

Carrington Infant School

Carrington Schools'
Federation

Newsletter

Friday 9th January 2026



Key Dates

All events are on
our calendar on
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INFANT SCHOOL EVENTS

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

Thurs 15 Jan – Census day, hot school meal trial for all children ‘Disney day’

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

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

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

w/c 9 Mar – parent consultations, sign up required, email to follow

Thurs 26 Mar – Easter Bonnet Parade 9.30am all parents

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Tues 13 Jan 3.15pm – Messy Church at Christ Church

Sun 1 Feb 10.30am–4pm – Snowdrop walk in West Wycombe Park, see poster on our website for more info

JOINT FEDERATION EVENTS

Thurs 5 Mar - World Book Day – Wear PJs

Message from Mrs Cliffe

A great start to the school term, albeit one that has been bitterly cold and thrown a few leaks into the mix. Thank you all for your patience and understanding on Wednesday when we had to close a little earlier than expected.

The children started the week with a Connections Day so that they and the teachers could spend time regulating and rebuilding the right conditions for learning. None of us learn unless we are in the right emotional state and therefore it is important to give ourselves time at the start of a new term. This fits in with our attachment and relationships policy that underpins everything we do at school.

This term Mrs Buckley and I are taking a group of 12 children from KS1 to Merchant Taylors School for an opportunity to meet Onjali Rauf, author of the book 'The Boy at the Back of the Class'. She has written a new book aimed at KS1 children called 'The Girl at the Front of the Class'. The trip is focused on our more able readers and will provide them with a wonderful opportunity to question a 'real author'.

On the theme of reading, World Book Day is on Thursday 5th March and we have booked poet Oliver Lomax to lead poetry workshops with the children. Mrs Vincent and I met him at the Voice 21 Oracy conference last October and thought he would be perfect for our school. Have a look at this link here [Oliver Lomax](#)

Celebrating Reception

It was lovely to welcome the children back into school this week and hear all about their Christmas holidays. We began our Fairytale topic by reading the story "The Gingerbread Man" and children had the opportunity to create their own gingerbread people and match numerals to the amount of buttons on the gingerbread men amongst many other activities. In drawing club we read the story "Star in a Jar", learnt some new vocabulary and children amazed us with their attempts at writing initial sounds, CVC words and even sentences! We have had a little shuffle around of our phonics groups again depending on your child's need. The corresponding homework will be coming home in bookbags. Next week our focus fairytale will be "The Three Billy Goats Gruff".



Celebrating Year 1



Year 1 have had a wonderful start to the Spring term, although it doesn't feel like Spring. What a fabulous surprise we had on Tuesday, when it started snowing! We all rushed outside to play in it. Please remember to name all clothing that comes in, we have lots of lost hats and gloves! The children have enjoyed taking part in the Monday Wycombe Wanderers session, this will continue until after half term, sorry for any confusion about that. This week, the children have been thinking about their New Year wishes, they have come up with some wonderful examples. They have loved exploring our new vets role play and learning what an 'aerial view' is in geography. Next week, we look forward to exploring our new text 'Hermelin, the Detective Mouse!' and looking at number lines in maths.



Celebrating Year 2

It's been wonderful to see everyone back at school and diving into their learning with enthusiasm. This week in **English**, we've been exploring the art of diary writing—learning the key skills and planning our own entries as characters from *The Night Gardener*. In **Maths**, we kicked off our shapes topic by investigating the names and properties of 2D shapes. Our **Art** lesson was a real highlight! We experimented with different clay techniques to prepare for creating our own sculptures. During our **Carrington Bears Curriculum** session, we also reflected on our new value—**Respect**—and what it means in our everyday lives.

Coming up next week: writing our diary entries in **English**, exploring 3D shapes in **maths**, discovering the wonders of the **rainforest** in geography, getting hands-on with **Beebots** in computing.





Mrs Buckley



Mrs Barron



Mrs Cliffe



Mrs Henderson

**Carrington Infant
School Designated
Safeguarding Team**

Safeguarding ... IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

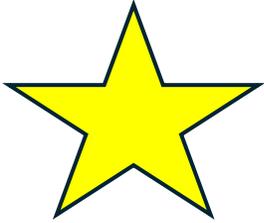
We are aware of several children who are watching films and television programmes that are age inappropriate. The impact on your child when they watch something frightening and scary or concerning is that they act out what they have seen in their play and in their conversations. They are unable to know the difference between real life and make believe.

It is not ok for children to watch content that is for adults or older siblings.

It is our joint responsibility to make sure this does not happen.

Spotlight on ...

NIRVANA



Nirvana has completed the alphabet walk as her first Get Set 4 PE home learning activity.

