal, details to be emailed

Tues 10th Feb – online safety workshop in school hours, all years

Mon 16th – Fri 20th Feb – half term, no school

Best wishes

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