

June 2026

Newsletter



Carterhatch Infant School
The best start in life for all our children - no excuses, no compromise

Dates For Your Diary

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**
Friday 5th June: **Paper Drop for New Parents Reception 2026**
Friday 5th June: World Environment Day
Monday 8th - Friday 12th June: **Breakfast Activity Week**
Monday 15th - Friday 19th June: Marvellous Men & Water Safety Week
Thursday 18th June: **Year 1 Zoo Trip**
Monday 22nd June: **Paper Drop for New Parents Nursery 2026**
Monday 22nd - Friday 26th June: Healthy Living Week
Wednesday 24th June: **Nursery Sports Day**
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.

Breakfast Club Activity Week

To celebrate and promote a healthy start to the day from Monday 8th - Friday 12th June, we're excited to be running a special Activity Week for all children!

Each day from 8:15am, children are invited to join our FREE Activity Clubs, including Lego, arts and crafts, computing and many more...

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 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!



PLEASE

Could You Help with Friday Snack Day?

Our Snack Day Friday is a much-loved part of the school week, and we are always grateful for the support families give to help make it possible. As the weather gets warmer, ice lollies will be back too! We would really appreciate the help of a few parent volunteers to support us with selling snacks at the end of the school day. Even a small amount of time makes a big difference and is very much appreciated.

Friday Snack Day is part of our wider fundraising, which helps support all of the children in our school. Thanks to your continued generosity, we have recently been able to purchase new outdoor furniture to enhance children's outdoor learning experiences.

If you're able to help, please contact the school office. Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support.



Staffing Update

We will be saying goodbye to Lucy, who will be starting at a new school in Hertfordshire after half-term. Lucy has been a member of our inclusion team for the past three years. During her time with us, she has supported many children, building positive and caring relationships with them.





We would like to thank her for all the work she has done to support children and their families, and I am sure you will join me in wishing Lucy a happy and successful future in her new school.

Sarah Clements
Headteacher



Learning Friends

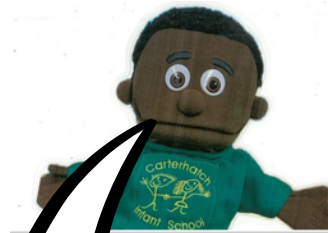
Our learning friends help promote positive attitudes to learning. They are also linked to our school values.

			
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:** Sea, Anna, Hosea, Omar
- **Tiger Class:** Jacob, Aylah
- **Leopard Class:** Shayan, Sener
- **Gorilla Class:** Elyesa, Arda, Miran, Liam
- **Rhino Class:** Ayuub, Enkhrii, Eren
- **Giraffe Class:** Armela, Giovanni, Lena, Yathika



Well done to the 154 children who achieved excellent attendance during the month of May.

A fantastic achievement!

We'd also like to give a special mention to the 113 children who achieved 100% attendance for the Summer 1 Term. This shows an amazing commitment to learning, and we are extremely proud of them.

As we move into Summer 2 Term, let's see if we can do even better. Every day counts!

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! ☀️



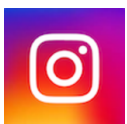
We love celebrating the amazing work our staff do every day, and we know you do too! If you've seen a member of our team go above and beyond, or simply want to recognise their kindness and hard work, we'd love to hear from you.

✉️ **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

Welcome to June

June is here, bringing sunshine, longer days and lots of smiles! It's a wonderful time of year when everything feels full of energy and excitement. We have lots of fun activities, special visitors and memorable moments planned—so get ready for a joyful and busy month ahead!

Up, Up and Away – Air Ambulance Visit!

We were lucky enough to have a very special visit from the Air Ambulance team this month and what an exciting experience it was! The children were full of curiosity as they discovered how the crew helps people in emergencies and just how quickly they can zoom across London to save lives.

We even got to see some of their amazing equipment and learnt all about staying safe and looking after others. Who knows... we might have some future pilots or lifesavers in the making!

Marvellous Men Week

As part of this event, we will be shining a spotlight on the important men in our children's lives and celebrating them. Whether it's dads, uncles, grandads, big brothers or family friends get ready for your awards and certificates! Through discussions, writing and fun activities we will be exploring the qualities that they think you have, and we will provide the children with a chance to say thank you in their own creative way.



Healthy Bodies, Happy Minds!



Starting on Monday 22nd June, we will be celebrating our Healthy Living Week; a fun-filled week focused on building healthy habits for life! Throughout the event, children will take part in exciting activities that promote healthy eating, physical activity, and mental wellbeing. This special week also gives us the perfect opportunity to revisit and build on our science learning about healthy humans including how to keep our bodies strong, why exercise is important and the role of a balanced diet.

Beach Trip Excitement!

We are so excited for our upcoming beach trip this month. The children are already looking forward to a day full of sand, sea and smiles. Just a gentle reminder that this is a children-only trip, with our experienced staff team accompanying them. For health and safety reasons, we kindly ask that parents and carers do not attend. Don't worry—we'll be capturing lots of special moments and will share plenty of photos with you in next month's newsletter!



A Message from Year 1

This half-term has been all about keeping healthy! Year 1 children have designed and made their own fruit kebabs which they loved doing as part of our Design and Technology unit, and they especially enjoyed eating the finished product!

We were also able to take a small group of Year 1 children to an event at Donkey Lane playing fields as part of the Enfield PE Team's 'Summer of Fun'. This was a great opportunity for some of our children to try new sports like golf and tag-rugby as well as show off their dance moves and their football skills. As always, the staff running the event were full of praise for how well Carterhatch children represented the school, leaving us feeling very proud!



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?

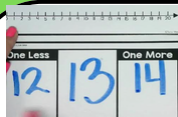
Challenge: Can you find 10 more or 10 less than a given number?

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!

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 Reception



In Maths, we have been focusing on numbers to 20. The children are developing their confidence in recognising, ordering and comparing numbers, as well as beginning to solve simple practical problems.

You can support at home by asking your child to count objects (e.g. toys, steps, snacks), match quantities to numbers, or play simple games such as "one more, one less."

In Phonics and daily reading sessions, the children are becoming much more confident in using their sounds to read and write. They are working hard to read simple words and sentences and we are encouraging them to write their own simple sentences independently. Please continue to encourage your child to read regularly at home and to have a go at writing words and short sentences - this could be a short note to a family member, a card for a friend or a shopping list.

Our core book, Rain by Manya Stojic, has inspired lots of wonderful learning. This has linked beautifully to looking at growing seeds and what they need to survive. We have planted tomato seeds and cress seeds and are carefully observing the changes over time.

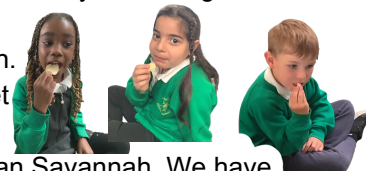
We have also been exploring our senses, thinking about what we can see, hear, smell and touch.

The children especially enjoyed taste testing different foods and describing them. We tried sweet popcorn, salty crisps, bitter rocket lettuce and sour lemon.

Through our core book, we have been learning about different environments, including the African Savannah. We have compared this with our own environment, noticing differences in animals, weather and landscapes.

Please talk to your child about their learning in school - what have they enjoyed the most? What could you practise more at home?

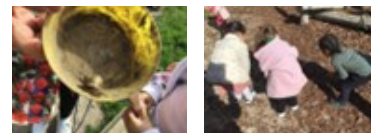
Thank you for your support.



A Message from Nursery

Children have really enjoyed the theme of minibests this half term, exploring the mud kitchen to find characters from the stories we have shared, including caterpillars, worms and spiders. This has supported them in taking on new challenges through their imaginative and exploratory play.

As we look forward to the warmer weather, please ensure that your child has suncream applied before the session and brings a LABELLED water bottle and hat.



A Message from Kangaroo and Joey Class

In Kangaroo and Joey Class, we have been learning all about life on the farm through the story The Little Red Hen. The children have taken part in lots of exciting, hands-on activities inspired by the story.

We have been exploring seeds, searching for them just like the Little Red Hen, and then planting the ones we found. The children have loved watching how things grow! We also had great fun making our own bread rolls, which the children proudly shared with their families.

This learning has supported the children in developing perseverance, as they experienced the process of growing and making something from start to finish.

We would love to know—what tasty things can you make at home using flour?



Mobile Phones on School Grounds

We kindly remind parents and carers that mobile phones should not be used on school grounds. This helps us keep all children safe and ensures our attention remains fully on them at the beginning and end of the school day. Thank you for your understanding and continued support in helping keep our school environment calm, safe, and focused for everyone.



Personal Belongings at School

We kindly remind parents and carers that children should not bring personal belongings or toys from home into school, as these can easily become lost or cause distraction from learning.

Thank you for your understanding and support in helping us keep the school day focused, calm, and enjoyable for all children.

World Environment Day - Friday 5th June

This month, we will be marking World Environment Day, which is a very special event for our school. It provides a wonderful opportunity for the children to learn about caring for our planet and to understand how even the smallest actions can make a big difference. Through thoughtful discussions and engaging activities, we will explore important themes such as protecting our environment, reducing waste, and working together to create a better future for everyone. This is a topic we truly value, as it helps to inspire a sense of responsibility, kindness and pride in looking after the world we all share.

Family Eco Challenge

We would love families to join in at home! Can you try some of these simple eco-friendly challenges together?

- Turn off lights and taps when not in use
- Walk, scoot, or cycle to school if you can
- Use a reusable water bottle or lunchbox
- Recycle or reuse something at home
- Spend time outdoors and look after nature

★ Challenge!

Can your family complete at least 3 this week? Let your child share what they did with their class; we'd love to celebrate their efforts!

Together, we can make a big difference; one small step at a time.



Pride and Respect

This month, our learning continues to focus on kindness, respect and helping children to feel confident in themselves while understanding others.

June is marked as Pride month. As part of our Relationships Education in KS1, children will be learning about the different kinds of relationships that make up our community.

Throughout the year, we encourage children to understand that everyone is unique and deserves to feel valued and included. In June, this includes helping children to understand that people's lives and experiences may not all be the same and encouraging them to treat others with understanding and respect.

Pride is an opportunity to focus on feeling comfortable in who we are and valuing others. This links closely to the kindness, respect, and inclusion we promote every day in school.

During our Thoughtful Thursday sessions, children will spend time reflecting on themselves and thinking about what makes them special and what they feel proud of.


The main focus of these lessons is to support children in understanding that:

- Everyone should feel able to be themselves
- Everyone can feel proud of who they are
- Everyone deserves to be treated with kindness and respect



Wellbeing & Our Family Room

As we continue to focus on mental health and wellbeing, we'd like to remind families that walking is a simple and effective way to support mental health. We are exploring the idea of a parent walking group, which could start with a relaxed coffee morning in the Family Room before heading out for a gentle walk together. If you'd be interested, please contact Sandra, our Family Support Worker.

Supporting wellbeing is a key priority for us, and we know how important connection and community are for good mental health. As we prepare to reopen our newly refreshed Family and Conference Room, we're really looking forward to welcoming families back into this warm, welcoming space. We would love to hear your ideas for future activities and sessions that support wellbeing and family life, as  will help shape a programme that truly meets the needs of our community.



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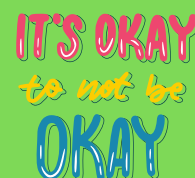
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Healthy Eating Week - Find Your Healthier You

We are excited to be taking part in the British Nutrition Foundation's Healthy Eating Week from 10–14 June 2026. This year's theme, "Find Your Healthier You," encourages everyone to explore simple ways to make healthier choices.

In school, children will be learning about balanced diets by designing their own healthy plates. They will be thinking carefully about including key food groups such as fibre, protein, fruit and vegetables, and dairy to help keep their bodies healthy and strong.

You can support this at home by talking about healthy food choices and encouraging children to try new ingredients.

🍴 Why not try this tasty recipe at home?

Easy Vegetable & Lentil Pasta

A simple, nutritious and budget-friendly meal for the whole family.

Ingredients

- 1 cup red lentils
- 1 tin chopped tomatoes
- 1 small onion (finely chopped)
- 1–2 carrots (grated or finely chopped)
- 1 small courgette (optional, grated)
- 1 clove garlic (optional)
- 1 tablespoon oil
- 1 teaspoon mixed herbs
- 200–300g pasta
- 2–3 cups water

Method

1. Heat oil in a pan and gently cook the onion, carrot and garlic for 5 minutes.
2. Add the lentils, chopped tomatoes, herbs and water.
3. Simmer for 15–20 minutes, stirring occasionally, until the lentils are soft.
4. Add grated courgette (if using) and cook for a further 5 minutes.
5. Cook pasta separately and mix together before serving.



Serving ideas

- Sprinkle a little cheese on top
- Serve with bread for a more filling meal
- Blend the sauce for fussier eaters



Online Safety Top Tip

As part of the school's online safety message, it is good to regularly remind pupils to TAG



If you're ever concerned about something your child has seen online, it's important to know that help is available. You can report any online concerns directly through the Child Exploitation and Online Protection (CEOP) website.

<https://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/parents/>

CEOP is here to support you and your child - don't hesitate to reach out if something doesn't feel right.

Parent and Carer Courses

We would like to remind all parents and carers that a range of helpful courses are available on our school website. These courses are designed to support you in areas such as parenting strategies, wellbeing, online safety, and supporting your child at home. They are free to access and can be completed at your own pace. We encourage you to take advantage of these valuable resources. Please visit the school website [Courses for Parents and Carers](#) for more information and to get started.

Eid Mubarak

We would like to extend our warmest wishes to all of our families who have recently been celebrating Eid. We hope you have enjoyed this special time with your loved ones, filled with joy, reflection, and togetherness.

EID MUBARAK

After School Club Updates

Our After School Club (ASC) continues to provide a safe, fun and engaging end to the school day for children from Reception to Year 2, running daily from Monday to Friday.

We are delighted to be continuing our themed activity days, which are already proving very popular:

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

We look forward to adding more themed days soon, with an even wider range of activities for the children to enjoy. Please keep an eye on future newsletters for updates.

If the weather doesn't allow for outdoor activities, children still have plenty of fun indoors, taking part in LEGO and construction, board games, arts and crafts, and other engaging activities.

ASC continues to offer two session times: until 4:30pm or 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. Further information can also be found on our school website. [Breakfast and After School Club](#)

Extra-Curricular Clubs Highlights

It has been a fantastic half term across our extra-curricular clubs, with children exploring new interests, building skills and enjoying a wide range of experiences.

🌱 Gardening Club

Our gardeners have been very busy planting a wonderful variety of fruits, vegetables and flowers including wildflowers, peas, tomatoes, sunflowers, broccoli, chard, carrots, potatoes and strawberries. We are excited to hopefully enjoy the fruits (and vegetables!) of our labour soon. A big thank you to Geo's mum for her generous donation of plants.

👨‍🍳 Cooking Club

The children in Cooking Club have had a fantastic time exploring a range of healthy recipes and developing their confidence in the kitchen. They have enjoyed preparing and tasting different dishes, learning about ingredients, and practising important skills such as measuring, mixing and following instructions.

It has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm grow as they work together, try new foods and take pride in what they create.

🔥 Forest School Club (Year 1)

In Forest School Club, our year 1 children have had some amazing outdoor adventures, including making ice cream, cooking hot dogs, preparing hot chocolate and toasting marshmallows over the fire. We also had great fun camouflaging ourselves for a game of hide and seek in our rewilding area. We've explored wildlife and habitats through outdoor learning activities. Where the children got creative making beautiful Hapa Zome pictures using flowers they found, as well as making earth candles, bees, and elder bead bracelets. It has been wonderful to see everyone building confidence, teamwork, and a love for the outdoors.

This half-term, Forest School will also be open to Reception children—we would love for them to join us!

Ongoing and New Clubs

🏆 Get Active Club

We are continuing our popular Get Active sessions, where children take part in a range of sports including tennis, badminton, hockey, dodgeball and gym work, helping to develop teamwork and physical confidence.

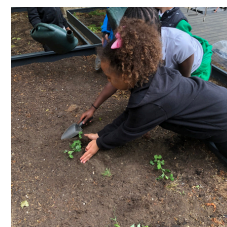
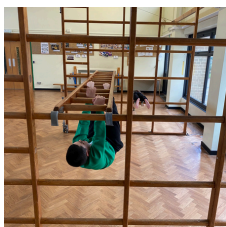
🎨 Arts and Crafts Club

Children have the opportunity to explore a variety of creative activities, allowing them to express themselves, build new skills, and enjoy creating in a supportive and vibrant environment.

👯 Bollywood Dance Club

This lively and engaging club introduces children to the vibrant art of Bollywood dance, helping to build confidence, coordination and a love of movement.

For more information about our school clubs, please visit our school website. [Clubs at Carterhatch](#)



Enfield Parenting Directory

Our Directory has a range of evidence-based parenting resources to support parents & carers through their parenting journey

Accessible and easy to use

Available in different languages

Direct links to Enfield Start for Life, Local Offer, Informed Families, My Life, EarlyHelp4All directory

Start for Life

0-2 years



Early Years

1-5 years



Primary Years

4-11 years



Tweens & Teens

10-18 years



For more information visit www.enfieldparentingdirectory.co.uk



SAFE Abridged

Programme overview: SAFE Abridged is a 6-week family programme for parents/carers of autistic children, delivered in a small supportive group programme where parents/carers can step back, reflect, and share ideas with others.

- Understand your child's strengths and needs
- Think about family life and relationships and what supports wellbeing
- Build practical resources to overcome barriers and cope with challenges
- Leave with strategies you can try at home between sessions

Facilitators:

Claire Collins – Lead Autism Educational Psychologist & Family Therapy Practitioner
 Marsha Walton – Parent Support Advisor, Enfield Advisory Service for Autism (EASA)

Format:

- Pre-session phone call to explain the program
- Small group context at Bell Lane (maximum 8–10 parents/carers)
- Slides and guided discussion, handouts provided where helpful
- Please try to attend all sessions (each week builds on the last)
- Follow up review session September

What parents/carers have said about SAFE Abridged...

- This program has really stretched and expanded my knowledge. I want to articulate how valuable and useful these sessions have been.
- I've found it so reassuring to not be judged when sharing events I find difficult to navigate.
- I feel less alone talking to others.
- Having interaction and taking with people in the same boat has really helped.

Summer Term
Tuesdays 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th June 7th July 2026
10:00am - 12:30pm
SAFE (Abridged) System Autism Related Family Enabling Programme Registration Link

EASA kindly asks that if you can no longer attend an event or training, please cancel your booking in advance via your confirmation form in order to free up the space for other families or settings who have need of our service. Failure to cancel may incur a charge.