

March 2026

# Newsletter



## Dates For Your Diary

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March: Neurodiversity Celebration Week  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March: **Nursery - Wonderful Women Tea Party**  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March: **Parent Consultations**  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March: **Millfield Dance Festival**  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March: **Comic Relief/Red Nose Day - Children's Dress-up Day** - Donations Welcome  
Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March: **Children's Class photos**  
Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March - **Spring Challenge**  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March: **Last Day of Term - School will be closing at 1:20pm** - Non-School-Uniform Day  
Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March - Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April: Spring Break - **School Closed**  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April: Staff Training Day - **School Closed**  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April: **Children Return to School**  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April: **Fluoride Varnish Treatment:** Nursery, Reception, Year 1  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April: Science Week  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April - **MyMe Coffee Morning** - Year 2 Parents  
Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May: Cultural Awareness Week  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May: Sun Safety Week  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May: Polling Day - **School Closed**  
Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May: **Reception Height and Weight Checks**  
Monday 25<sup>th</sup> - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May: Half Term Break - **School Closed**  
Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June: Staff Training Day - **School Closed**  
Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June: **Children Return to School**  
Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June: **Year 2 Beach Trip**  
Monday 15<sup>th</sup> - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June: Marvellous Men & Water Safety Week  
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June: **Year 1 Zoo Trip**  
Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> - Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June: Healthy Living Week  
Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June: **Sports Day and Family Picnic**  
Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July: **Year 2 Art Exhibitions**  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July: **Year 2 End of Year Performances**  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July: **Last Day of Term - School will be closing at 1:20pm** - Non-School Uniform Day.

## 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.



## Comic Relief Day

This Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March, we will be celebrating **Comic Relief** with a **Special Dress Up Day**, linked with Neurodiversity Week. Our theme this year is:

**"All minds deserve to shine."**

To celebrate this positive and inclusive message, we invite all children to come dressed in **rainbow colours, bright outfits, sparkly clothes, or even face paints. The brighter and bolder, the better!** Together we'll be celebrating the wonderful diversity of all minds and the unique strengths each child brings.

We kindly ask each child to bring a **£1.00 donation**.

Money collected will be shared between Comic Relief and the school, helping us support both an important national cause and our own school community.

Thank you for your support—we can't wait for a bright, joyful, rainbow-filled day! 🌈



## Spring Challenge 2026

**BEE SAFE Online!**

This year's Spring Challenge is all about helping our children learn how to **BEE SAFE** online in a fun and engaging way. During the last week of term, we'll be welcoming parents and children to take part in an online-safety themed challenge.

**Can you complete it and earn a chocolate treat?**

Entry Fee: 50p

**Reception: Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 3:00pm**





**Year 1: Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 3:00pm**

**Year 2: Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 3:00pm**

We look forward to seeing you there and helping our young learners develop their buzzing online safety skills!

## Learning Friends

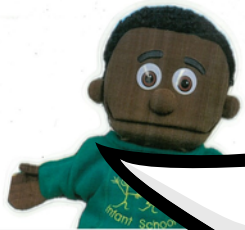
Our learning friends help promote positive attitudes to learning. They are also linked to our school values.

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| 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:** Dilser, King, Juwayriyya, Rickaiya, Shehan, Hosea
- **Tiger Class:** Milo, Arbion
- **Leopard Class:** Hasan, Aras, Mustafa, Shayan, Ela, Ali
- **Gorilla Class:** Alya M, Miran, Deniz, Amelia, Aliyah, Million
- **Rhino Class:** Alba, Obed, Akai, Laniyah, Aya, Geo
- **Giraffe Class:** Yathika, Darcee, Meryem, Xheison, Dean, Frank



**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!**

- 138 children achieved excellent attendance for the month of February.
- An amazing 47 children have maintained 100% attendance so far this Spring Term

What a fantastic achievement!

As we move further into Spring Term 2, 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! ☀️

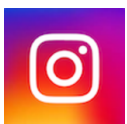


We love celebrating the amazing work our staff do every day, and we know you do too! If you've seen a member of our team go above and beyond, or simply want to recognise their kindness and hard work, we'd love to hear from you.

### ✉️ 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.

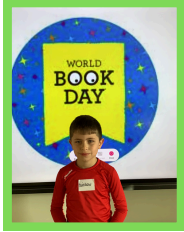
## A Message from Year 2

**"A book is a dream you can hold in your hands." – Neil Gaiman**

Celebrated each year on the first Thursday in March, World Book Day continues to be one of the most eagerly anticipated events in our school calendar. This year, on Thursday 5th March, the children were once again full of excitement as they immersed themselves in stories, authors, illustrations and most importantly, the sheer joy of reading.

We are always delighted to make this day special for the children while encouraging a lifelong love of reading, an adventure they can carry with them wherever they go. Throughout the week, the children enthusiastically took part in a range of activities: designing imaginative front covers for their favourite stories, dressing up as well-known book characters, exploring the library on a story-themed treasure hunt, and creating their own unique bookmarks to take home.

It has been wonderful to see their creativity, curiosity and passion for books shine through.



### A Novel Day Out...

As part of our World Book Week celebrations, Year 2 enjoyed a fantastic trip to Ordnance Road Library. We began our adventure with a short bus ride followed by a lively walk, which the children absolutely loved.

Once inside the library, the children were thrilled to explore the shelves and discover a wide range of exciting books. A highlight of the visit was a beautifully read story from the librarian, which had the whole class completely captivated.

The children's enthusiasm, curiosity, and brilliant behaviour made the trip extra special. It was a thoroughly enjoyable experience for everyone — a perfect way to celebrate the magic of reading!

### Miss Moxy Magic on the Big Screen!

On Friday, our Year 2 children enjoyed a fantastic outing as they set off on a lovely walk through the park on their way to the cinema. The fresh air and chance to explore the outdoors added to the excitement before they settled in to watch Miss Moxy. The children were captivated by the colourful animation and the heart-warming story of Moxy, a pampered house cat who unexpectedly becomes lost while on holiday.

In the film, Moxy teams up with the most unlikely companions; a cheerful dog and a wise old bird, as she begins an adventurous journey across Europe to find her way back home. Along the way, she learns about courage, teamwork, and the true meaning of friendship.

The children had a wonderful time, and we hope it sparked some lovely conversations at home about the characters and the adventure they shared.



## A Message from Kangaroo and Joey Class

In Joey and Kangaroo Class we have been enjoying the story Handa's Surprise and it's been truly fantastic! 🍉🍌🍍🍇 We've been learning all about the delicious fruits in the story—feeling their different textures, talking about how we prepare them, and of course... tasting them!

To finish off our fruity adventures, the children worked together to make a special fruit salad to celebrate all the wonderful women in our lives. It was a lovely way to share our learning and show our appreciation.



## Enfield Singing Festival

Last week, our Year 1 children took part in the Enfield Singing Festival, joining Honilands, Starksfield and St Matthew's for a joyful celebration of music. The hall was filled with wonderful singing, and the children's hard work and dedication to practising their songs really shone through. Their performances sounded fantastic, and it was lovely to see how happy and confident they were on stage, showcasing great wellbeing throughout the event. It was a truly uplifting morning for everyone involved.



## A Message from Year 1

We wanted to share some of the fabulous Science work children have been enjoying in class. Last term, we were exploring materials; from investigating how waterproof materials are to testing their transparency and learning a whole range of new vocabulary to describe different materials. This half term we have been acquiring knowledge about all things plant related, which was especially exciting as it linked beautifully with our trip to Forty Hall! The children have shown wonderful curiosity as they discovered more about the natural world.

During our visit to Forty Hall, the children explored the gardens and outdoor spaces, eagerly spotting different creatures, identifying a variety of plants, and learning about evergreen and deciduous trees. Their enthusiasm, questioning, and observational skills truly impressed us.

We are incredibly proud of the curiosity your children display each day and look forward to continuing to help them learn more about the world around them.



### 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!

## A Message from Reception

Recently in Reception we have been enjoying our core story "Supertato" by Sue Hendra and Paul Linnet. The children loved meeting the brave superhero potato and the mischievous Evil Pea! We used the story to talk about where food comes from and discussed different vegetables and healthy eating. The children shared their favourite fruits and vegetables and thought about how these foods help keep our bodies strong and healthy.

Over the coming weeks, the children will be designing their own vegetable superhero and beginning to write about their character, thinking about what makes them special.

In maths, we have been learning about the numbers 9 and 10. The children practised counting objects carefully, representing these numbers using different resources and recognising them in our classroom environment. We also explored how 10 can be made in different ways, supporting the children in developing their knowledge of number bonds to 10.

In our understanding of the world learning, we have been talking about the changing seasons. As Spring begins, we noticed signs of change around us such as brighter days, new plant growth and warmer weather. The children shared what they have seen outside and discussed how nature changes at this time of year. They have enjoyed spotting minibeasts appearing in our outdoor area while exploring and searching together.

### You might like to:

- Look for signs of Spring on the way to school or in the park.
- Practise counting to 10 using everyday objects at home and the different ways they can make 10 such as 3 and 7, 6 and 4.
- You could talk about your favourite characters from Supertato and what they have enjoyed about the story and any new words they have learnt.



Thank you for your continued support.

## Scooter Donations Welcome!

Our children are absolutely loving riding scooters and bikes in After School Club. It's become one of the most popular activities of the week!

Unfortunately, we don't currently have enough scooters for everyone to join in the fun.

If you have any children's scooters at home that are no longer needed and could be donated to school, we would be incredibly grateful. Every extra scooter helps more children take part, share, and enjoy active play together.

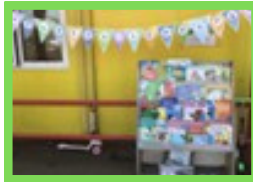
Thank you so much for your support!  

## A Message from Nursery

Our Nursery children in both Otter and Turtle classes have been making the most of the brighter weather and spending lots of time outdoors. They have loved searching for early signs of spring and discovering all sorts of wiggly wonders while exploring worms in our mud kitchen! These hands-on experiences have encouraged curiosity, careful observation, and plenty of excited conversation.

This half term, we have also been sharing traditional tales. We began with Goldilocks and the Three Bears, which inspired porridge-themed messy play and lots of opportunities to explore capacity while measuring oats. Over the next couple of weeks, children will be diving into the story of The Little Red Hen, which always sparks wonderful discussion, role play, and early storytelling skills.

We also had a fantastic time celebrating World Book Day. It was wonderful to see so many children dressed up as Amazing adjectives or their favourite story characters. This created countless opportunities for conversation, new vocabulary, creativity, and imaginative role play. A huge thank you to all the families who supported our Nursery Book Drive; the children were thrilled to choose a book to take home and keep.



We are delighted to share that the Turtle Honesty Library has now been relaunched. Please remember that if you borrow a book, kindly return it before choosing the next one so that there are plenty for everyone to enjoy. All our library books have a special sticker, making them easy to spot.

Finally, we are very much looking forward to welcoming all the Wonderful Women who are important in our children's lives to Otter and Turtle Class on Tuesday 17th March at 11am and 2.30pm. It promises to be a lovely celebration, and we can't wait to see you there!

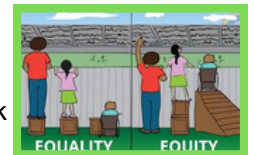


## Neurodiversity week

During another exciting year of celebrating the diversity across our school and within our community, this week, the children will be considering how each and every one of us is unique and special. In Year 1, the children are exploring different ways of learning, seeing things through the eyes of a variety of learning differences and are enjoying books to support their understanding and empathy skills, such as All My Stripes, My Busy Brain and Different is Awesome!



Year 2 will take part in playing Boccia, learning about equality vs equity - equality is sameness; equity is fairness. They will also be creating some unique and individualised self-portraits which recognise and celebrate their differences, using a range of materials while exploring their artistic flare! The children's work will be displayed on our Neurodiversity Wall with pride around our school.



### All minds deserve to shine!

Our Reception children are reading Perfectly Norman (part of a wonderful series that supports conversations about feelings and overcoming challenges) and Some Brains.

They are focussing on sensory needs, as well as their own and others' emotions and well-being. The children are learning how we all discover and experience the world around us—and how some people may find that a little harder than others.



## A Message from Our SENDCo

I am happy to invite you to attend an informal drop in opportunity to meet and chat about any SEND concerns you may have about your child. Please register your interest and a preferred time slot by completing a slip located at the main school office.

Fri 27<sup>th</sup> March 8.50 - 9.45

Fri 17<sup>th</sup> April 8.50-9.45

Fri 1<sup>st</sup> May 8.50-9.45 (10 minutes slots)



## Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education 📖🧘👤

During this half term, children have been learning about Money. What is it? Where does it come from? Spend it or Save it?. The children have also taken part in Sleep Awareness Week (9th–15th March). They have been learning about the importance of getting enough sleep and how it supports their health, mood, and overall wellbeing.

**Here are some helpful tips from The Sleep Charity to create a good routine: [The Sleep Charity](#)**

- Take some time to plan your routine and write it down. Work out what time it will start and ideally this should be an hour before your child goes to sleep. Display the new routine where everybody in the home can follow it e.g. stick it on the fridge or on a bedroom door.
- Do the same thing at the same time each day, including having a set wake up time each morning. We know this is difficult at the weekend, but it is important to have these set times to support your child's body clock.
- Turn off all screens at the start of the routine. They may suppress the body's production of melatonin, the sleep hormone, and make it more difficult to nod off.
- Consider whether having a light supper time snack in the routine would be helpful – we have an advice sheet all about sleepy food.
- Dim the lights in the hour before bed to encourage the production of melatonin, this will help to promote that sleepy feeling.
- Younger children may enjoy a bedtime box, filled with a selection of activities to carry out during the routine. Hand eye co-ordination activities such as jigsaws, colouring and threading are great for promoting relaxation. Older children may prefer to read, play a board game or take part in a craft activity.
- A bath 30 minutes before bed can help to promote sleep, the decrease in body temperature after a bath can help us to nod off more easily.
- Once in bed sharing a story is a great way to end the day or older children may prefer to read independently.

## Celebrating Our Wonderful Women

We hope all of our wonderful women had an enjoyable Mother's Day on Sunday 15th March.

This month, we are also marking International Women's Day, held on 8th March. Throughout March, each year group has planned a variety of activities and events to help children celebrate and recognise the amazing women in their lives and around the world.

It has been a lovely opportunity for the children to learn, appreciate, and express gratitude for the important women who support, inspire, and care for them every day.



## 🌙 Ramadan and Eid al-Fitr

Muslims around the world are observing the holy month of Ramadan, a time of deep spiritual reflection, prayer, and fasting. Ramadan begins with the sighting of the crescent moon, which usually appears the night after a new moon. In 2026, Ramadan began on 17th February.

As one of the five pillars of Islam—alongside faith, prayer, charity, and pilgrimage, Ramadan marks the moment the Quran was first revealed to the Prophet Muhammad. This sacred month is honoured through fasting from sunrise to sunset, acts of kindness, and time spent in prayer and community.

This year, Eid al-Fitr, the festival that marks the end of Ramadan, is expected to fall on the night of 19<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup> March, depending on the moon sighting.

**We would like to wish all members of our school community who observe Ramadan and celebrate Eid al-Fitr:**

**Eid Mubarak!** 🌙🌟

If your family is celebrating Eid al-Fitr and your child will be absent from school, please remember to inform the school office.

## Your voice matters: You could win £100 by telling us about your morning school run

Carterhatch Infant School has a unique opportunity to help design how free breakfast clubs will look for families across the country.

We need your help. Ipsos researchers want to hear from our parents to understand what the morning school run looks like for you.

Designed by parents, for parents. We've worked closely with parents to make sure this survey asks the right questions and doesn't take up too much of your time.

**The ask:** Complete a 10-minute survey [Click HERE](#).\*

**The thank you:** A chance to win a £100 voucher.

**Who: Everyone!** We want to hear from you whether you currently use the breakfast club or not.

Help ensure the national Breakfast Club programme works for parents like you.\* If completing the survey online does not work for you, please email [UK-PA-BreakfastClubsResearch@ipsos.com](mailto:UK-PA-BreakfastClubsResearch@ipsos.com).

# HAF Enfield

30th March  
- 10th April

# Easter 2026



Reception  
to Year 11

**FREE\*** places available on  
Enfield's Holiday Activities  
and Food (HAF) programme  
this Easter. For more  
information visit

**Holiday activities and  
food programme  
| Enfield Council**

*\*Free for those in receipt of  
benefits related free school meals*



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