



Carr Catchup

Hi everyone,

It has been another busy couple of weeks at Carr Junior School, and it was lovely to welcome so many of you to our recent Meet the Teacher evening. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend. We hope you found the sessions useful and that they gave you a clear picture of the year ahead. All of the presentations are now available on our school website for you to revisit or view if you were unable to join us.

Please can we remind families that our school uniform includes a white polo shirt. We have noticed a small number of children wearing different coloured or alternative T-shirts. We really appreciate your support in helping us keep our uniform consistent. If you need any help providing uniform for your child, please speak to us – we are always happy to help.

One of our big aims for this academic year is to continue developing our lunchtime and outdoor play provision through OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning). We want our children to have an even wider range of opportunities to play, explore, create and be active during their lunchtimes.

We are therefore collecting items that families may no longer need and could donate to school. We would love scooters, bikes, dressing-up clothes, pushchairs, wheeled toys, crates, pots and pans, small-world toys, construction materials or anything else you think could be put to good use as part of imaginative outdoor play.

Have lovely weekend

Dates

Monday 5th - Tuesday 6th October -
Book Fair after school in the hall

Monday 5th October - Phonics meeting
with parents 9:30am

Tuesday 6th October - 4KC Ruki in the
Forest

Friday 9th October - World Mental
Health day. Hello Yellow! (wear
something yellow)

Tuesday 13th October - 4KG Ruki in the
Forest

Tuesday 20th October - 6A Ruki in the
Forest

Wednesday 21st October - Last Day
before Half Term

Thursday 22nd - Friday 30th October -
Half Term

Spotlight on Attendance

The DfE have produced some information linked to childhood preventable minor illnesses. Please see the link below for more information.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

You, as a parent/carer, know your child best so if you feel that they are not well enough to attend school, please report their absence to school as soon as possible via email, voicemail or a phone call. We appreciate your support with this.

We are still doing so well with our attendance figures. For the week commencing 21st September, attendance looked like the below.

Sparks 85%
6A 92.3%
3HA 94.7%
5J 97%
6H 97.4%
4KC 98.1%
5H 98.6%
3M 98.8%
4KG 99.5%

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



PE Timetable

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 4	Year 3		Year 4	Year 3 (swimming)
Year 5 (swimming)	Year 5	Year 6		Year 6

Class 4KC

Class 4KC have made a fantastic start to Year 4 and have settled seamlessly into their new classroom routines. We are so proud of the enthusiasm they are showing every day as they dive into TTRockstars, Emile Spelling, and Reading Plus. The children have been putting incredible effort into perfecting their handwriting and consistently setting high standards for themselves across all their work. On top of their impressive hard work in class, they have already started learning their Young Voices songs in preparation for their performance in February! It has been a pleasure watching them take pride in everything they do, and we look forward to seeing all the wonderful achievements ahead this year.

Class 4KG

Class 4KG have made wonderful start to Year 4, settling into their classroom routines brilliantly. In English, the children have written some incredible setting descriptions that used vivid vocabulary, they really made us feel as though we were at the circus! They are now enjoying writing about The Baker by the Sea, where they are using persuasive writing techniques to encourage people to visit the village. In Science, the children have been immersed in their learning about the human digestive system and the teeth of different animals, showing fantastic enthusiasm and curiosity. They have also been working hard on TT Rockstars, Emile, Reading Plus, their handwriting and learning songs for Young Voices. It has been wonderful to see the year start with such enthusiasm, creativity and pride and we can't wait for the rest of the year!

Class 6A

Class 6A has hit the ground running with a fantastic start to the new school year! In English, the children have shown off their writing skills by creating rich forest setting descriptions filled with vivid imagery, and they are now preparing to bring Shaun Tan's wordless picture book, The Arrival, to life with their own narrative retellings. In science, our young biologists have been busy classifying the natural world, exploring everything from microscopic organisms to invertebrates and vertebrates. While in French, they have been practicing descriptive language to detail physical features such as hair and eye color. Meanwhile, PE lessons have seen the class developing key leadership qualities and sharpening their tactical thinking through invasion games. It has been an action-packed start to the year!

Class 6H

6H have had an amazing start to Year 6 and are already showing just how Year 6 ready they are! The children have demonstrated great resilience and enthusiasm across all areas of their learning. In Maths, they have impressed us with their understanding of our first topics of place value and the four operations. Their English work has been equally impressive, with the children using ambitious and descriptive language to create vivid descriptions of a forest. Many rose to the challenge of changing the atmosphere from positive to negative, creating some truly atmospheric pieces of writing. Our budding scientists have also been busy, as we have just finished our first Science topic. We are incredibly proud of the way 6H have settled into Year 6 and look forward to beginning our History topic next week!

♥ Random Acts of Kindness ♥

We would like to celebrate Oliver in 6A for showing a wonderful act of kindness. It was Oliver's birthday last week and he was given two boxes of chocolates by a friend. Rather than keeping them all for himself, Oliver decided to share his birthday treats with both 6A and 6H!

He even kindly offered some to his teacher. What a thoughtful and generous way to celebrate his special day. 🍫♥

Thank you, Oliver, for showing us that kindness can be as simple as sharing with others

A huge shoutout to Damian (3HA) and his family for an extraordinary act of kindness!

Ahead of his classmate Sione's birthday, Damian and his dad spent hours over the weekend baking and decorating a fantastic custom, rugby-themed birthday cake. On Sunday evening, Damian and his family surprised Sione by delivering the delicious masterpiece right to his front door. Thank you, Damian, for showing us all what true friendship and thoughtful kindness look like.



Key dates:

Monday 5th October

Let's do Uni Club Year 6

Friday 9th October

Kindness in action deadline

Friday 9th October

Hello Yellow Day - Wear something Yellow!

Carr's

Kindness in Action CHALLENGE

Small acts of kindness make a big difference.

Kindness makes a difference

Dear Parents and Carers,

This October, we are launching our Carr's Kindness in Action Challenge, encouraging our children to think about how they can show kindness and make a positive difference to others in our local community.

As part of this challenge, each year group has been given a different focus. We are asking children to bring in one or more suitable items by **Friday 9th October**. All donations will be given to our **local food bank**, helping to support families and individuals in our community.

Year 3

Breakfast Boost

Year 3 are focusing on items that could help families start the day.

Suggested donations include:

- Cereals
- Porridge
- Breakfast bars
- Tinned fruit
- Jam or spreads



Year 4

Family Food Cupboard

Year 4 are collecting everyday cupboard essentials.

Suggested donations include:

- Pasta
- Rice
- Pasta sauce
- Tinned tomatoes
- Tinned vegetables
- Tinned beans
- Cooking sauces



Year 5

Little Things That Help

Year 5 are focusing on household and personal-care essentials, which can often be overlooked.

Suggested donations include:

- Shampoo
- Shower gel
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Soap
- Washing-up liquid
- Washing powder



Year 6

A Treat for Someone

Year 6 are focusing on items that can bring a little joy to someone.

Suggested donations include:

- Biscuits
- Chocolate
- Sweets
- Hot chocolate
- Crisps
- Tinned puddings
- Toiletries or gift sets



Donations should be brought into school by **Friday 9th October**.

There is absolutely no expectation for families to purchase anything specifically for this challenge. Children can bring in as little or as much as they are able to, and every donation will be gratefully received.

Through this challenge, we want our children to understand that kindness is not always about grand gestures. It can be as simple as thinking about what somebody else might need and giving what we can. We hope this will provide our Carr Stars with an opportunity to put our school values into action and understand the positive impact that their actions can have on others.

We are looking forward to seeing the donations build throughout the challenge before they are taken to our local food bank.

Thank you for your continued support and for helping us to encourage our children to be kind, thoughtful and caring members of our community.

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KEY INFORMATION

Open to ALL children from Reception to Year 8

DAILY TIMES

Early Drop-off	8:00 - 8:45
Standard Day	8:45 - 4:00
Extended Day	4:00 - 5:00
Super Extended	4:00 - 5:30

OPEN DAILY
8:00 - 5:30pm

Venues Across:

York
Knaresborough
Harrogate
Leeds
Castleford
Wakefield
East Riding

Limited space available - booking early is recommended

OUR EXTRA "WOW" EQUIPMENT
(Strokes around venues - subject to dates - see website for whereabouts)

Inflatable Sausage Dog
Nerf Battles
Bouncy Castles
Silent Disco
Water Park
Football Darts
Archery

TRUST & BOOKING

- OFSTED Registered
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- Flexible Booking
- Book individual days or full weeks
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WEEKLY OVERVIEW

MYSTERIOUS MONDAY
TEAM TUESDAY
WICKED WEDNESDAY
TERRIFYING THURSDAY
FANCY DRESS FRIDAY

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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




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Dear Parent/Carer,

The RSMF Celebration Choir is back and welcoming children aged 7-11 (open to all children from local schools). No previous experience necessary.

Richard Shephard Music Foundation has been providing weekly music lessons in schools across York for the last five years. This choir will give children a chance to sing together and perform. It will be led by musician Emilie Bels, a qualified teacher and experienced choir leader, who has worked in primary schools for several years delivering fun and inspiring music lessons. She will be accompanied by support staff to help look after the young people throughout the sessions. All staff have full DBS checks.

Join us for our first sessions on Tuesday 15th September and Tuesday 22nd September 4:30pm – 5:30pm at Clifton Explore Library, Rawcliffe Drive, York, YO30 6NS. Sessions are free, with free parking available.

Children can sign up to join the choir via the following link:

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/WV9862Vjm>

There will also be some exciting performance opportunities this term including at singing at the National Centre for Early Music, Merchant Taylors Hall and York Train Station.

If you have any questions or queries please do drop us an email at info@rsmf.org.uk or ring 07845 878642

Best wishes,

Cathy Grant
CEO

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Music opportunities with York Music Education

York Music Education offers individual instrumental and vocal lessons at York Music Centre, alongside a wide range of groups and ensembles. These include activities for complete beginners through to York Youth Orchestra, giving children and young people opportunities to begin learning, make music with others and progress as musicians.

We also operate York's well established citywide instrument hire scheme, supported by City of York Council. Instrument hire is available to schools and individuals and is not limited to those who attend York Music Centre or receive lessons through York Music Education.

Families can find out more and register their interest at www.yorkmusiceducation.org.uk.