

Carr Infant School Newsletter

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Dear families,

Over the last few weeks we have been so impressed by our children. We have had a massive focus on transitions and showing readiness for learning using our 'STAR Ready' acronym: **s**itting up straight, **t**racking the speaker, **a**ttention and **r**especting the speaker. In practising this we are seeing children move swiftly from one activity to another. As you visit school, you might also notice some changes to our environment, we have been busy considering the themes and designs of our displays to support and celebrate learning. Soon this will extend to the playground where we will be adding additional activities, supported by adults. On Monday, you will also find our new 'home projects' in your inbox. These are optional activities for you to have a go at with your families, anything that is made at home can be celebrated in school.

Enjoy the sun and have a wonderful weekend.

Matt Oxley
Head of School

Sycamore

Children have been enjoying our focus text Jack and the Beanstalk. They have been busy retelling the story, exploring the characters, and joining in with the familiar repetitive phrases. In Maths, we have been learning about doubles and focusing on recognising numbers 6, 7 & 8. The children have explored this in a practical way using a range of resources to support their understanding.

During PE, children have been developing their coordination skills by practising throwing and rolling balls of different sizes.

In PSHE, we have been discussing the importance of sharing and being kind to our friends, helping to build positive relationships within the class.

Our Learning

Nursery

The first two weeks back in Nursery have been full of curiosity and exploration. In Forces, the children have been investigating pushes and pulls through hands-on play, discovering how objects move. Inspired by Errol's Garden, they have created imaginative garden designs and enjoyed singing "Round and Round the Garden," developing their understanding of rhyme and alliteration. In Phonics, we have focused on the sounds j and v, practising listening and using them in words. In Maths, we have explored positional language such as "over" and "under," learning through active investigation of our environment.

Reception

This half term, Reception have been thoroughly enjoying our science topic all about plants and seeds. We have explored the different parts of a plant and have taken part in activities, including planting established plants and cress seeds. In Talk for Stories, we have loved reading The Tiny Seed and Jack and the Beanstalk, which have inspired some fantastic storytelling and writing. Creativity has flourished through junk modelling, where the children designed their own beanstalks, as well as through careful observational paintings of daffodils. In maths, we have been focusing on the numbers 6, 7, and 8, working hard to recall number bonds and deepen our understanding.

Year 1

The children have had a fantastic start, everyone has returned with energy and a readiness to learn.

In Phonics, we are working very hard as we prepare for the upcoming Phonics Screening Check. The children are practicing their decoding skills daily.

Our Maths focus has shifted to multiplication. We are learning how to count fluently in 2s, 5s, and 10s. Please support this at home when you can.

In History, we have begun our exciting new topic on Explorers. We are exploring the lives of Christopher Columbus and Mary Kingsley. The children are comparing their incredible journeys and the different ways they traveled across the globe.

In Design and Technology, we have started creating our own bunting. The children are learning how to use running stitches to join fabrics.

Thank you for your continued support with home learning. We look forward to a busy and exciting term ahead.

Year 2

It has been a fantastic start to the summer term, with students diving headfirst into a wealth of new topics. In Maths, we have been mastering fractions by exploring the relationship between halves, quarters, and thirds. Our English lessons have been sparked by Helen Ward's *The Dragon Machine*, where students are experimenting with prefixes, verbs and noun phrases to bring their stories to life.

Our young scientists are currently investigating plant growth through comparative testing, while in History, we are exploring the powerful roles of monarchs through the ages. Creativity is also thriving in DT; students have learned to thread needles and master the running stitch in preparation for making their very own pouches.

Looking ahead, we are moving outdoors for Athletics in PE and exploring diverse spiritual traditions in RE. It is wonderful to see such energy and curiosity in the classroom!

Dates for the Diary

Dates in bold show parent/carer involvement

Red indicates changed dates

April

27th - Dental Programme in school

30th - Year 2 trip to Yorkshire Air Museum

May

4th - Bank Holiday Monday - School Closed

7th - Strong Starts - 9.30am & 5pm - details to be announced

19th - Class photographs

19th - Last session year 2 Lego Therapy Club

20th - Last session Reception sports after school club

21st - Nursery Stay & Read session - details to be announced

22nd - Last session Year 2 sports after school club

22nd - Last day in school before May half term

June

1st - School re-opens to all pupils

19th - FOC Non-Uniform Day for the Summer Fair

25th - Reception trip to Howsham Mill - details to be announced

July

2nd - RockSteady Performance - 2.30pm

8th - Sports Day for the whole school - details to be announced

10th - Sycamore Sports Day - details to be announced

14th - Year 2 Leavers Performance - details to be announced

Attendance

Saplings 97%

Acorn 95%

Chestnut 92%

 Oak 99%

Birch 93%

Alder 98%

Willow 97%

We are aiming for 95% minimum attendance. Missing more than 10% throughout primary school is the same as missing over 6 months of school.

Gold Awards

Lana, April and Stefanos from Year 1 have all received gold awards during our celebration assembly this week!



Lana is a supportive member of class who always tries to help others. She is someone that the other children look to for guidance. She has grown in confidence and is becoming someone who wants to challenge themselves to be even better. She consistently demonstrates excellent behaviours around school.

April shows exemplary behaviour every day. She goes above and beyond with her work and the way she treats her classmates. She is always ready to offer a helping hand and is an excellent role model in Oak class.



Stefanos is always eager to show that he is a good role model. This is demonstrated in lessons and throughout the day. Stefanos has developed this communication skills especially during partner work.

Gold Awards

Orla, Jonah, Felicity & Nina from Year 2 have all received gold awards during our celebration assembly this week!



Orla is a role model for all of the children in the school. She is always in the right place, at the right time, and doing the right thing and shows kindness to everyone throughout the school.

Jonah is always working his hardest to learn as much as he can and make links between what he knows and what is in front of him. He has a growth mindset and never gives up, even if he is finding it hard.



Carr Infant School is a happier place for Felicity being in it. She is kind and thoughtful to everyone in the school and always tries her best in every lesson.



Nina has consistently shown that she tries her best in all areas of school life. She has embraced our new letterjoin handwriting scheme and has independently used it in all her subjects. She is always challenging herself to improve in every lesson and be the best she can be!





Zip Wire Challenge

Has your teddy bear got a head for heights?

Games

Stalls

Cakes

Drinks

Monday 4 May 2026

10.30am-4.30pm

Joseph Rowntree Theatre

A fundraising event for the Joseph Rowntree Theatre registered charity number 1098329



Kidslingo FUN French Club
at Carr Infant School
for Reception, Year 1 & Year 2



Booking is open for our summer term!

Our Award-Winning French club is an action-packed adventure of FUN songs, games, storytelling & let's pretend!

CLUB DETAILS:

- ✓ Our fun club runs on Thursday (from 16th April):
- ✓ 12.25-12.55pm – Reception, Year 1 & Year 2

All club members receive a **FREE SUBSCRIPTION** to our **Kidslingo games website**.

HOW TO BOOK: Go to the website - www.clubenrolment.com/kidslingohelenw

- ✓ Enter the Club Location Carr Infant School, select the club & enrol.
- ✓ The club costs £5.00 per week. Payment is made termly by bank transfer and should be made when booking. Please get in touch if you would like to pay in two instalments.



Learning a new language at a young age helps children develop their cognitive skills, such as problem-solving, critical thinking, and attention to detail. These skills lead to better academic performance and have a positive impact on pupils' overall mental health and well-being.

'Most Loved Creative & Academic Activity'
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Starts Thursday 23rd April 2026

9.45 - 11.45am @ Hob Moor Children's Centre, Green Lane, Acomb, York YO24 4RF



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anger triggers, stress and anger,
anger responses, warning signs,
calming strategies, better communication.



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PER EXTRA HOUR
Between 8am-6pm

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