

# Carr Infant School Newsletter



## 18.07.25 - End of Year

As we come to the end of this academic year, I want to take a moment to thank you all—children, families, staff, and our wider community—for the part you've played in what has been a year of real progress and pride at our school.

Together, we've achieved some remarkable things. One of our proudest accomplishments has been a **31% improvement in our Phonics Screening pass rate**, reflecting the commitment of our children and the dedication of our staff. Our attendance in KS1 has also improved significantly, showing the growing trust and value placed in the consistency of school life. We know that good attendance underpins strong outcomes, and we're grateful for your support in making this a priority.

We've continued to improve our school environment, with significant developments in our EYFS areas and outdoor spaces. Our playgrounds have also been transformed into purposeful and inclusive spaces for play and social development.

This term, we introduced a new report format designed to better reflect each child's progress, personality, and next steps. We hope you found it more personal, clear, and meaningful. We've also placed a strong focus on transition planning, working hard to ensure all children are ready and reassured about their next stage. We hope this groundwork will make a real difference come September.

We say a fond farewell to our wonderful Year 2 pupils, who leave us ready for their next adventure. They have made such progress and we are so proud of all they have achieved. We wish them every happiness and success in their new schools—they will always be part of our Carr family.

While we are incredibly proud of how far we've come, we know there is more to do. Our goal remains clear: to build the strongest possible provision for the children of our community—a place where every child is seen, supported, and inspired to thrive.

Thank you once again. We wish you all a safe, happy, and restful summer.

Warm regards,  
**James Canniford**  
*Headteacher*



## Our Learning

### Nursery

As we wrap up a magical year in Nursery, we reflect with pride on the growth, joy, and learning we've shared. As most of our incredible children now move on to Reception, we're so proud of the confidence, creativity, and communication skills they've developed. A highlight of the year was this week's Teddy Bear's Picnic, where so many families joined us—it was a very happy time for both children and staff. To our returning children, we look forward to welcoming you back in September with support and a continued love of learning. This year has brought countless proud moments, and it's been a joy to see the children grow into kind, curious learners. Thank you for your continued support—it's made this year truly special.

### Reception

What a truly wonderful year it's been in Reception! All of the Reception Team are incredibly proud of each and every child and the fantastic progress they've made. It's been an absolute joy to watch them learn, grow and explore throughout the year. We've thoroughly enjoyed celebrating all the children's special achievements, big and small, and have loved this journey with them.

From our memorable trips to the excitement of Sports Day, the creativity of World Book Day, and the unforgettable Nativity and Poetry performances, we've shared so many special times and created lasting memories.

We wish all our Reception children the very best for their new adventures in Year 1. We can't wait to see how they continue to thrive!

# Attendance Cup

## WB. 07.07.25

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|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
|  Saplings | 95% |
| Acorn                                                                                    | 91% |
| Chestnut                                                                                 | 95% |
| Oak                                                                                      | 93% |
| Birch                                                                                    | 94% |
| Willow                                                                                   | 95% |
| Alder                                                                                    | 89% |

## WB. 14.07.2025

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|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| Saplings                                                                                 | 94% |
| Acorn                                                                                    | 87% |
| Chestnut                                                                                 | 97% |
| Oak                                                                                      | 96% |
| Birch                                                                                    | 97% |
|  Willow | 99% |
| Alder                                                                                    | 88% |

### Year 1

As we wrap up a fantastic year, our learning has continued to be exciting and creative! In English, we have been rewriting the story of The Snail and the Whale, bringing our own ideas and imagination into this well-loved tale.

In Geography, we've finished our topic on Shanghai by comparing this fascinating global city with our own local area. The children made thoughtful observations and enjoyed spotting similarities and differences.

In Art, we concluded our painting unit by designing and decorating our own plates, inspired by the work of Clarice Cliff. We focused on mixing primary colours and adding careful, detailed patterns – the results were stunning!

We are incredibly proud of how the children have finished the year. They have shown great maturity and enthusiasm as they met their new teachers and visited their Year 2 classroom. They're more than ready for the exciting adventures ahead!

### Year 2

What a wonderful week we've had bidding farewell to our fantastic Year 2 children as they prepare to move on to junior school! Their leavers' assembly was absolutely fabulous, and we've all enjoyed singing "Mr. Blue Sky" together lots more throughout the week. It's been a busy but brilliant time. In English, they thoughtfully wrote letters to their new teachers, while in Geography, they explored how people use coastal towns. Our PE sessions were filled with great team games, and in Maths it was wonderful to see so many children master telling the time on an analogue clock. They even used Google Sheets in Computing to create spreadsheets with temperature data collected around school!

We wish all our Year 2 children the very best of luck and good wishes for their exciting new chapter. Have a truly lovely summer break!

# Dates for the Diary

Dates in bold show parent/carer involvement

Red indicates changed dates

----- 2024 - 2025 -----

## July

18<sup>th</sup> - School closes to all pupils for the summer holidays

21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> - Training Days

## September

1<sup>st</sup> - Training Day

2<sup>nd</sup> - KS1 return to school and existing Nursery children

2<sup>nd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> - Staggered start for Reception and new Nursery children

### Reminder - School Day Start Times:

**Nursery** - Full Day: 8.45am - 2.45pm

Morning: 8.45am - 11.45am

Afternoon: 11.45am - 2.45pm

**Reception** - Doors open: 8.45am

Registration: 8.55am

Pick up: 3.05pm

**KS1** - Doors open: 8.40am

Registration: 8.55am

Pick up: 3.10pm

### POLITE REMINDER

Please clear any outstanding balances on your Arbor account before the end of term. Thank you.

## Update from *Parent Feedback*

### From September 2025:



**NO  
BACKPACKS**



**BOOKBAGS &  
DRAWSTRING BAGS**  
AVAILABLE IN THE OFFICE OR  
ANYWHERE ONLINE - NO SET COLOUR

