

January 2026 Newsletter



Dates For Your Diary

Monday 26th - Friday 29th January: Children's Dental Health Week
Monday 2nd - Friday 6th February: National Story Telling Week - **Year 1 Parents Invited**
Monday 2nd - Friday 6th February: **Activity Breakfast Club Week**
Monday 9th - Thursday 14th February: Children's Mental Health Week
Friday 13th February: Staff Training Day - **School Closed**
Monday 16th - Friday 20th February: Half Term Break - **School Closed**
Monday 23rd February: **Children Return to School**
Tuesday 3rd March: Reception Hearing Tests
Tuesday 3rd & Thursday 5th March : **Year 2 Library Visit**
Thursday 5th March: **World Book Day - Children's Dress-up Day** - Donations Welcome
Monday 9th March: Year 1 Singing Festival
Monday 9th - Friday 13th March: Wonderful Women Week
Tuesday 10th March: Reception Hearing Tests
Wednesday 10th March: **Year 1 Spring Walk to Forty Hall**
Friday 13th March: **Year 2 Cinema Trip**
Monday 16th March - Friday 20th March: Neurodiversity Celebration Week
Tuesday 17th - Wednesday 18th March: **Parent Consultations**
Thursday 19th March: **Millfield Dance Festival**
Friday 20th March: **Comic Relief/Red Nose Day - Children's Dress-up Day** - Donations Welcome
Tuesday 24th March: **Children's Class photos**
Friday 27th March: **Last Day of Term - School will be closing at 1:20pm** - Non-School-Uniform Day
Monday 30th March - Friday 10th April: Spring Break - **School Closed**
Monday 13th April: Staff Training Day - **School Closed**
Tuesday 14th April: **Children Return to School**

Reminder!

The school day starts at 8:45am
Registers will be taken at 8:50am, if your child arrives after 8:50am they will be marked as late. All children must be in time for registration. The school day ends at 3:15pm. Children being picked up late from school may be charged for After-School Club.

Activity Week: A Healthy Start to the Day!

To celebrate and promote a healthy start to the day from **Monday 2nd - Friday 6th February**, we will be running a special Breakfast Activity Week for all children!

Each day from 8:15am, children are invited to join our FREE Activity Clubs, including:

- 🧶 Bracelet Making
- 💻 Computers
- 📖 Story & Comic Book Making
- ✨ Foil Art
- 🔬 Science Experiments

Every activity includes a nutritious breakfast, helping children feel energised, focused, and ready for the day ahead. All sessions are designed to make mornings fun, creative, and engaging!

🕒 Early Drop-Off Option

For families who need a slightly earlier start, we are offering our normal early drop-off from 7:45am for just £1 per child.

If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

We look forward to welcoming your child bright and early for a fantastic Activity Week!







Book Sale

In celebration of National Storytelling Week, we will be holding a **Book Sale at the end of each day** from **Monday 2nd February to Friday 6th February**.

This is a lovely opportunity for families to explore new stories together and pick up some much-loved favourites to enjoy at home.

Learning Friends

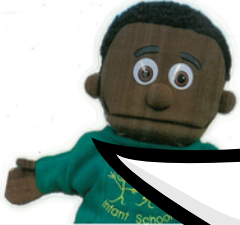
Our learning friends help promote positive attitudes to learning. They are also linked to our school values.

			
Kindness Kai	Challenge Chico	Polly Perseverance	Ruby Resilience

Children's achievements are celebrated with our learning friends' certificates. The certificates are linked to the areas our learning friends are promoting – kindness, challenge, perseverance and resilience. Staff, governors and children were involved in the decision making of what our learning friends should represent and what they should be named.

Congratulations to our KS1 children who have recently received a certificate for demonstrating our school values!

- **Jaguar Class:** Alanah, Giuseppe, Ipek, Leo.D
- **Leopard Class:** Tiya, Brajan
- **Tiger Class:** Toprak, Senem
- **Gorilla Class:** Zayaan, Sawda, Ayla, Elyesa
- **Rhino Class:** Dejvis, Leo, Enes, Harper
- **Giraffe Class:** Katelyn, Lena, Armela, Olivia



A huge well done to all the children who have recently received a 100% attendance award.

We are incredibly proud of your commitment and enthusiasm!

- 104 children achieved excellent attendance for the month of December.
- An amazing 42 children maintained 100% attendance for the entire autumn term.

What a fantastic achievement!

As we move into January and the Spring 1 term, let's see if we can do even better.

Attendance Archie will be keeping a close eye out for all those children who are in school every day and on time. Let's keep up the great work!

🌟 Parent Shout-Outs! 🌟

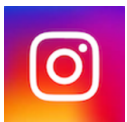


We love celebrating the amazing work our staff do every day, and we know you do too! If you've seen a member of our team go above and beyond, or simply want to recognise their kindness and hard work, we'd love to hear from you.

📧 How to share:

Follow the link [Parent Shout Out](#) to send us a quick message with the staff member's name and what you'd like to say. We will share your shout-outs in our staff meetings and on our staff bulletin board.

Our School Instagram Account



The school has opened an Instagram account [carterhatchinfants](#) and we have started to post short items of news and activity information. Please give us a follow, as this is another way to see what is happening in school.

A Message from Year 2

Happy New Year from Year Two!

Cheers to a new year filled with cosy moments and endless laughter.

The children have enjoyed sharing with us what they did over the holidays, and it has been great hearing all their exciting stories.

We have wasted no time in getting back to work. Year 2 children should already be able to tell you some facts about the Arctic. They will be learning about this extremely cold area of the world-it feels like that across the UK now with Storm Goretti! They have already used world maps, atlases and globes to identify different countries, and this skill will be developed further. Challenge them to tell you the names of the countries that surround the Arctic Circle. They are very knowledgeable.



Mathematics



We are trying incredible hard to bring the children up to speed with their multiplication tables. Despite regular homework and in class practice, a significant number of children are still not secure. This is having a noticeable impact on their confidence and progress. Please engage with this task (2, 5 & 10) times tables as children's inability to recall these are slowing down them down when trying to solve word problems during their mathematics lessons.

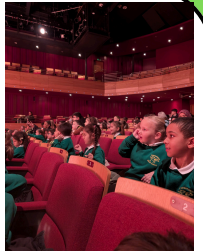
Pose questions and challenge children:

If there are five people in our family and we have three biscuits each how many biscuits will we eat altogether?
I have twenty-one strawberries. If I share them between you and your two friends, how many will you get each?

A Message from Year 1



The Year 1 theatre visit was the highlight of our build up to Christmas. The children had a wonderful time seeing *The Tiger Who Came to Tea* at The Arts Depot in Finchley. As usual, Carterhatch children conducted themselves fantastically and they were a credit to the school. They joined in the show with great gusto, and there were many squeals of laughter and delight. As always, it's thanks to the support of our families that we are able to provide these opportunities to our children, so thank you everyone.



How can I support my child at home?

Counting: Does your child know how to count forwards and backwards within 100? Can they count in steps of 2 and 10? When you are out and about, what numbers can they see? What is one more and one less than that number?

Reading: Is your child reading at home every day? If so, please sign their reading records so we can celebrate the children's hard work! If you are struggling to get them to read, please speak to a member of the team, they might just have an idea that will help to unlock the wonderful world of reading for your child!



As part of National Storytelling Week, we are delighted to invite you to join your child for a special small-group story time session with one of our Year 1 teachers.

These sessions will take place from Monday 2nd February to Friday 6th February.

During the session, teachers will model a range of strategies we use to help children develop their reading comprehension skills and foster a lifelong love of reading. You'll also come away with practical ideas for how to support your child's comprehension at home and encourage reading for pleasure.

Each parent will have received a letter with their specific date and time for their visit.

If you are unsure of your allocated slot, please speak to your child's class teacher, who will be happy to help.

After the story time, there will also be an opportunity to ask any questions you may have about supporting reading at home.

We look forward to welcoming you and sharing this special reading experience!

A Message from Nursery

It has been wonderful to have the children back after the break. They have settled quickly into their routines and shown impressive independence, especially when getting ready for the ever-changing weather. We've been so proud watching them choose the right clothing for outdoor play and confidently manage their own coats.

Over the past couple of weeks, the children have been learning all about the number three. This has led to lots of exciting activities linked to *The Three Little Pigs*, and soon we'll be exploring *Goldilocks and the Three Bears* together.

We are also delighted to welcome several new children to both Turtle and Otter Class. Some children from Otters have now joined Turtle which is very exciting and we extend a warm, friendly welcome to all the new families joining Otter Class over the coming weeks.

A Message from Reception

The children really enjoyed the icy weather we had in our first week back after the Christmas break. The children looked around for where ice could be found and we discussed how the ice was melting quicker in some places of the garden compared to others and why. The children explored the ice and described how it felt and looked and were able to use it in their imaginary play adding polar bears, penguins and other arctic sea animals to the ice. It is great to use the excitement of the children and these experiences to bring in lots of learning opportunities such as discussing the weather, changes in seasons and changes in state, with the water changing from a liquid to solid ice and then melting back in to water again weather warmed up.

Jack - "The ice is melting more in the sun"

Hassan - "It's cold and wet"

Joyleen - "The ice is hard and slippery"



Linking to the weather and the time of year, we are currently looking at the core book 'Poles Apart'. The children have been looking at world maps and globes and locating different countries and continents, linked to those shown in the story such as Antarctica, America, England and Australia. We have been discussing what it would be like living in the Arctic or Antarctica compared to our own country and the children have made some lovely comparisons.

Sina - "The south pole has Penguins, we don't"

Elisa - "it's always cold and snowy in Antarctica"



Forest School

Despite the weather, Elephant Class have been thoroughly enjoying their Forest School sessions this term! The children have embraced the outdoors with enthusiasm and curiosity, making the most of every learning opportunity.

They have been engaging in a range of exciting activities, including:

- Den building, working together to design and create shelters
- Campfire experiences, learning about safety and teamwork
- Toasting marshmallows, a favourite moment for many!
- Exploring wild birds, observing their behaviour and learning about the wildlife in our school environment.



Stay and Play Sessions


Turkish speaking families with children aged 0 – 4 years are invited to attend targeted Stay & Play sessions at Craig Park Family Hub. Please follow the link for further information [Turkish Stay And Play Sessions](#)

Special Guardianship / Kinship Care Educational Support

Did you know?

Children in Kinship Care or under a Special Guardianship Order (SGO) are entitled to educational advice and guidance from Enfield's Virtual School.

If you would like to discuss any educational concerns or meet other special guardians and kinship carers, you're warmly invited to the next Coffee Morning:

 Wednesday 11th February

 10:00am – 11:30am

 Dugdale Centre, Enfield

For more information or to reserve your space, please contact:

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