Carr Catchup

Fortnightly news & updates for Carr families

Hi everyone,

It has been a lovely week in school, full of energy, excitement and a real sense of togetherness. One of the highlights has to be our very competitive pea hunt! Staff and children alike threw themselves into the challenge, with Mrs McClure setting an incredible benchmark by finding 118 peas in just two minutes – a score that may take some beating!

On Tuesday afternoon, we were delighted to welcome Headteachers from across the trust into school. They spent time speaking with our children about their experiences of school, particularly around our personal development offer. We were incredibly proud of how confidently and thoughtfully our pupils represented Carr Junior. They spoke about enjoying clubs, how to keep themselves safe in the world and how they feel part of a Carr family. They showed great respect by listening carefully to one another. As always, moments like these remind us what a special community we have here.

We hope you all enjoy a restful bank holiday weekend.

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

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

Wednesday 3rd June - Year 6 London Trip

Friday 5th June - Year 3 Filey Trip

Thursday 11th June - SEN Coffee Morning

Friday 12th June - Non Uniform Day for Colour Raffle

Tuesday 16th June - Disco

Thursday 18th June - Sports Day

Friday 19th June - Non Uniform Day for Summer Fair

Spotlight on Attendance

Why attendance matters for you.

FACT: Being in school is important to your achievement, wellbeing, wider development and mental health.

- Every moment in school counts, and days missed add up quickly.
- The best place to be during term-time is in school, surrounded by the support of your friends, your teachers and other support staff.
- There is plenty of time for you to do other things with your friends and family. Did you know that you are only at school for 52% of a calendar year...the rest of the time is yours!



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.

We are absolutely thrilled to share the wonderful news that following a recent assessment on 10th March 2026, Carr Junior School has been awarded the Inclusion Quality Mark (IQM) Inclusive School Award and has been recommended for the prestigious status of IQM Centre of Excellence. This incredible achievement is a testament to the "unwavering commitment" shown by our entire school community—pupils, staff, and parents alike—to create an environment where every child is valued and supported to "Aim High, Shine Bright". The assessor noted that positivity "radiates throughout the school" and described Carr Junior as a "home from home" where a deep-rooted ethos of equity and equality for all is evident in every classroom and corridor.

The report highlights several key strengths that make our school a special place to learn. The assessor was particularly impressed by our "expertly mapped" and "innovative" curriculum, which includes unique opportunities like the "Carr 50"—a pledge of 50 essential experiences, such as visiting the Minster or learning a new language, that we want every pupil to enjoy. Our "warm and caring relationships" were also celebrated, with parents noting that "staff genuinely care" and are experts at adapting learning so every child can succeed. Whether it is through our specialist NEST and SPARKS provisions, our forest school, or our student leadership roles like Reading Ambassadors and House Captains, the report confirms that "no one ever feels excluded here". We are so proud of our "close-knit family" and look forward to continuing this journey of excellence together.

CLASS OF 2026 YEARBOOK

A beautiful keepsake, illustrating a four year journey at our wonderful school.

Pages packed with many stunning images and memories.

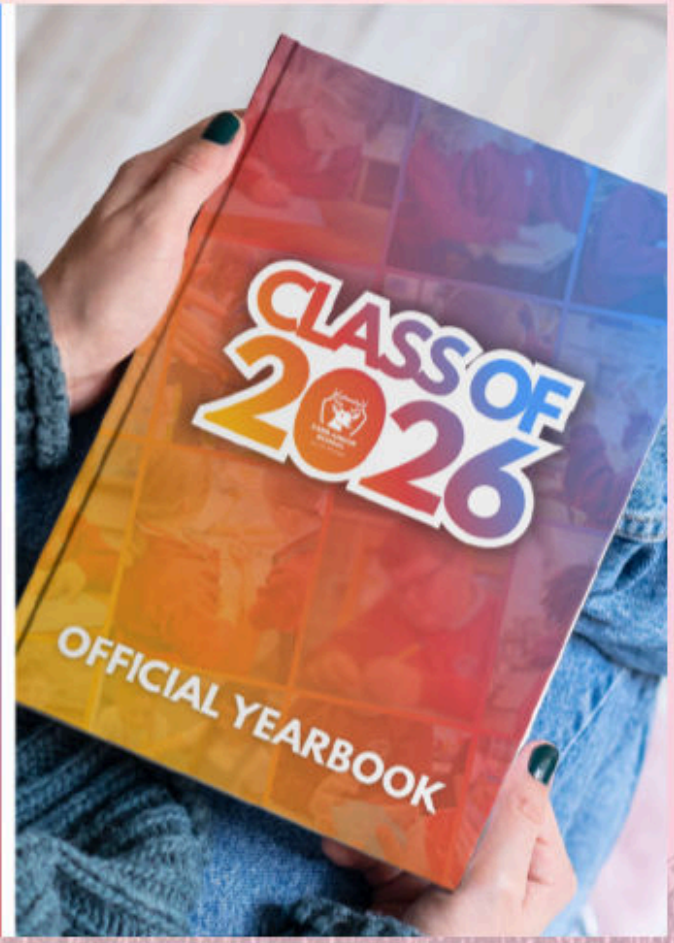
Professionally printed on 170gsm silk pages with a lavish hardback cover.

Pages documenting cherished trips, super shows and milestone events.

Every Year Six pupil featured - sharing their favourite Carr Junior School memories.

Design process done entirely in-house so ALL PROFITS go straight to the school.

£18. Order now on Arbor. All orders MUST be received by Friday 12th June.



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				



Swimming with Linzi Summer Holiday Intensive Courses are now open for booking! 🏊‍♀️...yipeeee!!

I teach all the classes myself, so I get to know each child and tailor the sessions!

Check the poster for more details, and use the link to visit the booking page.

Linzi x

❤️ Carr Junior's Random Acts of Kindness ❤️

Random Acts of Kindness 🌟





It is time to celebrate two superstars who have proven that you're never too young to make a massive difference! **Elsie and Bella (5J)** have been at it again, turning their passion for baking into a wave of support for their community. Because of their dedication and the kindness of everyone who stopped by, the girls did absolutely fantastic. They raised a massive **£613.02!**. Every cupcake sold and every poster painted helped reach this amazing total. It's a perfect example of how a little bit of kindness (and some flour and sugar) can go a long way. We are incredibly proud of you girls! 🌟

Personal Development Updates:

Key dates:	PD
Thursday 7th May	SEN coffee morning
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?

ROYAL COMMONWEALTH SOCIETY

FOOD FESTIVAL

OUT OF THIS WORLD

21st May

Mini Planet Meatballs
with Out of this World Tomato Sauce, Pasta and Green Beans

Or

Veggie Big Bang Bangers
with Cosmic Mash and Green Beans

And

Rocket Lolly

FOOD FESTIVAL

OUT OF THIS WORLD

Top 14 Allergen Free Menu

21st MAY

Mini Planet Meatballs
with Out of this World Tomato Sauce, Rice and Green Beans

Or

Veggie Big Bang Burgers
with Cosmic Mash
and Green Beans

And

Rocket Lolly

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SPORTS COACHING

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JOSEPH ROWNTREE THEATRE

TEDDY BEAR

Zip Wire Challenge

Has your teddy bear got a head for heights?

Games — Stalls



Cakes — Drinks

Monday 4 May 2026
10.30am–4.30pm
Joseph Rowntree Theatre

A fundraising event for the Joseph Rowntree Theatre registered charity number 1098329

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Join our Celebration Choir!

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