



# Carr Junior School

AIM HIGH, SHINE BRIGHT!

W/C 11TH NOVEMBER 2024 WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



## A Message from our Principal

Hello!

What an incredibly busy week we have had in school! We have battled competitively against other schools across York, our region and the whole country by taking part in the England Rocks competition on TT Rockstars. The children have amazed us with their times tables skills and speed and we are so proud that we have finished with some very respectable results. We will share more next week but a huge well done to all of our Carr Stars!

It was a pleasure to see so many parents (71%) attending our Parent's Evening on Wednesday this week. We hope you found this a useful meeting. We had some feedback that parents would like longer appointment times so I would just like to reassure you that whilst the Autumn term appointments are always 5 minutes in length, the Spring term ones are always a longer appointment of 10 minutes. If any parents feel that they require a longer appointment, teachers are happy to arrange calls or meetings separate to the formal Parent's Evenings so please just get in touch.

Last night, 15 children came to York High to practise singing some Christmas songs ready for their busking adventure at the Christmas Markets. They were absolutely fantastic! If you would like to see our children perform and get into the festive spirit, they will be singing at the Christmas Markets between 10am and 10.30am on Saturday 23rd November.

Finally, I would just like to say a big thank you for all of the donations towards Children In Need. The children have looked wonderful today in their spotty and yellow accessories - I especially love the homemade ones! We raised a total of £124.50!

In this week's newsletter you will find information about:

School Author event

Parental Engagement events

Christmas dates

Tesco coins

PE Kit timetable

Reminders about coats, water in water bottles and contacting the school office

Enjoy the weekend.

**Mrs Kerr**

## Tweet of the Week!



**Carr Junior School** @CarrJuniorYork · 18m

A very exciting @TTRockStars grand final assembly today! Well done to ALL our finalists! #aspirational #carrstars



### **Health & Safety and Safeguarding**

- If you would like to contact our Pastoral / Family Lead, Miss Daniella Harrison, please select Option 3 to be directed to the correct office.
- Please take care and be considerate of residents when parking cars at drop off and pick up times. Thank you.

### **School and Home working together!**

- Please be aware when contacting the school office at the end of the school day that it is extremely busy. This means that we aren't always able to answer phone calls immediately as we are seeing children out, sorting after school clubs / provisions and dealing with parent queries. If parents / carers need a message passing to their children, please endeavour to contact us by 3pm so that we have time to get the message to classes. We understand that there will be exceptions and emergencies where this can't be done but please could we try this in most cases. Thank you.
- Please make sure children are bringing a coat to school. The children will need their coats to be able to play outside as it continues to get colder and wetter. Thanks.
- We ask that children only bring water in the water bottles they keep in their classrooms. They are allowed to bring juice to have with a packed lunch but not to have in their classrooms.

Thank you in advance for your support. I believe that families and schools that work together, succeed together, and so I am looking forward to the year ahead.

### **Tesco Coins!**

We are very lucky to have been selected onto the Tesco Stronger Starts token scheme to help raise money for our lower yard to be upgraded! From the start of October until mid-January 2025, you will be able to pop your blue tokens when shopping with Tesco into our pot! Just look for Carr Junior School in the following Tesco locations...

York 2110 Gillygate

York 3480 York Extra (Clifton Moor)

York 4790 Norton

York 5024 Strensall

York 5314 Huntington Road

York 6677 Goodramgate

We would absolutely be overjoyed with your support with this! Thank you

## PE Timetable for the Week!

Timetable for week 3

Monday 18th November	Tuesday 19th November	Wednesday 20th November	Thursday 21st November	Friday 22nd November
Y3 Swimming	4CG extra PE session	Y6 PE	Sparks Class PE	Y4 PE
Y4 PE	4K extra PE session		Y3 PE	Y5 Swimming
Y5 PE	5M extra PE session			
	Y6 PE			
	Lunch time mile for all years			

### School Author Event!

On Tuesday 19th November, we will be welcoming an author to school for the day. During the day, each class will have a workshop with Toby Glover.

*Toby Glover is a children's author with over 20 books, his range of fun, rhyming stories are popular for all Primary children. His stories feature naughty dolphins, squirrels with nut allergies, ambitious dogs, pet dinosaurs, flying chickens, pirate zombies, green teddy bears and many more! His Mark Shark adventures are in talks to become a new animated series! Toby has been touring schools and will be visiting us on Tuesday 19th November to share his stories with all classes. His books are available as both paperbacks and ebooks on Amazon, also parents will have the chance to purchase signed copies on the day for £9.99 with cash or card.*

[www.tobybooktour.com](http://www.tobybooktour.com)

### Parental Engagement Events!

As part of our School Improvement Plan and Ofsted areas for improvement, we have been working on our parental engagement offer. We have put together a calendar of events to ensure parents have enough opportunities to get involved with school life. I will continue to update the 'Dates for your diaries' section on this newsletter with details of these events. We hope that you will enjoy getting involved and feel confident to support your children with their learning.

Events this half term are:

- Online Safety drop in session with Mr Gray - Monday 25th November 3.20-3.40pm
- Phonics drop in with Mrs Hepworth and Mrs Hunton - Thursday 28th November 3.30pm and 5pm

## Dates for your diaries!

I have started to add Christmas events to the list below - please keep an eye on these as I will update with more details or events as we get further in the half term.

Date/s	Event	Year groups
Tuesday 19th November	Author visit to school	All
Thursday 21st November	Y6 Height and weight screening	Y6 only
Friday 22nd November	Non-uniform day in exchange for raffle prizes for Christmas Bingo	All
Saturday 23rd November 10am-10.30am	Carr Choir singing in town at Christmas Market	Choir
Monday 25th November 3.20pm - 3.40pm	Online Safety drop in with Mr Gray	Parents
Thursday 28th November 3.30pm and 5pm	Phonics drop in with Mrs Hepworth and Mrs Hunton	Parents
Friday 29th November	Non-uniform day in exchange for tombola prizes for Christmas Fair	All
Tuesday 3rd - Wednesday 5th December	5M Bikeability	5M
Friday 6th December 3.20pm	Christmas Fair	All
Monday 9th December	Christmas craft day Year 3 Christmas Dinner	All Y3
Tuesday 10th December	Year 4 Christmas Dinner	Y4
Tuesday 10th - Wednesday 11th December	5H Bikeability	5H
Wednesday 11th December	Year 5 Christmas Dinner Christmas Bingo	Y5 All
Thursday 12th December	Year 6 Christmas Dinner	Y6
Friday 13th December	Whole School Panto Visit	All
Wednesday 18th December 1.30pm	Christmas Carol Concert - performance one	All
Thursday 19th December 9.30am	Christmas Carol Concert - performance two	All
Thursday 19th December 3.15pm	School closes for Christmas holidays	All
<b>Friday 20th December</b>	<b>School closed - Training Day</b>	<b>All</b>
Monday 6th January 8.40am	School Opens	All





# CARR CHRISTMAS



**Christmas Craft day**  
Monday 9th Dec

**Panto Visit**  
Friday 13th Dec (am)

**Christmas Bingo night**  
Wednesday 11th Dec

**Carol Concert  
Performance One**  
Wed 18th Dec 1.30pm

**Christmas Lunches**  
Monday 9th Dec - Y3  
Tuesday 10th Dec - Y4  
Wednesday 11th Dec - Y5  
Thursday 12th Dec - Y6

**Carol Concert  
Performance Two**  
Thur 19th Dec 9.30am



## *Festive Family Musical Bingo*

Wednesday 11th December  
3.30-4.30pm in the hall

No need to pre-  
buy, all for sale on  
the night.  
Refreshments  
available

amazing  
PRIZES  
TO BE  
WON!

£1 sheet  
(one game)  
£4 Book  
(Four games)



## Attendance

3A - 96.33%  
3H - 90.00%  
4CG - 100%  
4K - 93.33%  
5H - 96.77%  
5M - 95.00%  
6F - 95.56%  
6J - 91.11%  
6MW - 94.62%



### Attend to Achieve!

Attendance at school is crucial to success. Attending school, on time, is the most important action children take in order to make excellent progress and achieve their full potential.

Attendance matters and every day counts. Our school target for attendance is 96%. If you need to report an absence or need support with your child's attendance, please contact our school office. We have an Attendance Officer (Miss Annetts) in our admin team and a Pastoral Lead (Miss Harrison) who can support you with your concerns alongside the class teachers.



**SPARKS - RONIN H**  
**3A - MARNIE H**  
**3H - OLLY P**  
**4CG - TEDDY M**  
**4K - FOLAUHOLA T**  
**5H - SUMMER P**  
**5M - OLVER M**  
**6F - GEORGE M**  
**6J - NATASHA C**  
**6MW - PHOEBE S**

**SPARKS - KAYDEN D**  
**3A - ANNA L**  
**3H - FINLEY T**  
**4CG - POPPY B**  
**4K - ELSIE G**  
**5H - PIPPA L**  
**5M - JOHN Q**  
**6F - EVELYN R**  
**6J - SAVANNAH K**  
**6MW - MUZAMIL N**



**3A MARNIE H x2**  
**3H JAYDEN M**  
**5M ANYA L**  
**6F HARRISON C**  
**6F THOMAS D**  
**6F HARRY S-F**  
**6F DOTTIE H**  
**6F IMOGEN S**  
**6F EVELYN R**  
**6F AZZAHRA M**  
**6F ALICE M**

**6MW LILLY S**  
**6MW AMBER T**  
**6MW VINNIE CM**  
**6MW MUZAMIL N**  
**6MW LIAM S**  
**6MW OLLIE T**  
**6MW PHOEBE S**  
**6MW AERYN A**



**CHRISTMAS CRAFT & COFFEE 2024**

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November**  
**10.00am – 2.30pm**  
**Acomb Parish Church Hall**  
**Front Street YO24 3BZ**

Craft Stalls  
 Prize Every Time  
 Tombola

Angel Tree Pledge  
 Fellowship & Fair  
 Trade Stalls

Community Cafe  
 with Christmas  
 Treats & Lunches

Children's Christmas  
 Crafts, Games &  
 Activities

St Stephen's  
 Church

Website: [www.acombparish.org](http://www.acombparish.org)  
 Facebook: St Stephen's Church - Acomb Parish

**Acomb Parish**

**The Holy Redeemer  
 Christmas Tree Festival**  
**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December 12 – 4pm**

Visit Santa's Grotto & The Elves' Workshop  
 Decorate & Dedicate a Tree  
 Community Carols  
 Christmas Craft Fair  
 Festive Cafe & Mulled Wine  
 Christmas Light Switch-on at 4pm

Pre-Booked Craft Tables only £5  
 Contact Mat on 07380 954043 or email [office@holyredeemeryork.com](mailto:office@holyredeemeryork.com)

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December**  
 View the Christmas Trees in Church from 11-3pm  
 Christmas Wreath Workshop 1-3pm - Bookable in advance £30 pp

**108 BOROUGHBRIDGE ROAD, YORK, YO26 6AB**

**Christmas  
 COMPETITION**

**DESIGN YOUR OWN  
 CHRISTMAS CARD**

CREATE AN A4 WINTER THEMED PICTURE.  
 Please use paint, crayons, pencils or chalk.  
 (Do not use glitter or cotton wool)

Please write name, age and school on the back and then hand to the cook.  
 The Kitchen Team will then select their favourite 5 to send to us.

Schools will need to send all entries by 22/12/24 to:  
 Dolce Ltd, 5, Cromwell Park, York Road Industrial Estate  
 Wetherby, Yorkshire, LS23 7BU

We will announce a nationwide winner in early December

**WIN AN  
 IPAD**  
 AND 5 PAGE OF YOUR  
 XMAS CARDS TO SEND  
 TO FAMILY AND FRIENDS

**dolce**

**INSTRUMENT  
 AMNESTY**

Do you have any instruments sitting in storage that are no longer being played? Let us take them off your hands to be played by our pupils. Excel Learning Trust schools are holding an instrument amnesty to increase our pupils' access to musical instruments. Please drop off any unwanted instruments to Knavesmere Primary School, Campleshon Road.