Carr Catchup

Fortnightly news & updates for Carr families

Hi everyone,

It has been another busy and positive few weeks in school. Our Year 3 children took part in their pedestrian training and represented the school brilliantly, demonstrating excellent awareness and responsibility when out in the local area.

Reading continues to be a key focus across school, and it has been fantastic to see so many opportunities for children to engage with books. Some pupils enjoyed visiting our local community library, and we were also delighted to host our recent Book Fair, which was very well supported.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to Red Nose Day. Your generosity and enthusiasm helped us raise money for a very worthwhile cause, while also making the day enjoyable for the children.

Have a lovely weekend and hopefully the nicer weather continues.

Mrs Winston

Dates

Monday 23rd March - FOCS Easter Fair (Infants School)

Thursday 26th March - Staying safe around dogs workshops (Whole School)

Friday 27th March - Break up for Easter

Monday 13th April - Return to school from Easter Holidays

Tuesday 14th April- Parents Evening

Wednesday 15th April- Parent Evening

Wednesday 15th April- Pupil individual and class photos

Friday 17th April - Visit from author (Whole School)

Tuesday 28th April - Pea Hunt

Spotlight on Attendance

Being open and honest about your child's absences, including holidays, is key to building trust and supporting their learning. Clear communication helps us to keep accurate records, plan for missed work, and offer the right support when children return.

Every child is warmly welcomed back after a period of time off and checked in with and knowing the reason for their absence really helps us with this.

If you are planning a term time holiday, please complete the Leave of Absence form and return to the office. They can be found at the office or here; https://www.carrjunior.co.uk/absences/

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.

PE Timetable

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 5	Year 5	Year 6	Year 4	Year 6
Year 3	Sparks PM			Year 3
Year 4				Sparks (Swimming from 30/1)

Class 4CG

This week, 4CG has been swept away by the legend of The Mermaid of Zennor. The children have done a fantastic job retelling this classic Cornish tale, focusing on elevating their writing with sophisticated fronted adverbials and clear paragraphing. It has been a joy to see them use such rich, descriptive vocabulary to bring the mystical world of Zennor to life. The hard work doesn't stop here, though; the class are excited as they prepare to dive into creating their very own versions of the story next week!



Class 4K

4K are enjoying their new science topic *'Sound and Vibrations'* this half term. On Tuesday, the class took part in an experiment to test the relationship between sound and distance. We found that as the distance from the source of a sound increases, the volume decreases. Well done 4K!



Class 6F

In between all of our hard work towards SATs and the end of Key Stage 2, 6F thoroughly enjoy our weekly music lessons with Miss Widdicombe. Every week, Miss Widdicombe comments on just how confident we are as singers, and how well we pitch match to each song. Currently, we are working on the pentatonic scale and improvising our own unique sounds whilst playing a range of instrument.s



Class 6M

6M have done an excellent job during their science topic on electricity and circuits. They showed great enthusiasm and teamwork while taking part in a range of games and challenges, successfully predicting and testing the effects of adding components to circuits. It was fantastic to see so many pupils confidently experimenting with wires, batteries, motors and bulbs, and celebrating when they managed to light them up. Their curiosity, problem-solving skills, and determination really stood out.



❤️ Carr Junior's Random Acts of Kindness ❤️

Random Acts of Kindness

This week, our Random Acts of Kindness recognition goes to our wonderful office staff!

They went above and beyond when they helped a little hedgehog in need, making sure it was safely taken to a local shelter where it could be properly cared for! What a lovely reminder that even the smallest actions can make a big difference!



✨ **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
Thursday 26th March	Staying safe around dogs workshop
Friday 27th March	Break up
Friday 17th April	Author in to see all pupils

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?

ROYAL COMMONWEALTH SOCIETY



SCHOOL HOLIDAY FOOTBALL FUN CAMP

AT ENERGISE LEISURE CENTRE(YORK HIGH SCHOOL)

CORNLANDS ROAD, ACOMB, YORK, YO24 3DX.

MONDAY 30TH MARCH – THURSDAY 2ND APRIL 2026

10:00am – 3:00pm (FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AGES 4 -14)



Dear Parents,

I am pleased to inform you that following the outstanding success of previous courses and the weekly coaching sessions, we are organising the easter 2026 football fun camp.

The children will be coached by CRB POLICE CHECKED and F.A. QUALIFIED COACHES INCLUDING EX-PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALLERS who are used to working with and bringing the best out in children. The coaches will develop self-confidence and self esteem through encouragement and positive reinforcements. FOOTBALL IS NOT JUST FOR THE STAR PLAYERS!

The camp is tightly structured with the players fully supervised at all times. All children are catered for from the absolute beginner to the more experienced players. Players are grouped together according to age, ability and experience. We have fantastic facilities including the outdoor 3-G pitch.

The camp is for 4 days from 10:00am – 3:00pm with lunch from 12:15 – 1:00pm where the children can eat a packed lunch brought from home. The camp is fully supervised so children may be left in our care, however parents are welcome to stay and watch if they wish to. On Thursday at 2:00pm there is a presentation when parents and friends are most encouraged to come and see the players receive their awards.

The cost of the camp is £80 (We also offer **£20 DISCOUNT(£60) for the second and subsequent children in the same family**), which covers all coaching, referees, trophies, certificates and many other awards presented. Single days will be charged at £25 per day if a child is attending less than 4 days. **ALL CHILDREN ARE GUARANTEED TO RECEIVE AT LEAST ONE TROPHY AND CERTIFICATE.**

Steven Nugent (Course Co-ordinator)

TO BOOK A PLACE PLEASE TEXT 'YORK CAMP' + CHILD'S NAME + AGE to 07846 770 250

(YOU WILL RECEIVE CONFORMATION BY TEXT THEN REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT IS MADE ON THE FIRST MORNING OF THE COURSE)

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.

Get in touch with the Volunteer Team today by emailing volunteer@york.gov.uk or call us on 07542 510430

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