

Carr Infant & Nursery School

Our Prospectus



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"Pupils behave in a calm and orderly way. Adults talk to pupils with respect, kindness and a deep sense of care. Pupils speak to each other in the way in which adults speak to them. Staff work with skill and compassion to help pupils manage their behaviour"

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Nursery



Thank you for exploring Carr Infant school.

I know how carefully you will be thinking about your choice. A little while ago, I did the same and chose Carr Infants school for my son. I loved the school so much that I joined the board of governors. The board support Dr Canniford and his team to get the best outcomes for the school, the children and the local community. What lies underneath this is a passion for a school that children love to come to every morning; a school where children share with you stories of what they learnt and show you what they are reading. They talk about the fun things that they did and the new friends they are making. Carr Infants is a school where your child can flourish and have the best start to their education.

I look forward to welcoming you to our school.
Ms Charlie Crabtree - Chair of Governors.



Welcome to our School

Welcome to Carr Infant School, and thank you for your interest in our community. Carr Infant School is a nurturing, creative, and inclusive school that prides itself on fostering the values of confidence, communication, and creativity. We are committed to providing the highest quality education for every child in our care, supporting them to thrive academically, socially, and emotionally.

At Carr Infant School, we strive to create a positive learning environment where every child is given the opportunity to succeed. Our dedicated staff work relentlessly to ensure that each child receives the support they need, whether they are in our Nursery, Reception, or Key Stage 1. We deliver a curriculum that not only meets national standards but also encourages curiosity, independence, and a love of learning. Our school is known for its innovation in early years education and for continually driving improvements to benefit our children.

We are proud of our strong community ties and the relationships we build with families. We recognise the importance of working closely with parents and carers to ensure the best outcomes for our pupils. Whether through our regular parent meetings, workshops, or events, we encourage and welcome your involvement in your child's education. Our Parent-Teacher Association, Friends of Carr, is an active and vibrant part of our school, helping to organise activities that enrich the experiences of all children at Carr Infant School.

Children at Carr Infant School experience a wide range of opportunities beyond the classroom, from educational visits to engaging enrichment activities. We also offer before and after school care to support working families. Our approach to learning is inclusive, and we aim to cater to the needs of all pupils, ensuring that each child feels valued and supported throughout their time with us.

Choosing the right school for your child is a significant decision, and we are here to help you in that process. We regularly offer tours where you can see our school in action and ask any questions you may have. Please don't hesitate to contact our School Office and we would be happy to assist you further.

We look forward to welcoming you and your child to Carr Infant School, where every child's potential is nurtured, and their future success is our priority.

James Canniford
Headteacher



Our Ethos

At Carr Infant School, we strive to provide all our children with a well-rounded, enriched, and safe primary education. Our overriding philosophy and aspiration is to get children 'ready for Juniors'.

We want our children to leave Carr Infants with a true love for learning and a passion for life. Alongside this, we are committed to instilling sound core values, with a focus on respect for others, mutual understanding, and celebrating diversity.

We place a strong emphasis on developing Reading, Writing, and Maths. We strive to ensure that all children move on to Juniors with the foundational knowledge that they require to be successful in later learning. However, we believe that education is about more than just tests—it's about nurturing confident, communicative, and creative individuals who are prepared for life beyond the classroom.

"Staff support pupils to be independent. This includes the youngest pupils in school, who put their own cups and cutlery away after their lunch. All pupils show politeness and respect for the staff who support them."
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Our Values

At Carr Infant School, our values—Confidence, Communication, and Creativity—are at the heart of everything we do for both children and staff. These values shape our school culture, guiding our approach to teaching, learning, and how we interact with each other.



- **Confidence:** We encourage children to take risks in their learning, to believe in themselves, and to approach challenges with resilience.
- **Communication:** We focus on helping children develop strong listening, speaking, and expression skills, creating an environment where everyone's voice is heard and valued.
- **Creativity:** Our school values the power of imagination and innovation. We provide opportunities for children to think outside the box and explore new ideas through creative subjects and activities.



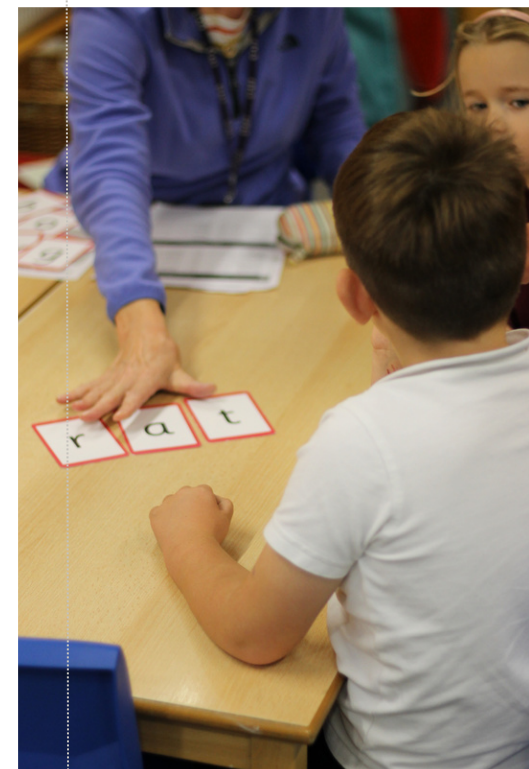
Our Curriculum

At Carr Infant School, we offer a carefully structured, broad, and balanced curriculum that ensures every child receives a well-rounded education. While we maintain a strong focus on the core subjects of English and Maths, we also provide children with a rich variety of topics and learning experiences.

We follow the National Curriculum for both core and foundation subjects, but our teaching goes beyond its requirements. We want children to experience a curriculum that challenges them, captures their interest, and helps them achieve success every day.

Our curriculum is inclusive and adaptive to the needs of all children. We provide extra support for children who may need additional help and challenge for those who are high attaining. Ongoing assessment allows us to ensure that learning is pitched at the right level, so every child is appropriately challenged and supported in their progress.

At Carr Infant School, our curriculum ensures that all children have the opportunity to thrive, not just in the core subjects, but across a diverse range of topics that inspire curiosity and a love of learning.



Core Subjects

At Carr Infant School, we ensure that every child receives a strong foundation in the core subjects through high-quality, daily teaching.

English and Phonics

We teach English every day in every class, with a strong focus on phonics through the Little Wandle Letters and Sounds programme. This systematic phonics approach ensures that all children develop strong reading skills. We have a bespoke Infant approach to teaching writing which is rooted in securing foundational transcriptional skills before developing compositional skills. Our curriculum is enriched with high-quality literature, which not only fosters a love of reading but also supports excellent writing outcomes. We provide additional dedicated reading time to help children immerse themselves in a variety of engaging texts, laying the groundwork for confident, lifelong readers.

Maths

Maths is taught daily using a structured approach that ensures mastery of key concepts. Following the White Rose Curriculum, we focus on developing strong mathematical foundations through hands-on learning and real-life problem-solving. Our lessons are designed to be interactive and engaging, with children using practical resources to establish firm foundations in their understanding of mathematical concepts.

Science

Science at Carr Infant School is taught through a knowledge-rich approach using the Kapow Scheme. Children are provided with exciting opportunities to engage in hands-on experiments and investigations, fostering a sense of discovery while learning foundational knowledge and skills. Our focus on precise scientific vocabulary helps children develop a solid understanding of key concepts. Each year group participates in contemporary science projects that explore relevant themes and questions, ensuring that children are inspired by the world around them while developing their scientific thinking.





Foundation Subjects

At Carr Infant School, we offer a broad and enriching curriculum in our foundation subjects:

- History ·Geography ·Art & Design ·Music
- Design & Technology ·Computing ·Religious Education
- Physical Education ·PSHE ·Outdoor Education
- Wellbeing and Personal Development

Our approach covers a wide range of local, national, and global topics, going beyond the National Curriculum to engage children in learning that is both relevant and inspiring.

We aim to develop children's knowledge and understanding alongside critical skills of enquiry, analysis, and interpretation. Our curriculum addresses important global issues such as climate change, pollution, and health crises, encouraging children to think deeply about the world around them. By exploring these topics, we help children become informed and responsible citizens.

Our curriculum has been developed with input from programmes of study written by subject specialists. We aim to provide hands-on, exciting learning experiences whenever possible. Whether it's exploring historical artefacts, engaging with local residents, or using the rich cultural resources in and around our community, we bring learning to life in meaningful ways.



Our Wider Offer

At Carr Infant School, we are passionate about immersing our children in a well-rounded primary curriculum. In addition to the academic curriculum, we seek to offer children the cultural capital that they need to prepare them for modern life.

Our aim is to offer rich experiences that help our children grow as confident, creative, and well-rounded individuals. Here's what we provide for all of our children:

- **Experience a wide range of extracurricular activities:** We offer clubs every day after school. Clubs include computing, photography, knitting, dance, French, choir, and various sports.
- **Take part in enriching educational visits:** Children regularly visit places of interest to enhance their learning in the classroom. We follow a progressive model of trips, with Nursery children exploring within the school grounds and Year 2 children expanding their horizons with trips into the city and beyond.



- **Develop a love for outdoor learning and nature:** Our children enjoy Outdoor Learning sessions, which are experienced by all classes. Outdoor learning is an integral part of our curriculum, providing children with hands-on experiences that connect them with nature and encourage curiosity. Our spacious grounds offer diverse learning environments where children can explore, play, and develop essential skills.
- **Gain confidence in using technology:** Our children regularly use Chromebooks and iPads, which fosters independent research and collaborative work skills that prepare them for the future.
- **Receive specialist teaching:** Our children benefit from specialist instruction in physical education by expert teachers in their fields.
- **Celebrate their uniqueness and diversity:** We are committed to helping our children understand and celebrate their own uniqueness, as well as the diversity of our global, modern, and vibrant society.
- **Grow into well-rounded individuals:** We focus on helping our children develop skills and attitudes that are not necessarily measurable by government tests or assessments but are essential for life-long success.





Our Classes

At Carr Infant School, we've structured our classes in a way that best supports the developmental needs of our children, promoting a gradual, child-centred introduction to formal learning that aligns with early years education best practices.

At Carr, we have four distinct year groups: Nursery, Reception, Year 1, and Year 2. Each stage builds on the previous, helping children transition smoothly through their early school years, developing essential skills at each stage.

Early Years – EYFS (Nursery and Reception)

In our Early Years phase, we believe young children learn best through play, exploration, and following their natural curiosities. Here, children develop foundational social and emotional skills, setting them up for a positive school experience. Our focus is on fostering confidence, communication, and creativity through activities that build early literacy, numeracy, and motor skills in a fun, supportive environment.

Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2)

As children progress into Years 1 and 2, we gradually introduce more formal learning, while ensuring lessons remain engaging and child-centred. Our goal in this phase is to build upon early foundations, supporting children to become confident readers, writers, and mathematicians, ready for the next stage of their education. We continue to incorporate play-based learning where appropriate, recognising that children in this age range still benefit greatly from exploration and interactive learning experiences.

At Carr Infant School, we prioritise continuity and community by maintaining single-age classes, allowing children to grow alongside their classmates. This structure fosters strong friendships and a sense of belonging that supports both social and academic development throughout their early years.



Our Staff

At Carr Infant School, we have a dedicated team of skilled and experienced professionals led by our Headteacher, Dr. James Canniford, since April 2024.

Our team is committed to delivering a well-rounded education, with a strong emphasis on confidence, communication, and creativity. Each year group is supported by experienced teachers and teaching assistants who ensure that our approach to the national curriculum is both engaging and distinctive to Carr Infants.

We have a highly respected reputation for inclusion and special educational needs support. Our staff engage in continuous professional development and actively collaborate with colleagues both within Carr Infants and other local schools to share best practices.



Admissions

You should apply for your child to start **primary school** by the City of York Council's deadline (usually in January of the school year in which your child turns four). Late applications can still be submitted after the January deadline, but they may be considered after other applications.

Admissions to Carr Infant School are managed by the admissions team at City of York Council. For any queries regarding the City of York admissions policy or process, you can call 01904 551554 or email education@york.gov.uk. Our admissions policy and information on requesting a place in year groups other than Reception can be found on our website.

Carr Infant School is a popular choice for families in Acomb. We recommend listing as many schools as possible on your application and ranking them in order of preference. City of York Council will always strive to offer your highest preference and will work down your list in that order. Individual schools are not informed of how you ranked them.

If you would like to visit Carr Infant School, we'd be delighted to show you around. To arrange a visit, please contact us on 01904 565140 or email carrinfants.school@york.gov.uk



Nursery

We are very fortunate to have a large Nursery and children are currently admitted to our Nursery 3 times during the academic year. Children are eligible for a part time Nursery place from the term after their 3rd birthday.

- Autumn Entry - children who were 3 years old between 1st April and 31st August
- Spring Entry - children who were 3 years old between 1st September and 31st December.
- Summer Entry - children who were 3 years old between 1st January and 31st March.

We offer 39 places, with options for mornings (15 hours) or full days (30 hours).

The Nursery is staffed by experienced professionals, including a teacher and two dedicated teaching assistants, ensuring that every child receives high-quality care and support.

Applications for Carr Infant School Nursery are made directly to the school.

You can download the application form from our website or collect one from the school office.

