

Carrington Infant School

Carrington Schools  
Federation

Newsletter

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2026



# Key Dates

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

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## INFANT SCHOOL EVENTS

- Mon 23 Mar – 10.45am Maths open lesson for parents of Birch class
- Tues 24 Mar – Class photos in school, all in uniform please
- Tues 24 Mar – 1pm - RockSteady concert to parents of band members
- Thurs 26 Mar – Easter Bonnet Parade 9.30am in KS1 playground all parents invited
- Mon 30 Mar – Fri 10 Apr – Easter hols, no school
- w/c 13 Apr – RockSteady, Football, Kids with Bricks clubs start
- w/c 20 Apr – Gymnastics, Forest School, Basketball, Choir, Create and Dance clubs start
- Weds 22 Apr – Year 1 trip to Tower of London
- Fri 24 Apr – Year 2 swimming begins, details to follow
- w/c 28 Apr – Tennis and Mad Science clubs start
- Fri 1 May – Oracy showcase to parents, details to follow
- Mon 4 May – Bank holiday, school closed
- Weds 13 May – EYFS trip to Paccar scout camp, email to follow
- Weds 20 May pm – EYFS stay & play, parents invited, time slot email will be sent
- Mon 25 – Fri 29 May – half term, no school

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

- Tues 24 Mar 3.15-5pm - Messy Church

## JOINT FEDERATION EVENTS

- Mon 2–Fri 27 Mar – PTA coin war
- Thurs 26 Mar – PTA meeting at the Stag, Flackwell, 7pm, everyone invited
- Thurs 23 Apr – PTA school disco after school, sign up required, details to follow
- Weds 29 Apr – Carrington Repair Café at Infant School

# Message from Mrs Cliffe

I am writing this whilst at the annual Buckinghamshire Headteacher's Conference in Stratford-upon-Avon and reflecting on how much we achieve as a community. This is the last newsletter I will write as Headteacher of the Infant School before I start my new role after Easter role as Executive Head Teacher for the Carrington Schools Federation.

This is my 6th year as the headteacher during which time the school has developed to become an even more caring, kind, and inclusive school. The team we have at school are brilliant. The kindness that I see every day and the connections that are made are truly valued. One teacher shared with all the staff that a child in their class has said 'I nominate all the teachers in school because they are the best teachers and they help when we fall over and I love them'. I think this says it all!

Next week we have the Easter Bonnet parade on Thursday in the Key Stage One playground and I look forward to seeing you then.

Finally, after Easter Mrs Barron and Mrs Buckley will become the co-Heads of School and will take on the operational, day to day running of the school. I will be based more at the Junior School for the summer term, however all details about this will be in a letter that you will receive just before the new term starts.

# Celebrating Reception



We can't quite believe we are coming towards the end of another term! Last week the children enjoyed making cards and gifts for their mums as well as drawing portraits of them. The PTA "Mummy Shop" was a big hit and we hope you all liked the gifts they chose for you. This week we began our Easter topic which we will be continuing next week too. The children have been making Easter wreaths, practising their weaving skills in the Funky Finger Area and making Playdough "chocolates" for the Easter Bunny! Next week the children will have the opportunity to create their own hanging Easter eggs, Easter baskets, and even attempt their own stories! We can't wait to see the children in all their Easter bonnets next Thursday! In Maths we have been talking about the number 7 and looking at the different numbers that 7 can be made up of. Next week we will be looking at length, height and time.



# Celebrating Year 1



What a wonderful time we have had with the chicks! We have been so lucky to have the opportunity to hold them and see them grow. The children have produced some fantastic diaries to show their journey from egg to fully grown chick!

It was great seeing you all at parents evening last week; please work on the targets we have given to you, the children will also be coming home with new sounds and tricky words to practice at the end of next week.

We had a talk from the lovely Mrs Baker on Wednesday about her trip to The Arctic. We can see how it must have been so tough for Matthew Hensen back in 1909!

We had a fantastic time in the Space Dome on Thursday, we saw up close what it is like in space and what it must have been like for Neil Armstrong to be the first man to go on to the moon! Have a wonderful Easter break!



# Celebrating Year 2

We have had an exciting week, and we all really enjoyed seeing the chicks in school and watching our tadpoles begin to grow in class. It was fantastic seeing everyone during parents evening last week, please continue to work on reading, Numbots and our High Frequency words at home.

In **English** we really enjoyed exploring the Habitat of the Bog Baby, predicting what might happen in the story and drawing our own **Bog Baby**. We consolidated our understanding of money in **Maths**. During **History** we really enjoyed learning about how cars and planes have developed over the years. We also had a great visit to the space dome learning all about our Solar System.

**Coming up next week:** Demonstrating all our fantastic learning in our **Sparkle books**. Beginning our measuring unit in **Maths**. We look forward to seeing some of Birch parents for our Open maths lesson on Monday.



# Celebrating Willow & Cherry



It finally feels like Spring has sprung! We have been so lucky to have had the opportunity to observe the chicks which had hatched in school. The children showed great respect, looking at them carefully. When the chicks were strong enough, some of the children even held them! Supporting the children to develop their fine motor skills forms a significant part of the daily routine in both Cherry and Willow class. Cherry Class have enjoyed using some 'busy books', which contained laces, clips and buttons to manipulate. Willow Class love playdough; squeezing it, rolling it and using cutters. These activities are great to develop hand strength. Over the last couple of weeks, Cherry Class have been introduced to a breakfast session to begin their day. Both classes have found that is a successful way to help children feel regulated in the mornings. We have been impressed with the children for using verbal or non-verbal ways, such as core word mats, to make breakfast choices and also showing off their spreading skills! To celebrate Neurodiversity Week, both classes made Superheroes to share our individual interests with others.



# Spotlight on ...



**LARA**



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**For  
Showing our value of  
Kindness by giving  
flowers to staff across  
the school**





**Mrs Buckley**



**Mrs Barron**



**Mrs Cliffe**



**Mrs Henderson**

Carrington Infant  
School Designated  
Safeguarding Team

# Safeguarding ... IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

On **TUESDAY 23rd JUNE** there will be a  
**COMMUNITY TALK** for all parents of  
Carrington Infant School, Carrington  
Junior School and Juniper Hill School  
about **HOW TO HELP FAMILIES  
THRIVE IN A DIGITAL AGE**

The meeting will be run by Papaya Talks  
and it is a **CRUCIAL** meeting for anyone  
interested in the impact of social  
media and mobile phones on their  
child and family.

Please come along

7.00pm - 8.30pm

at

CHRISTCHURCH on Chapel Road