



Carrington Infant School

Carrington Schools Federation

Newsletter

Friday 1st May 2026

Key Dates

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

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INFANT SCHOOL EVENTS

- Fri 1 May – Oracy showcase to parents, details to follow
- Mon 4 May – Bank holiday, school closed
- Mon 11 May - Peter Pan's Neverland Adventure workshop in school for all classes
- Weds 13 May – EYFS trip to Paccar scout camp, please complete consent form and make payment
- 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 – see our website for flyers and more detail

- Tues 5 May 3.15-5pm – Messy Church at Christ Church
- Fri 5 Jun – Making sense of neurodiversity workshop at the Odney Club in Cookham, 1130am-1pm

JOINT FEDERATION EVENTS

- Sat 27 June – PTA Carrington Schools summer fair
- Tues 21 July – PTA Legoland tickets, available to buy now on Classlist

Message from Mrs Cliffe

I have just come out of the Poetry Showcase and what an event it was! 21 children from across the school chose the gold level challenge and performed a poem of their choice in front of the whole school and their parents. The Gold Level Award event has been part of our poetry work that we started in September and to see the incredible talent of our confident children is wonderful.

Thank you to all the parents that were able to come and support their child and for practising at home in recent days. We were delighted to award Bella with the overall prize; the Oliver James Lomax Poetry Award for her performance of 'As I was going to St Ives'. Ms Gibbons, Head of School at the Juniors, came to judge alongside Mrs Vincent – it was a truly memorable event.

I hope you all have a lovely long weekend, and I will see you all from Tuesday next week.

Celebrating Reception

Over the last few weeks Reception have been enjoying learning about life cycles and growing. The children all planted their own sunflower seed and have been enjoying watching it grow. Our tadpoles are developing nicely and next week we will have the arrival of our own class caterpillars! This week our activities were based around Jack and the Beanstalk. The children used their imagination to draw pictures of what they would like to find at the top of their own beanstalks. They created beanstalks from playdough and worked together as a team in the forest to collect natural materials to make one giant beanstalk! In drawing club we continued to look at the story Handa's Surprise. The children invented ways in which the animals could steal Handa's fruit and wrote wonderful words and sentences to accompany their drawings.





Celebrating Year 1

The first few weeks of the summer term have got off to a fantastic start, with lots of enthusiasm and learning taking place. One of the highlights was our trip to the Tower of London, where the children enjoyed spotting a range of famous landmarks along the way and immersing themselves in history at such an iconic site. We explored the Tower's fascinating past and the children were full of thoughtful questions and observations. It was, unfortunately, a shame that heavy traffic meant a long time spent on the coach, but the children remained patient and in good spirits throughout the journey.

Back in school, science lessons have been bursting with curiosity as pupils began planting and learning about how plants grow and what they need to thrive. There has also been a real buzz of excitement in the air this week with our poetry awards taking place.

Celebrating Year 2

This week has been full of excitement and creativity. In English, we have been exploring our new book *The King Who Banned the Dark*, which has sparked lots of thoughtful discussion and predictions. In maths, we began our new unit on fractions, with the children showing great enthusiasm as they tackled new concepts. We also continued experimenting with colour mixing and texture in art, creating some fantastic work. A real highlight of the week has been our poetry showcases, which everyone has thoroughly enjoyed — it has been wonderful to see all the children perform with such confidence and pride. **Next week** we will be planning our own persuasive letters in English, continuing our fractions work by exploring quarters and thirds and deepening our understanding of the continents of the world and the countries within them in geography.



Celebrating Willow & Cherry

A visit to Flackwell Heath library was enjoyed by some of the children in Willow Class, where they shared books and explored a new environment.

There have been pirates galore in Cherry Class with role-play sessions. The children made their own islands during a food based sensory exploration session. They even learnt the Makaton sign for 'pirate'.

Willow Class planted seeds which have already started sprouting! The children used balloons dipped in paint to make representations of the Earth to mark Earth Day.

Both classes came together for a music session with singing which was accompanied by the playing of musical instruments.



Spotlight on ...



BELLA



Bella has won the Oliver Lomax Poetry Performance Award this week for her performance of 'As I was going to St Ives'.

Superb Bella, well done indeed





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