

# Carr Infant School Newsletter

13<sup>th</sup> March 2026



It has been a joy getting to know the children and families connected to Carr Infants even more over this half term. Since our last newsletter, lots has changed at Carr Infants. Our art studio is open and has been very well received by the children that have accessed it. They have been focusing on an artist per week - practising specific skills before creating their own masterpiece. We also welcomed a sports coach, who works with children in the afternoons to build resilience and leadership. More and more, children have earned the gold award and pictures of them are now framed on our golden wall just by the hall; we are so proud of these children.

We have been thrilled to hand out so many bronze, silver and gold reading awards too. Children are coming into school excited to add ticks next to their name and show-off just how much reading they are doing at home. As we move towards summer we are now focusing on teaching and learning in school and this begins with our approach to reading. We are now practising reading high-quality texts as a whole group and already we can see just how much children gain from this increased focus on fluency and prosody.

Through our assemblies and daily circles we have been working hard to learn more and more about inspirational people who demonstrate values such as kindness and perseverance. From David Attenborough to Jane Goodall, we have had some wonderful conversations about the importance of following our dreams.

Best wishes  
Matt Oxley  
Head of School



## Our Learning

### Nursery

This half term in Nursery, our focus is on traditional tales. This week the children have been re-telling the story of The Three Little Pigs. They have particularly enjoyed related role play, building houses and testing different materials to see if they can withstand the wolf's huff and puff. These activities have encouraged creativity, problem solving and discussion. In Art we have been exploring painting and learning about the artist Alma Thomas. The children experimented with colourful lines and marks inspired by nature and the outdoors, including sunset colours and patterns. In Maths we have been securing our understanding of numbers 1-6. We have also been exploring measures by comparing and ordering height (tall, taller, shorter) and length (long and short). We look forward to continuing our learning with more traditional tales over the final weeks of the half term.

### Reception

Reception have had a wonderful few weeks of learning and discovery. We have been exploring animals and their habitats, learning about where different animals live and why those environments suit them. The children have enjoyed learning the names of many animals and using new vocabulary to describe what they look like, how they move and the sounds they make.

We have also been very busy getting creative. The children loved making animal masks and modelling their own animals using different materials. One of our favourite activities was making swinging monkeys, which the children were very excited about!

In RE, we have been learning about the Christian Creation story. We talked about how Christians believe the world was created and why it is important to care for our world.

Most recently, we have been practising our threading skills and carefully making colourful bookmarks, showing great concentration and developing our fine motor skills.

# Attendance Cup

## Whole School

Saplings 97%

Acorn - 98%      Chestnut - 88%

Oak 93%      Birch 89%

Willow 98%      Alder - 93%

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

## Year 1

It has been a wonderful few weeks in Year 1. The children are truly growing as learners and developing in all areas of learning.

In Maths we have been exploring place value to 50, identifying exactly how many tens and ones make up a number. We have also been sharpening our estimation skills, specifically predicting where a mystery number belongs on a number line. You can support at home by consolidating our understanding of number bonds to 10 and 20.

Our science has seen the children become budding biologists and have been busy exploring animal groupings. We have been learning how to identify and classify animals into groups such as mammals, birds, fish, reptiles, and amphibians.

In Geography we've been learning the four countries of the UK and memorising their capital cities. To help us navigate, we've been singing a catchy new song to master our four compass direction

A real highlight has been our Art. The children have developed their creativity while making 3D sculptures using card and paper. The children mastered techniques like curling, bending, and twisting paper to transform flat sheets into standing structures.

A huge thank you for your continued support with reading both at home and in school. We are delighted to be celebrating so many children receiving their Bronze and Silver certificates this fortnight—keep up the amazing effort and continue to strive towards Gold!

## Year 2

It has been an action-packed couple of weeks in Year 2! In English, the children have turned into wonderful wordsmiths, using similes and descriptive adjectives to bring an aircraft hangar to life in a setting description. Our Maths sessions have been all about measurement; we've been busy with rulers and meter sticks, comparing lengths and even using the four operations to solve tricky measurement problems.

In Science, we are exploring the wonders of life cycles and growth, while our Geography lessons have taken us across the five oceans of the world. In Computing, we've started "block coding" using [MakeCode](#)—feel free to try this at home! Finally, we've stayed active with gymnastics and attacking skills in PE, and got creative in Art by experimenting with paint textures. Well done, Year 2!

# Dates for the Diary

*Dates in bold show parent/carer involvement*  
*Red indicates changed dates*

----- 2025 - 2026 -----

## March

16th - Last year 1 multisports after school club

18th - 20th - Scholastics Book Fair in the hall - 3.10pm

20th - FOC non-uniform day for the Easter Fair

**23rd - FOC Easter Fair - 3.15pm**

25th - Last year 2 dodgeball after school club

**26th - Nursery Easter Bonnet Parade - 8.45am**

**26th - Rocksteady concert - 2.30pm**

27th - Last year 2 football after school club

27th - Last day in school before the Easter holiday

## April

13th - School re-opens to all pupils following the Easter holiday

### Polite Reminder:

**To ensure the safety and comfort of all our students, staff, and visitors, we would like to remind everyone that dogs are not permitted on the school grounds. The only exception to this rule is for registered guide dogs and assistance dogs. We appreciate your cooperation in keeping our site clean and safe for the children to play.**

# Gold Awards

Alice, Jacob and Noah from Year 1 have all received gold awards during our celebration assembly today!



Alice received her gold award for always demonstrating positive behaviours. Alice is always being a good friend to others and supports peers when necessary .

Jacob received his gold award for always being a positive role model in school. He continually works hard in lessons. During lessons he is always sat smartly ready to learn.



Noah received his gold award for always making the right choices. Noah works really hard with all his learning and isn't afraid to ask for help when he needs it. He sets an amazing example to others.



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## FREE EASTER ACTIVITIES

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### ETHEL WARD PLAYING FIELD, HAXBY YO32 3NU

Monday 30th March  
2pm - 2.45pm 4-5 & 6-7 years  
3pm - 4pm 8-10yrs & 11-14yrs

Friday 10th April  
10am - 10.45am 4-5 & 6-7 years  
11am - 12pm 8-10 & 11-14 years

### HOMESTEAD PARK, THE HOMESTEAD YO30 6WP

Tuesday 31st March  
& 7th April  
10am - 10.45am 4-5 & 6-7 years  
11am - 12pm 8-10 & 11-14 years

### CHESNEY FIELDS, FOXWOOD LANE YO24 3BF

Tuesday 31st March  
& 7th April  
2pm - 2.45pm 4-5 & 6-7 years  
3pm - 4pm 8-10 & 11-14 years

### ORCHARD PARK, HUNTINGTON YO31 9EH

Wednesday 1st & 8th April  
2pm - 2.45pm 4-5 & 6-7 years  
3pm - 4pm 8-10 & 11-14 years

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