

Carr Infant School

Newsletter

24th October 2025

Half Term Message

It has been a delight to see how wonderfully all our pupils have settled into the new academic year. We are incredibly proud of their hard work and enthusiasm throughout this first half-term.

We've already had a bustling half-term filled with memorable moments. Some highlights include the wonderful Nursery and Reception 'Stay and Play' sessions, Reception's adventurous trip to the woods, a visit from the Fire Brigade for Year 2, and the first of our brilliant class assemblies from Alder and Willow class. It has also been great to see so many children enjoying our sports clubs and so many parents attending our workshops.

As we look ahead, the next term is set to be a busy and exciting one. We are very much looking forward to welcoming you into school for various open events and, of course, our festive Christmas performances. It will be a fantastic opportunity for the children to share their learning and achievements with you.

We are sad to announce that Mrs Catt will be leaving us at the end of this week. We wish her all the very best for the future. From the start of the new term, Oak class will be taught by Mrs Calvert from Monday to Friday. We are also pleased to be welcoming back Miss Walker, who will be working with small groups in Year 1 until the Christmas break. Just to clarify, I will continue to be at Carr Infants until the Christmas break.

Thank you for your continued support. We wish you all a restful and enjoyable half-term break.

Dr J Canniford - Headteacher

Reception

We simply can't believe how quickly the first half-term has flown by! We continue to be so incredibly proud of all of our Reception children. They've achieved so much already, from mastering new routines to making wonderful new friends. It's been fantastic to see the great progress they're making in their guided activities—they are all superstars! In Maths, the children have been brilliant at creating colourful repeated patterns and recognising different 2D shapes and their properties. Over the last two weeks, we've been busy exploring our Autumn science topic. The children loved becoming nature detectives, searching for signs of Autumn and investigating their finds in our discovery tuff trays. This week's highlight had to be our water tray transformation into a bubbling pot of pumpkin soup!

Our Learning

Nursery

Nursery enjoyed sharing *Lighting a Lamp: A Divali Story* by Jonny Zucker and Jan Barger Cohen. The children learned about Diwali, exploring its traditions and the importance of light. They created colourful patterns inspired by the story. Our focus rhyme was *Humpty Dumpty*; the children listened for rhyming words, clapped the rhythm, and joined in with actions to build their understanding of sound and sequence. In Maths, we revisited learning from the half term through matching, sorting, counting, and singing number songs to strengthen recognition and counting skills. We also loved welcoming families to our stay and play sessions on Monday—the children were delighted to share their Nursery and learn alongside you.

Year 1

What a fantastic half term it has been in Year 1! We are so proud of how hard everyone has worked and how much progress they have made. In DT, the children have created their own *Humpty Dumpty* storybooks with exciting moving parts — they loved designing and making their pages come to life! In History, we explored personal history, thinking about how we celebrate birthdays today compared to the past. The children enjoyed sharing their own special memories. In Science, we became weather reporters, observing seasonal changes and creating our own weather reports. It has been a busy and creative half term, and we can't wait to see what next term brings!



Attendance Cup

Autumn Term 1

WB. 20.10.2025

Saplings 96%	🏆 Saplings 99%
🏆 Acorn 97%	Acorn 97%
Chestnut 90%	Chestnut 89%
Oak 90%	Oak 72%
Birch 93%	Birch 91%
Willow 96%	Willow 94%
Alder 94%	Alder 92%

Year 2

Over the last 2 weeks of this half term, the children have been working incredibly hard across all subjects. In English, they have enjoyed becoming poets, exploring both Haiku and Diamante poetry, and producing some wonderful pieces of writing. In Maths, they have used their number bonds to ten to help add to the next ten with increasing confidence. In Science, the children have completed their topic on habitats, learning all about where different animals and plants live. In Design and Technology, they designed and built fairground wheels that met their design criteria and could hold eight to ten people—showing great creativity and perseverance. In RE, we have continued to explore why people give thanks. We also thoroughly enjoyed our class assemblies and hope you did too!

Dates for the Diary

27th - 31st - October half term

November

- 3rd - School re-opens to all pupils
- 3rd - 11th - Poppies for sale at the school office
- 4th - Year 2 Photography after school club - first session
- 4th - Year 2 Lego Therapy after school club - first session
- 5th - Year 1 Board Games after school club - first session
- 6th - Year 2 Art/DT after school club - first session
- 6th - Reception/Year 1 Multisport after school club first session
- 10th - 14th - Children In Need merchandise for sale
- 12th - Open morning for prospective 2026 parents - 9.30am
- 14th - Children in Need - All children dress in spots or yellow
- 18th - Open morning for prospective 2026 parents - 9.30am
- 25th - Year 2 trip to York Minster - morning
- 25th - Year 2 Photography after school club - last session
- 26th - Year 1 Board Games after school club - last session
- 27th - Year 2 Art/DT after school club - last session
- 28th - FOC non-uniform day for Christmas Fair

December

- 4th - Rocksteady concert - 2.30pm
- 4th - Reception/Year 1 Multisport after school club last session
- 5th - FOC Christmas Fair (at Carr Junior School)
- 9th - Reception Nativity - 9.30am - 2 tickets per family
- 9th - Year 2 Lego Therapy after school club - last session
- 10th - Monthly school tour for prospective 2026 families
- 10th - Reception Nativity - 2.30pm - 2 tickets per family
- 12th - Nursery Christmas Songs - 2.30pm
- 15th - Year 2 Christingle - 2.15pm - 3pm (2 tickets per family)
- 16th - Year 1 Christmas Carols - 3.30pm (2 tickets per family)
- 17th - Christmas jumper and Christmas lunch day
- 18th - School closes
- 19th - Training Day - school closed to all pupils

** Please note information listed for the Christmas performances is to give advance notice of dates and times. Further details will be released after the half term. **



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