Carr Catchup

Fortnightly news & updates for Carr families

Hi everyone,

It has been lovely to welcome everyone back after the Easter break. The school has quickly returned to its usual busy, purposeful atmosphere, and it has been great to see the children settling straight back into their learning.

Thank you to all the families who attended Parents' Evening this week. These conversations are so valuable in supporting your child's progress, and we really appreciate the time you take to work in partnership with us.

As we move into what is always a busy summer term, please keep an eye on emails for key updates, events and important information. We have also been working closely with our IT team to resolve recent issues, and we are hopeful that emails sent via Arbor will now arrive as expected rather than being filtered into spam folders.

Have a lovely weekend and hopefully the nicer weather continues.

Mrs Winston

As we transition from ParentPay to Arbor for our payment system, we kindly ask that if you have any credit remaining in your ParentPay account, please request a refund. Thank you for your understanding and support!

Dates

Tuesday 21st April - 3B Ruki in the Forest

Wednesday 22nd April - Pupil individual and class photos

Tuesday 28th April - Pea Hunt

Tuesday 28th April - 3HA Ruki in the Forest

Thursday 30th April - Year 3 Music Workshop

Monday 4th May - School closed (Bank Holiday)

Tuesday 5th May - 4K Ruki in the Forest

Thursday 7th May - SEN Coffee Morning

W/C Monday 11th May - Year 6 SATs Week

Tuesday 12th May - 4CG Ruki in the Forest

Spotlight on Attendance

If you have any concerns about your child's attendance, please contact the office on 01904 798996 or email admin@carrjunior.elt.org.uk or attendance@carrjunior.elt.org.uk and Mrs Williams, our Attendance Officer, will be happy to help you.

Attendance this week	
3B	97.04%
3HA	95.00%
4CG	90.00%
4K	89.33%
5H	97.10%
5J	95.48%
6F	94.64%
6M	94.00%
Whole School	94.03%

Staff Awards - Parent Nomination Form

Our Excel Staff Awards will be held in July 2026, where we will be celebrating the exceptional contributions of staff across our Trust. One of the award categories is Excelling Through Parent Recognition, therefore we are extending our nomination process for this category to parents and carers. Complete the nomination form and help us honour those who go above and beyond! There's no limit on the number of nominations you can submit - you just need to submit your nominee's name, the school they work at and the reason for your nomination.

Nomination Form

PE Timetable

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 5	Year 5	Year 6	Year 4	Year 6 (Swimming)
Year 3	Sparks PM			Year 3
Year 4				

Class 3B

Class 3B have thoroughly enjoyed their recent Design and Technology topic on castles. Using recycled materials, the children designed and created their very own castles, taking great care to include key features such as battlements and turrets. It was fantastic to see their creativity and problem-solving skills in action and they were very proud of their finished models.





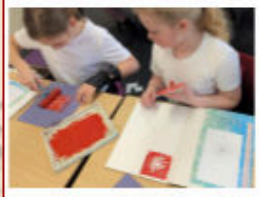
Class 3HA

3HA have kicked off Science Week by setting up an experiment that will be observed over time. We will be investigating how the type of air surrounding a plant affects its growth, regularly returning to monitor and record the results.



Class 5H

5H started back with an excited buzz for art day on Monday. The children developed and explored the art of printmaking, taking inspiration from their Geography unit all about the oceans. The children practised drawing different types of coral, really focusing of the outline shape rather than internal detail, before designing their own styrofoam printing block. From there, they used printing ink to create a repeating pattern of their coral printing block. Fun was had by all and the end products looked fantastic!









Class 5J

5J got creative on their first day back with a journey into the exciting process of printmaking. Using the coral reef as their inspiration, they produced some amazing prints from their own carefully designed styrofoam blocks. Experimenting with volume, some of the 'ghost prints' proved highly effective. As you can see from the photos, everyone had lots of fun and the results were fantastic.





❤️ Carr Junior's Random Acts of Kindness ❤️

Random Acts of Kindness

This week, our Random Acts of Kindness recognition goes to Elizabeth in 3B!

She took part in a wonderful random act of kindness over the holidays by going litter picking with her little brother. What an amazing and thoughtful thing to do—helping to look after our environment and community. We are very proud of you, Elizabeth!



✨ **Keep the Kindness Coming!** ✨

Don't forget – if your child carries out a *random act of kindness*, whether in school or out in the community, we'd love to hear about it!

Please email the office **for the attention of Miss Bedda** so we can celebrate their caring actions.

We love seeing all the kind things our Carr Stars do! 💛🌟

Personal Development Updates:

Key dates:	PD
Wednesday 22nd April	Whole school and individual photos
Monday 28th March	The famous Pea Hunt!
Thursday 30th April	Y3 music workshop

ROYAL COMMONWEALTH SOCIETY

THE QUEEN'S
COMMONWEALTH WRITING COMPETITION 2026

COMMON GROUND: Better Together

Proudly delivered by the Royal Commonwealth Society since 1883, The Queen's Commonwealth Writing Competition is the world's oldest international writing competition for schools.

The theme for the 2026 competition is ***Common Ground: Better Together***, which invites young writers to explore what unites individuals and communities across the Commonwealth, and how collaboration and connection enable progress.

ENTER NOW: 4 March - 30 April 2026

WHO CAN ENTER?

- The competition is open to all under 18 nationals and residents of Commonwealth countries and territories. Please see our Terms and Conditions webpage for more details.

AWARDS

- All successful entries will receive a Certificate of Participation, and a number of entries will receive Gold, Silver, and Bronze Awards for excellence in writing.

HOW TO ENTER

- The Queen's Commonwealth Writing Competition is open for entries from 4 March to 30 April 2026. For more information on how to enter: www.royalcwsociety.org/writing-competition

REGIONAL WINNERS!

- A winner will be selected from Africa, Asia, Europe, the Americas, and the Pacific. From these, one overall winner will be selected, and all five will be invited to London for Winners Week and an award ceremony at a Royal Palace!

2026 QUESTIONS

THE QUEEN'S COMMONWEALTH WRITING COMPETITION 2026

TOPIC: Sport & Community

1. With the Commonwealth Games returning to Glasgow in 2026, write about how sport brings people together across communities, cultures, or generations.

2. You move to a new place and join a sports team or volunteer group to meet new people. What happens next, who do you meet, and what common ground do you share?

TOPIC: Culture: Food, Music & Hobbies

1. Someone from another Commonwealth country knocks on your door. They ask you to share one food or song that represents where you come from. What do you choose, how do you share it, and what happens between you?

2. Write about a hobby, creative interest, or passion of your own. How does it connect you to other people, either locally or across the Commonwealth?

TOPIC: Protecting the Environment & our Natural World

1. Think of a place in nature that is important to your community. Write about why it matters to people and how caring for it together helps create common ground.

2. From plastic clean-ups to tree planting, people all over the Commonwealth are working for the common good of our natural environment. Imagine a time where sustainable choices shape every part of daily life. Describe a day in this world.

TOPIC: Shared Identity, Responsibility, & Common Ground

1. One night, students from all Commonwealth countries find themselves trapped inside an enormous library. The books will only let them leave if they create a new Commonwealth Charter. What would this charter say, and how would it help countries work together in the future?

2. Write about a time, either real or imagined, when you realised you had far more in common with another living being (could be human, animal, plant) than you previously thought.

TOPIC: Language, Human Connection & Understanding

1. Across the Commonwealth, recent advances in digital technology have created new opportunities for connection, while also highlighting what remains uniquely human. What can people contribute that technology can never replace, and why is human connection still vital within diverse Commonwealth communities?

2. Within the Commonwealth, shared languages exist alongside and intermingled with many other national languages and local dialects. How does shared language create connection while still allowing space for difference and creativity?

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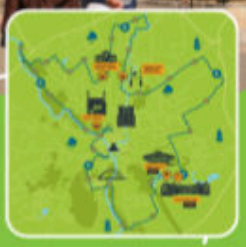
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YORK GIVING

Saturday 16 May 2026

Start and finish: University of York campus, Heslington from 8:30am

Walk together. Feel better. Change lives.

Register today: bit.ly/GYW2026

Could you be a Parent Advocate?

Help Us To Support Parents When They Need It Most

Could you empower other parents to speak up and be heard when they are at their most vulnerable?

Do you have personal experience of Children's Social Care Services, either as a parent or a supportive family member?

Could you draw on your own experience to help others to navigate the Child Protection Process?

The City of York Council Volunteer Service is launching a new volunteer role for individuals with personal experience of Children's Social Care Services. Parent Advocates will provide practical and emotional support to parents navigating the child protection process to help them feel empowered and heard.

We need volunteers who can bring first-hand experience as someone who has engaged with Children's Services. They will need to be non-judgemental and empathetic with strong listening and communication skills.

Full training will be provided alongside regular support and supervision from an assigned Volunteer Officer. All costs will be reimbursed and volunteers will be part of a supportive community of fellow Parent Advocates. Volunteering will be flexible to ensure it fits around parents' busy lives. We will ask for an initial commitment of approx. 3-6 hours per month.

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In 2026 we're celebrating 5 years of the Richard Shephard Music Foundation! To celebrate this milestone, we're looking for children aged 7-11 to come together and sing at events.

Rehearsals will take place in York, outside of school hours, and it's totally FREE to take part.



For more information, and to sign up, please scan the QR code below or visit www.rsmf.org.uk/choir