



# Carr Junior School

AIM HIGH, SHINE BRIGHT!

W/C 6TH JANUARY 2025 WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



## A Message from our Principal

Hello!

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas. Happy New Year from all of us at Team Carr. It has been great to see our Carr Stars and their families back in school this week and it has been such a calm and positive start to 2025. I couldn't be prouder of the way that the children have conducted themselves in this first week of the new term. Some children have had to show such resilience and have done brilliantly.

For the Spring term we will be focussing on our new Big Idea, 'Portal to the Past'. Along with this newsletter today, you will find a year group newsletter and Knowledge Organiser to keep you informed about what the children are learning. We look forward to sharing our learning with you again at the end of the term.

Please keep an eye on the dates section in the weekly newsletter as they will keep you informed about all the events you can get involved with during the term ahead.

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

- Portal to the Past Big Idea newsletters and Knowledge Organisers - **new this week**
- Attendance information - **new this week**
- Bookend Cottage update - **new this week**
- Inhalers - **new this week**
- Become a Trustee - **new this week**
- Spring parental engagement dates
- Tesco coins
- PE Kit timetable
- Reminders about coats, water in water bottles and contacting the school office

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and manage to stay warm in these freezing temperatures!

Miss Kerr

## Tweet of the Week!



Carr Junior School @CarrJuniorYork · Jan 9

4CG with some excellent art work investigating shape and shadow!  
[#carrstars](#) [#creative](#)

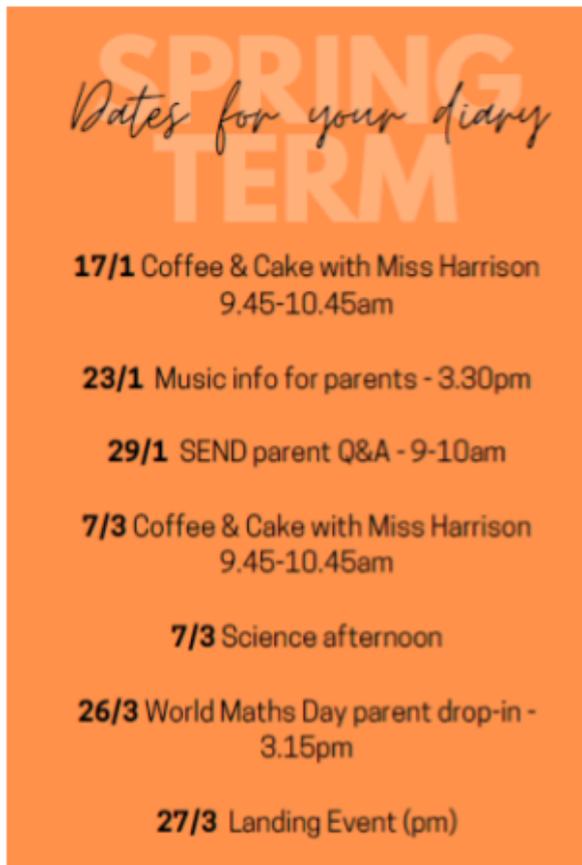


## Attendance Information

Along with this newsletter, you will find a letter about attendance procedures which include information about the systems we use and support we can offer families. Please read this carefully. If you have any attendance worries or concerns please get in touch with us.

### Spring Parental Engagement dates

See for the opportunities to join us in school for a range of activities during the Spring term.



**SPRING TERM**  
*Dates for your diary*

- 17/1** Coffee & Cake with Miss Harrison  
9.45-10.45am
- 23/1** Music info for parents - 3.30pm
- 29/1** SEND parent Q&A - 9-10am
- 7/3** Coffee & Cake with Miss Harrison  
9.45-10.45am
- 7/3** Science afternoon
- 26/3** World Maths Day parent drop-in -  
3.15pm
- 27/3** Landing Event (pm)

### Bookend Cottage Update

Our lovely library, Bookend Cottage, is open twice a week at lunchtime for children to come and enjoy a book and/or loan a book. We are lucky enough to have a great collection of books and we love to see the children enjoying these and the space that they are housed in. We have four pupil librarians who are helpful, knowledgeable and raring to go at all times!

Each month we have a different genre theme and the children are made aware of this via posters around school and a display in the library itself showcasing the best of that particular theme.

This month, our theme is "Classics" which consists of some beautiful clothbound classic reads such as Black Beauty, Gulliver's Travels, Little Women and The Wizard of Oz to name but a few.

Next month's theme will be "Graphic Novels" and this is currently displayed in our Reception area so that the children can see the upcoming theme for the following month.

We have an active wish list on Amazon, if you or someone you know would like to purchase any books to help keep our library up to date, the list can be found here <https://amzn.eu/9JJuOKR>

### 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.

## PE Timetable for the Week

Timetable for week 2 - If your child will be doing outdoor PE, please ensure they are wearing warm enough clothes. This can be tracksuit bottoms or leggings with their school cardigan or jumper.

Monday 13th January	Tuesday 14th January	Wednesday 15th January	Thursday 16th January	Friday 17th January
Y3 PE	3H extra PE session	Y6 PE	Sparks Class PE	Y4 PE
4K Swimming	4K extra PE session		Y3 PE	Y5 PE
4CG Forest School	4CG extra PE session			
	Y5 PE			
	Y6 PE			
	Lunch time mile for all years			

### School Lunches

Please note, from 31st March 2025, the cost of school lunches will be increasing to £2.88 a day, £14.40 a week.

### 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.

### Inhalers

Please could any parents of children needing inhalers, please ensure the inhalers are being sent into school. We require an inhaler which can be kept with your child in their classroom so that it is on hand quickly in case it is needed. Children are able to take these inhalers with them to PE lessons and take them after break times etc. Please ensure you send one to school which can be left here and also please can you make sure that they are in date. Thank you for your support with this important matter.

### Trustee Information

Please see the letter which has been sent out with this newsletter giving information on how you can become a Trustee and find out more about the role.

## Dates for your diaries!

Date/s	Event	Year groups
Friday 17th January 9.45am	Coffee with Miss Harrison	All - Parents
Thursday 23rd January 3.30pm	Music information session for parents	All - Parents
Tuesday 28th January	Young Voices trip	Y4 only
Wednesday 29th January 9-10am	SEND parent Q & A session	All - Parents
Tuesday 21st January 3.30pm	Y6 SATs Parent information meeting	Y6 - Parents
Friday 14th February 3.15pm	School closes for Half Term holiday	All
Monday 24th February 8.40am	School Opens	All
w/c Monday 3rd March	STEM week	All
Tuesday 4th March and Wednesday 5th March	Spring term Parents Evenings	All - Parents
Friday 7th March 9.45am	Coffee with Miss Harrison	All - Parents
PM	Science afternoon - parents invited	All - Parents
Tuesday 18th March PM	Sparks Farm Visit	Sparks class
Wednesday 26th March 3.15pm	World Maths Day Maths Parent drop in	All All - Parents
Thursday 27th March PM	Portal to the Past - Big Idea landing event	All - Parents
Monday 31st March 3.20pm	Easter Fair at Carr Infant School	All - Parents
Friday 4th April 3.15pm	School closes for Easter holidays	All

### 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



SPARKS - ALEX W  
3A - JAKE G  
3H - MASI N  
4CG - FLORENCE L  
4K - ERIN D  
5H - JESSICA P  
5M - ELIZA B  
6F - ALEX S-F  
6J - AMELIA S  
6MW - AERYN A

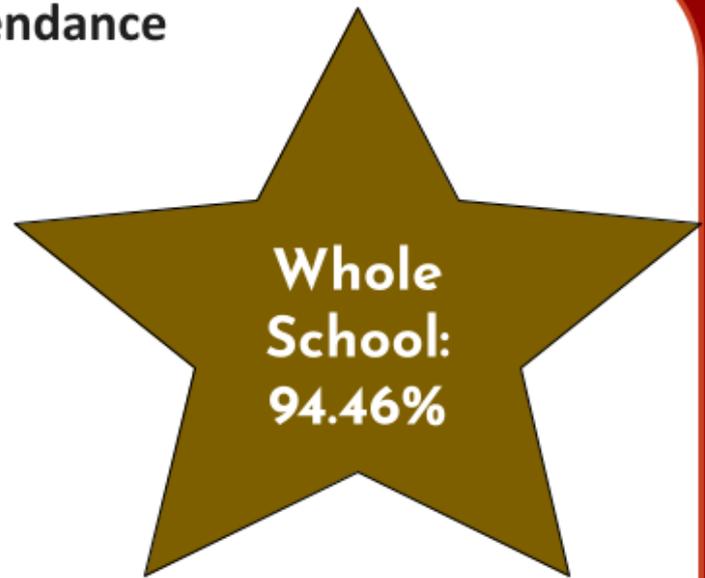
SPARKS - KAYDEN D  
3A - DORIAN K  
3H - MAYA K  
4CG - HARRY F  
4K - LUCY G  
5H - BLAKE J  
5M - HARRISON S  
6F - LOLA P  
6J - SAM W  
6MW - ROWAN T



ALL OF 3A  
MASSI N 3H  
KAYDEN D 3H  
JACOB G 4K  
THOMAS N 5H  
EMIL W 5H  
TEDDY L 5H  
CHARLIE C 5M  
ANGEL A 5M  
LEXI B 5M  
EVAN G 5M

## Attendance

3A - 91.67%  
3H - 96.00%  
4CG - 92.14%  
4K - 93.23%  
5H - 95.47%  
5M - 97.00%  
6F - 99.63%  
6J - 94.44%  
6MW - 90.38%



### 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.

Earlier this week, we sent some information about a new scheme called Pharmacy First which allows parents to take children to the pharmacy with some illnesses rather than booking or waiting for an appointment at the GP. Please let us know if you make use of this service and if it was useful.

### Keeping Your Family Safe Online Course

This course will help towards building confidence and awareness about keeping your children safe online. From learning about applying filters on your browser, setting up children's access accounts on streaming services including YouTube, understanding the dangers of children using adults mobile phone or tablets that have one click payment set up and using games consoles to play online games and therefore having contact with unknown people.

Book your place [here](#).