

April 2026 Newsletter



Dates For Your Diary

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**
Friday 17th April: **Fluoride Varnish Treatment:** Nursery, Reception, Year 1
Monday 20th - Friday 24th April: Science Week
Friday 24th April - **MyMe Coffee Morning** - Year 2 Parents
Monday 27th April - Friday 1st May: Cultural Awareness Week
Monday 4th - Friday 8th May: Sun Safety Week
Thursday 7th May: Polling Day - **School Closed**
Tuesday 12th May: **Reception Height and Weight Checks**
Monday 25th - Friday 29th May: Half Term Break - **School Closed**
Monday 1st June: Staff Training Day - **School Closed**
Tuesday 2nd June: **Children Return to School**
Thursday 4th June: **Year 2 Beach Trip**
Monday 15th - Friday 19th June: Marvellous Men & Water Safety Week
Thursday 18th June: **Year 1 Zoo Trip**
Monday 22nd - Friday 26th June: Healthy Living Week
Thursday 25th June: **Sports Day and Family Picnic**
Wednesday 1st - Friday 3rd July: **Year 2 Art Exhibitions**
Tuesday 7th July: **Year 2 End of Year Performances**
Friday 17th 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.

Enfield Dance Festival - Congratulations to Our Dancers

We are incredibly proud of all the children who took part in this year's Enfield Dance Festival. The theme was "Idols," and our dancers performed an exciting routine to the iconic 80s hit "Sweet Dreams" by the Eurythmics, inspired by Annie Lennox's unforgettable style and energy.

The audience especially loved the moment where the children confidently performed the "hold your head up, moving on" section; a fast-paced, high-energy sequence that they all delivered brilliantly. Their timing, enthusiasm and teamwork shone throughout the performance.

Our Headteacher shared a heartfelt message after the show:

"A big shout-out to Lucas and all the children who took part in the dance festival!

It was absolutely amazing. I was so proud, I even cried happy tears. The children clearly loved every moment, and it was such a wonderful experience for them to dance on a real stage, under the lights, with Annie Lennox playing loudly and an audience who truly enjoyed it."

A huge well done to every child involved, your confidence, creativity and commitment were outstanding. What a fantastic achievement!

We are delighted to share that the full dance performance is now available to watch on our school website.

[Enfield Dance Festival - Video Gallery](#)

We hope you enjoy reliving this special moment and celebrating the children's fantastic achievement once again.

Year 2 Coffee Morning – Friday 24th April

On Friday 24th April, MyMe (CAMHS) and Rebecca, our SENDCo, will be hosting a special coffee morning for Year 2 parents. The session will focus on supporting children with their transition into the Junior School this September.

This will be a great opportunity to ask questions, and learn more about the transition process. All Year 2 parents are warmly welcome to attend.





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Supporting the progression of young people in Enfield
For further information contact Carterhatch Infant School
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Learning Friends

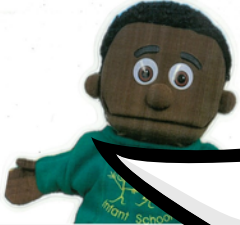
Our learning friends help promote positive attitudes to learning. They are also linked to our school values.

			
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:** Dilser, King
- **Tiger Class:** Tianna-Rose, Eva, Tabassum
- **Leopard Class:** Noah, Kairo
- **Gorilla Class:** Yasmine, Deniz, Arda, Hooman
- **Rhino Class:** Noel, Soleil
- **Giraffe Class:** Lucy, Defne, Amari-James, Adel



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!

- 75 children achieved excellent attendance for the month of March.
- 19 children have maintained 100% attendance throughout the Spring Term

As we move into the Summer Term we can work together to 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!

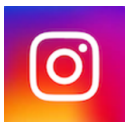


We love celebrating the amazing work our staff do every day, and we know you do too! If you've seen a member of our team go above and beyond, or simply want to recognise their kindness and hard work, we'd love to hear from you.

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your wonderful support this term. The children have worked incredibly hard, and we are very proud of their progress.



Keep Reading Over Easter

Just 10 minutes of reading a day makes a big difference. Research shows children who read for 10 minutes daily are exposed to over 600,000 words a year, boosting vocabulary, comprehension and confidence.

Even short daily reading "bursts" improve early reading fluency.

All reading counts — storybooks, comics, recipes or reading together.



Looking Ahead: Multiplication Skills

Although Year 4 is still a little way ahead, pupils will eventually take the Multiplication Tables Check, which assesses recall of facts up to 12×12 .

The curriculum requires pupils to know these facts by the end of Year 4.

To prepare in a gentle, age-appropriate way, Year 2 children can practise their 2s, 5s, and 10s.



After Easter

We're looking forward to summer activities including trips, outdoor learning and Sports Day. More details will follow next term.

Wishing you a restful Easter break!

Warm regards,

The Year 2 Team

A Message from Year 1

Well, what a busy half-term it's been in Year 1! From our fabulous trip to Forty Hall, to our exciting new playground markings, there has been lots to get excited about this half-term. We would like to thank you for your support so far this year and especially those that have been able to support on our trips. It is truly appreciated by the children and staff. We hope you all have a lovely, relaxing Easter break and everybody returns rested and ready for the final term of the year!

How can I support my child at home?

Counting: We have been working hard on our number bonds to 10 in Year 1. These are number facts that will help increase your child's numerical fluency. The more they practice these, the quicker they will get.

$0 + 10 = 10$
 $1 + 9 = 10$
 $2 + 8 = 10$
 $3 + 7 = 10$
 $4 + 6 = 10$
 $5 + 5 = 10$
 $6 + 4 = 10$
 $7 + 3 = 10$
 $8 + 2 = 10$
 $9 + 1 = 10$
 $10 + 0 = 10$

NUMBER FACTS

1

Is the only number that is neither prime nor composite



2

is the smallest prime number



3

is the first odd prime number



4

is the smallest perfect square



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!

Writing: Year 1 children have been working extremely hard on their presentation, and we are really beginning to see this reflected in their written work. However, some children are finding it tricky to adopt the correct pencil grip, so you can really help them at home by making sure that they are holding their pencil using the correct grip, which can be seen in the video below.

[How to hold your Pencil: Correct Pencil Grip](#)

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 17th April 8.50-9.45

Fri 1st May 8.50-9.45 (10 minutes slots)



A Message from Reception

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended our recent parent consultations.

It was a pleasure to meet with you and celebrate the wonderful progress your children are making. These meetings are a valuable opportunity to share achievements and discuss ways we can continue to support your child's learning both at home and in school.

Please continue reading regularly with your child.

Sharing stories—whether in English or in your home language—has a big impact on your child's vocabulary and understanding. After reading together, try discussing the story, talking about new words they may have heard, and asking what they enjoyed most. These conversations help build confidence, language development and comprehension skills.

Our main focus this half term in Maths, has been exploring numbers to 10, focusing on composition—understanding how numbers can be made up of smaller parts. For example, knowing that 7 can be made from 5 and 2, or 3 and 4. Children have enjoyed using practical resources and games to explore these number pairs. Please continue to look at the numbers to 10 and in particular the bonds to make these numbers, at home.

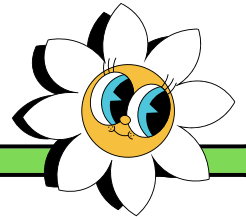
Next half term, we are very much looking forward to our trip to Willows Farm. Please ensure you have signed the permission slip for your child to attend and have made the payment through your Arbor account.

Our core book next half term will be *What the Ladybird Heard*.

This story links beautifully to our farm trip and will help us think about farm animals and where our food comes from.

Have a wonderful Spring Break.

The Reception Team



A Message from Nursery

It has been a busy and exciting couple of weeks in Nursery! The children and staff loved welcoming so many Wonderful Women to our special celebration. Thank you for joining us to share cakes and biscuits and for spending valuable time in the Nursery with your child.



The children also had a fabulous time celebrating Neurodiversity Week and raising money for Comic Relief by coming to school dressed in bright or sparkly colours. Their enthusiasm and creativity made the week truly memorable!

Celebrations in Our Community

As we move through April, we are pleased to recognise and celebrate a number of important cultural and religious events taking place this month.

This week, many members of our community are celebrating Passover (1st–9th April 2026), a significant Jewish festival that commemorates the exodus from Egypt. We wish all our Jewish families a very Happy Passover as they mark this meaningful time with family and tradition.

We are also approaching Easter, one of the most important holy days in the Christian calendar. Easter Sunday falls on 5th April 2025, and the season includes Lent and Holy Week leading up to Resurrection Sunday. We wish a Happy Easter to everyone in our community who is celebrating.

April is also filled with other celebrations and awareness days. Many families are marking World Autism Awareness Day on 2nd April, a global event promoting understanding and inclusion.

Later in the month, communities around the world celebrate Vaisakhi on 13th April, an important Sikh festival marking the formation of the Khalsa.

We send our warmest wishes to all families in our school community who are celebrating any special occasion throughout April. May these moments bring joy, reflection and togetherness.

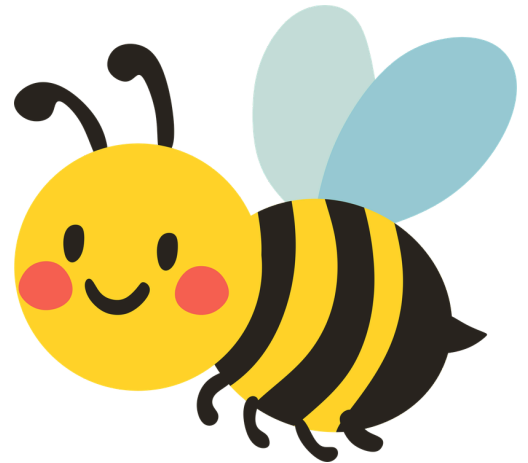


Spring Challenge

A big thank you to all of our families who took part in this year's Spring Challenge: **BEE SAFE** Online Safety Quiz! We were so impressed by how many parents and children worked together to confidently answer all of the online safety questions. The children's beautifully coloured **BEE SAFE** bees are now on display at the front of the school for everyone to enjoy. They look fantastic and show just how engaged our families are in learning about online safety.

Answers Revealed!

- **If you get a message from someone you don't know, what should you do?**
 - a) Reply straight away
 - b) Ignore it and tell an adult**
 - c) Share it with friends
- **Should you share your password with anyone except a trusted adult?**
 - a) Yes
 - b) No**
- **If something online worries you, what should you do?**
 - a) Keep it a secret
 - b) Tell a trusted adult**
 - c) Try to fix it alone
- **Which is safe to share online?**
 - a) Your full name
 - b) Your favourite colour**
 - c) Your home address
- **If someone online asks to meet you, what should you do?**
 - a) Say yes
 - b) Say no and tell an adult**



To keep the conversation going about staying safe online, we encourage families to explore the NSPCC Online Safety advice, which offers clear, parent-friendly guidance on a wide range of online safety topics.

You can find it here:

[NSPCC Online Safety for Families](#)

Together, we can continue to help our children stay safe and confident online.

Congratulations to Our Easter Raffle Winners!

A huge well done to all of our Easter Raffle winners!

We loved seeing the excitement as the prizes were announced, and it was wonderful to share a little Easter joy across our school community.

Thank you to everyone who took part, your enthusiasm and support help make events like this so special. We hope our lucky winners enjoy their treats, and we wish all our families a bright, happy, and restful Spring break!



Comic Relief & Neurodiversity Week – Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who took part in our Comic Relief celebrations and helped us mark Neurodiversity Week in such a vibrant and joyful way! It was wonderful to see so many bright, bold, and sparkly colours filling our school, your enthusiasm truly brought our theme, “All minds deserve to shine,” to life.

A huge thank you to all parents and children for your generosity.

We raised a fantastic total of £116.00, which will be shared between Comic Relief and our school.

Your support makes a meaningful difference—thank you!



Our Conference & Family Room – We’d Love Your Ideas!

We are excited to share that our Conference and Family Room will be having a make-over. Once the space is complete, we look forward to reopening it as a warm, welcoming hub for our families and restarting our much-loved Parent Coffee Mornings.

As we plan ahead, we would love to hear your ideas about what you’d find most helpful or enjoyable:

- Would you prefer informal sessions where you can simply chat and meet other parents?
- Or would you be interested in themed sessions focusing on topics such as wellbeing, learning support, behaviour strategies, or school life?

Tell Us What You'd Love!



We are also exploring the possibility of hosting parent workshops in the future. Before making any plans, we would really like to know:

Would you be interested in attending a Parent First Aid Course?

Are there any other courses or workshops you would find useful?

Your suggestions will help us shape a programme that truly supports our families and makes the most of this refreshed space. We look forward to hearing your ideas and welcoming you into our new and improved room very soon

WORK IN PROGRESS

After School Club !

Our After School Club runs every day from Monday to Friday, offering a safe, fun and engaging end to the school day for all children from Reception to Year 2.

We are excited to introduce new themed activity days, which are currently running on:

- ⚽ Mondays – Football Skills
- 🚲 Tuesdays – Bike Skills

More themed days will be introduced soon, with a growing range of activities for children to enjoy. Please keep an eye on future newsletters for updates as our offer continues to expand.

In the event of poor weather, outdoor activities will be replaced with enjoyable indoor sessions, including LEGO and construction, board games, arts and crafts, and other fun options.

ASC continues to offer two session times: until 4:30pm or until 5:30pm, with a snack provided (or children may bring their own).

For more information or to book a place, please contact the school office.

Reading for Pleasure

Reading for pleasure plays a hugely positive role in young children’s development. Just a few minutes of shared reading each day helps children grow their vocabulary, improve listening skills, and foster a lifelong love of books. Most importantly, reading together creates calm, happy moments that nurture confidence and curiosity. By encouraging regular reading at home, whether it’s a bedtime story or a cosy chat about pictures, you can give your child a powerful and joyful love of reading!

