

July 2026

# Newsletter



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

## Dates For Your Diary

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July: **Year 2 Art Exhibitions**  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July: **Parent's Measles and Vaccination information meeting**  
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**  
Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September: **School Closed - Staff Training Day**  
Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September: **Children Return to School - Year 1 & Year 2**  
Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September: **New Reception and Nursery - Home Visits Begin**  
Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September: **Reception Stay and Play Sessions Begin.**  
Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September: **Nursery Stay and Play Sessions Begin**  
Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September: **Reception Children start school - Half day session**  
**Our Nursery settling dates will be shared with you soon.**



## 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.

## Measles & MMR Information Session

The Health Protection Team will be visiting our school to offer a short session for parents about measles and the MMR (measles, mumps and rubella) vaccine.

Earlier this year, there were confirmed cases of measles in Enfield, and while many families have since ensured their children are vaccinated, there are still some children across the borough who have not yet received the MMR vaccine.

This friendly and informative session will:

- Share key facts about measles and how it spreads
- Explain the importance of the MMR vaccine
- Give parents the opportunity to ask questions or raise any concerns about vaccinations

We know that some parents may have questions or would simply like more information, and this is a great opportunity to speak directly with health professionals in a supportive, non-judgemental environment.

The session will take place on: **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July at 9:00am**

Stay healthy 😊

## Year 2 Art Exhibition

Our Year 2 children have been working so hard on their artwork, and we can't wait to share their creations with you!

Join us at their class exhibition days to celebrate their talent and dedication. This is a wonderful opportunity to support their creativity and enjoy a special moment together.

Come along to view their final masterpieces on display, and enjoy the opportunity to take home a beautifully framed piece of artwork for just £5.00.

A special keepsake to treasure forever.

**Exhibition Dates:**

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July - Tiger Class**

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July - Leopard Class**

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July - Jaguar Class**

**We look forward to seeing you there from 3:00pm!**

Collect your child from the hall on their exhibition day.

**Year 2 End of Year Performances will be held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July at 9:00am and at 2:15pm. For more information, please speak to your class teacher.**







## Class Swap Day

On Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July, our current Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children will have the exciting opportunity to spend some time with their new class teacher for the upcoming school year. This is a great chance for them to get to know their teacher and begin building a positive connection. To help parents feel part of this transition, the new teacher will also be at the door at the end of the day to say a quick hello and introduce themselves. We hope this helps everyone feel confident and ready for the new school year ahead! A "Welcome to Your New Year Group" meeting will be held in September, where parents and carers will have the chance to learn more about the year ahead and ask any questions.

For our new Reception children, a stay and play session has been scheduled on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July from 3:30pm - 4:30pm. This will provide an opportunity for you to meet the Reception staff and their class teacher, explore the inside and outside environments, and begin to build relationships with staff before the start of term.

## Learning Friends

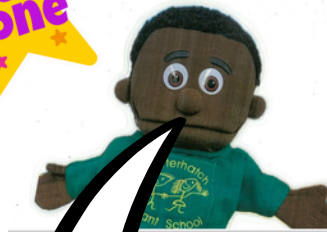
Our learning friends help promote positive attitudes to learning. They are also linked to our school values.

			
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:** Kledion, Anna, Koray, Dilser
- **Tiger Class:** Jemila, Ivan, Nicholas, Dylan
- **Leopard Class:** Aras, Brajan
- **Gorilla Class:** Chloe, Zayaan, Nour, Miran
- **Rhino Class:** Skye, N'Keal, Obed, Soleil
- **Giraffe Class:** Lucy, Mark, Katelyn



Well done to the 123 children who have achieved excellent attendance so far in this month of June. A fantastic achievement!

We'd also like to give a special mention to the 64 children who have achieved 100% attendance so far for the Summer Term. This shows an amazing commitment to learning, and we are extremely proud of them. As we move towards the end of 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! ☀️

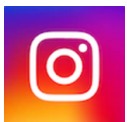


We love celebrating the amazing work our staff do every day, and we know you do too! If you've seen a member of our team go above and beyond, or simply want to recognise their kindness and hard work, we'd love to hear from you.

### ✉️ 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

Year 2 have had a fantastic start to Forest School, and what an adventure it's been already!

Jaguar Class were the first to explore, fully embracing the great outdoors as they discovered nature, got hands-on with activities and enjoyed learning beyond the classroom. There was lots of excitement (and a little bit of mud too! 😊).

Tiger Class have now also begun their Forest School sessions and are just as enthusiastic, making the most of the outdoor space and getting involved in all the activities.

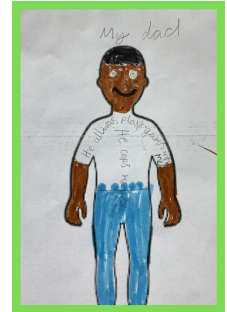
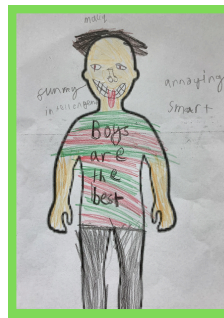
Next up, it will be Leopard Class's turn, and the children are eagerly counting down! With the warmer weather, it's the perfect time for outdoor learning, and everyone is looking forward to getting outside and staying active.

☀️ **What to wear:** As Forest School takes place in all weather, please ensure your child comes prepared with appropriate clothing, including wellies, sun hats and sun cream, as well as a spare change of clothes.

We've recently been celebrating the 'Marvellous Men' in our lives. The children really enjoyed drawing pictures and sharing stories about the important male role models who inspire and support them. It was lovely to hear their thoughtful ideas and see the pride in their work.

In Maths, we've been busy becoming time experts! The children have been learning to tell the time to o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to. They've been practising hard and are growing in confidence with this important life skill.

We were also privileged to welcome a special visitor from Ordnance Road Library, who introduced the children to the Enfield Summer Reading Challenge. This fantastic initiative encourages children to keep reading over the summer holidays, setting fun goals and collecting rewards along the way. It's a brilliant way to keep their love of reading going strong while discovering new and exciting books!



## A Message from Year 1

This half term, Year 1 were off to the zoo! The children had such a fantastic time seeing so many of the animals that we have been learning about in our English and Science lessons. After lunch they got to experience the world of the dinosaurs before some time to play on the adventure playground. I'm sure that they were all worn out by the time they got home, judging by the number of sleeping children on the coach back to school! As always, the children represented our school community fantastically and it was an absolute joy to spend the day with them on our Summer trip.

### 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

Recently in Reception, we have been enjoying the story *The Teeny Weeny Tadpole*. Through this book, the children have been learning about life cycles, particularly frogs and butterflies. We have had our own caterpillars in class and the children have loved observing how they change over time. Linking to this we have also looked at our own baby photos. Thank you to all the parents who sent a baby photo in of their child. These photos supported lots of conversation about how we change and grow over time, not only in the way we look but also thinking about the things we have learnt since being babies. The children really enjoyed guessing who was who!!

### Home idea:

You could look for signs of life cycles in your local environment or watch short videos together, talking about how animals grow and change.

We have now started reading *Astro Girl*. This has sparked lots of excitement and curiosity! The children will be learning about space, astronauts, and also thinking about the past and present, linking to the time of the first moon landing and how things have changed since then.

### Home idea:

Talk to your child about space and what they already know, or look at pictures of astronauts and rockets together. You could also discuss how things were different when you were younger compared to now.

In Maths, we have been focusing on the composition of numbers 5 to 10 and exploring odd and even numbers. It has been wonderful to see the progress the children have made over the year and how many children are so much more confident in understanding numbers to 10.

### Home idea:

Practise counting small groups of objects at home (e.g. toys, snacks) and talk about how numbers can be made in different ways. You could also sort items into odd and even groups.

In phonics, we continue to work hard on reading and writing skills, particularly looking at caption/ simple sentences.

### Home idea:

Please continue to read regularly at home and practise blending and segmenting words with your child. We kindly ask that you record any reading in your child's reading record so we can monitor their progress and celebrate their achievements together. Thank you for your continued support.

## A Message from Nursery

This term in Nursery, we have been enjoying a range of stories linked to our farm topic. The Turtle children particularly enjoyed *A Squash and a Squeeze* by Julia Donaldson, and we have recently started reading *Fix It Duck* by Jez Alborough.

On Environment Day (5th June), the children planted sunflower seeds and have been excited to watch them begin to grow.

This has sparked lots of discussion about caring for plants and the environment.

We have also been observing the life cycle of butterflies in our classroom. The children were fascinated watching the caterpillars change and were very excited to release the butterflies into the garden.

During the recent warm weather, the children have been making the most of outdoor learning through water play and exploring ways to keep cool. We have also encouraged regular breaks indoors to rehydrate and ensure everyone stays comfortable and safe in the heat.

As we look ahead to September, we have begun transition visits to Reception for those children who will be continuing their journey at Carterhatch Infant School. These visits are helping children to become familiar with their new environment and feel confident about the changes ahead.

Children moving from Otter Class to Turtle Class will also be taking part in transition experiences to support a smooth and positive move into their new class.

### Library Reminder

It has been fantastic to see the Nursery Library being so well used, with children enjoying choosing and taking books home to read. It has been so popular that at times we have been unable to keep it fully stocked.

Please ensure that books are returned before borrowing another, so that there are enough for everyone to enjoy. All books are clearly labelled.

All Nursery library books must be returned by Monday 13th July 2026, so that staff can check and prepare them for the new school year.

### Sun Safety Reminder

While we are enjoying this warm weather, please make sure your child:

- Brings a clearly labelled water bottle
- Comes to Nursery wearing sun cream
- Has a named sun hat

Thank you for your continued support in helping to keep the children safe and comfortable in the heat.

### A Message from Kangaroo and Joey Class

In Kangaroo and Joey class, we are having great fun looking at our core book, Astro Girl. We have designed rockets and made tasty biscuits just like the main character Astrid. We had to weigh, pour, mix, cut, bake and eat our biscuits. Can you make them at home too? We look forward to learning lots about Space and becoming Astronauts.

For an easy biscuit recipe you can try at home please follow the link: [Shortbread Biscuits](#)



### Online Safety Support For Parents

Internet Matters have recently released two short and helpful videos on their YouTube channel that many parents may find useful.

These videos offer clear, practical advice on how to support your child in different online situations:

- What to do if a stranger contacts your child online
- Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g3hOJuEnmJQ>
- What to do if your child is bullied online
- Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DBrqqT5tQns>

Both videos are quick to watch and provide simple, reassuring guidance to help you keep your child safe online.

For further advice, resources and support, you can also visit the Internet Matters website:

👉 <https://www.internetmatters.org>

### Supporting Families – Parenting Programmes Coming This September

As part of Enfield's Best Start in Life programme, we are delighted to be working closely with our local Family Hubs. From September 2026, we will be hosting a range of parenting programmes and workshops in our newly refreshed Family and Conference Room.

These will include:

- Strengthening Families, Strengthening Communities
- Circle of Security Parenting Programme
- Togetherness and The Parent Offer Workshops

These sessions are designed to support families, build positive relationships, and provide practical strategies for everyday family life.

For more information about each programme, please follow the links provided below. If you would like to sign up or find out more, please speak to our Family Support Worker, Sandra, who will be happy to help.

- [Strengthening Families](#)
- [Circle of Security](#)
- [Togetherness Workshops](#)

### Starting Primary School

Starting primary school can be an exciting and nerve-wracking time for both your child and you as a parent or carer. For handy tips on supporting your child when starting primary school, please follow the link: [Health for Kids](#)

### The Holiday and Activity Food Programme

The Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF) is running once again during the summer holidays. The HAF vouchers have been emailed out to all eligible parents families. For more information on how to the book onto the holiday programmes please follow the link to our school website. [HAF Programme Brochure](#)

# 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](http://www.enfieldparentingdirectory.co.uk)



# Measles cases are rising

**No family wants to  
see a loved one  
hospitalised**

For protection against measles,  
scan the QR code to get  
your free MMR vaccine

Catching measles can cause complications  
such as blindness, hearing loss, pneumonia,  
brain damage and death

