

August 2026 Newsletter



Dates For Your Diary

Wednesday 2nd September: **School closed - Staff Training Day**
Thursday 3rd September: **Children return to school - Year 1 & Year 2**
Thursday 3rd September: **New Reception and Nursery** - Home visits begin
Thursday 3rd September: **Reception Stay and Play sessions begin**
Monday 7th September: **Nursery Stay and Play sessions begin**
Monday 7th September: **Reception children start school** - Half day session
Wednesday 9th September: **Best Start in Life Programme - Workshops for Parents**
Tuesday 15th - Wednesday 16th September: **Year 1 Macmillan Coffee Morning and Welcome Meetings**
Wednesday 16th September: **Strengthening Families, Strengthening Communities programme**
Thursday 17th - Friday 18th September: **Year 2 Macmillan Coffee Morning and Welcome Meetings**
Monday 28th September - Wednesday 7th September: **Donations to foodbank collection are welcome**
Thursday 8th October: **Year 1 Visit to North Enfield Food Bank**
Monday 12th - Friday 16th October: **Year 2 Power of Reading Week for parents and carers**
Friday 16th October: **Red Card to Racism Day** - Children are invited to wear something red to school - **Donations welcome**
Monday 19th - Friday 23rd October: **Year 1 Power of Reading Week for parents and carers**
Tuesday 20th October: **Individual School Photographs**
Friday 23rd October: **Non School Uniform Day** - Winter Fun Contributions Day
Monday 26th - Friday 30th October: **School Closed** - Half Term Break
Monday 2nd November: **School Closed** - Staff Training Day
Tuesday 3rd November: **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.

School Uniform:

Refer to uniform on the Parent section of our website.

All children in Reception Year, Year 1 and Year 2 are expected to wear school uniform. Wearing school uniform supports your child to feel part of the Carterhatch community.

Our school uniform consists of:

- Green Cardigan or Sweatshirt which can be bought from the school office
- Black or grey trousers, skirt or dress
- White polo shirt
- Black shoes or trainers.
- Book Bag, which can be bought from the school office



Earrings: Due to the health and safety for all children, only small studs will be permitted, no hoops or dangling earrings are allowed.

P.E Kit:

- Black shorts or tracksuit bottoms
- White T-shirt,
- Black sweatshirt or hoody

For health and safety reasons, earrings (including studs) must not be worn on PE days. If your child arrives wearing earrings, you may be asked to come to school to remove them.

All children should have a warm waterproof coat.

Water Bottles: Please provide your child with a plastic bottle, metal and glass bottles are not suitable for school.

Please Label all Items: Please ensure that all clothing, P.E kits, book bags, lunch boxes and water bottles are clearly labelled with your child's name. This helps us to return lost items quickly. We also encourage children to bring only the items they need for the school day and to take good care of their belongings. Thank you for supporting us in helping children to be ready to learn every day.

We have kept our uniform as simple as possible; please speak to the school office if purchasing any uniform will be difficult for you. We may be able to support you with this, pre-loved items are often available.

A Message from the Headteacher

Our Goodbyes

As we've reached the end of another wonderful school year, we also say farewell to some valued members of our school. We would like to wish Carol a very happy retirement after an incredible 33 years of service as a Learning Assistant in our school. Carol has shown unwavering kindness, dedication and care to generations of children and families. She has touched the lives of thousands of children during her time with us and has been a much-loved member of our school community. We thank her for everything she has contributed over the years and wish her all the best.

We are also saying goodbye to Emma Milton, who is leaving us after 10 years to embark on an exciting new adventure. Emma is relocating and has secured a promotion, which is a fantastic achievement. During her time with us, Emma has brought enthusiasm, passion and a determination to always get things right for the children. Her caring nature and commitment to ensuring the very best outcomes for every child will be greatly missed. We wish Emma every success and happiness in the future.

We would also like to thank Katie and Kowsar, who joined us last year to cover maternity leaves. They have both made valuable contributions to Joey Class and Kangaroo Class and the children clearly love being around them. We are grateful for everything they have done during their time with us and wish them all the very best in whatever paths they choose to follow next.

A Thank You to Our Parents and Families

Thank you for your continued support throughout the year. Your partnership with us extends far beyond helping with academic learning. Together, we help children develop the essential life skills they need to flourish.

Children join our school at different developmental stages, and some may need additional support with social skills, friendships and making positive choices. Working together allows us to provide children with the consistent guidance they need to succeed. We are incredibly grateful for the trust and support you show us.

It really helps when you encourage your children to be more independent, to be resilient when they face challenges, to step outside their comfort zones and persevere when things feel difficult. But most importantly, promoting kindness and respect for others.

I am also exceptionally proud of the children. They recognise when others may find something difficult and often step forward as role models, showing compassion, understanding and kindness. You should be incredibly proud of your children and all they have achieved this year.

A Thank You to Our Staff

As much as you love your children, imagine a classroom filled with 25 to 30 of them every day!

Our staff work in education because they genuinely love working with children and are passionate about making a difference. They are committed to giving every child the very best start possible. However, like many professions, education comes with its challenges. Despite these, our staff arrive each day with positivity, dedication and a determination to do the best they can for every child in their care.

Each term, we hold progress meetings where we discuss every child individually. During these meetings, I am continually amazed by how well staff know your children—their strengths, interests, achievements, worries, dislikes and the areas where they may need additional support. Their knowledge and care for the children in their classes is truly remarkable.

They also plan an incredible range of experiences, from school trips, and visitors to exciting activities and events within school. These experiences help create lasting memories, inspire children and enrich their learning.

The school holidays provide staff with a valuable opportunity to rest, recharge and spend time with their own families, so they can return refreshed and ready to begin each new term with the positive, can-do attitude that makes our school such a special place.

A Message for Our Year 2 Children

To our wonderful Year 2 children, as you prepare to move on to Year 3, we want to wish you all the very best for the exciting journey ahead.

We are so proud of everything you have achieved during your time with us. It has been a privilege to watch you learn, grow and develop into confident, caring young people.

We will miss you, but we know you are ready for the next adventure. Good luck in Year 3! 😊

Finally...

As another successful year has come to an end, I would like to wish all of our children, families and staff a wonderful summer break.

Take time to relax, enjoy new adventures, make special memories and cherish time together. We look forward to welcoming you back in September, ready for another exciting year of learning, growth and achievement.

Have a fantastic summer and thank you for being part of our school community.

Sarah Clements
Headteacher



Learning Friends

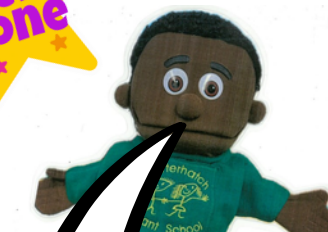
Our learning friends help promote positive attitudes to learning. They are also linked to our school values.

			
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!

- **Gorilla Class:** Alaya, Oscar
- **Rhino Class:** Aaron, Maaiz
- **Giraffe Class:** Rozafa, Darcee



A huge well done to all the children who have shown fantastic commitment to school this year!

6 children achieved **100% attendance for the entire school year** - an incredible accomplishment!

105 children gained 100% attendance for the month of **July**.

24 children maintained perfect attendance throughout the **whole summer term**.

51 children achieved 100% attendance for the **summer 2 half-term**

Thank you to all our families for your continued support. Let's keep working together to **raise these numbers even higher next year!**

To further recognise and celebrate excellent attendance next year, children will be receiving 100% attendance awards. Look out for award notifications on the your Arbor App.



Our Breakfast Club



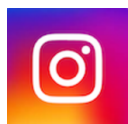
All children at our school are invited to enjoy a **FREE 30-minute Breakfast Club** every morning from **8:15am**. To support those needing an earlier start, we open from **7:45am** for a small charge of **£1 per child**.

We're thrilled to be able to offer this to all of our families. More flexibility, a great start to the day and full tummies all round! Children can enjoy a healthy breakfast and spend time socialising with friends before lessons begin. Breakfast Club can be accessed via **Autumn Close** every morning.

We look forward to welcoming your child and helping them start each school day happy, settled and ready to learn.



Our School Instagram Account



The school has opened an Instagram account [carterhatchinfants](https://www.instagram.com/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.

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](#)



To view the full programme of workshops and events taking place throughout the year, please follow the link to our website: [Best Start in Life Programme](#)

Every Move Counts!

The UK's Chief Medical Officers have recently refreshed their [physical activity guidelines](#), highlighting that regular movement, no matter how small, can have significant benefits for both physical and mental health. The updated guidance reinforces that every movement counts, and even small increases in activity can make a positive difference.

Being active does not have to mean joining a gym or taking part in organised sport. Everyday activities such as walking, cycling, dancing, gardening, active play, helping with household tasks, or taking the stairs can all contribute to better health and wellbeing. The guidance also encourages reducing long periods of sitting and making movement a regular part of daily life.

As a school, we know that active children are often happier, healthier and better able to focus on their learning. We encourage families to look for simple opportunities to move more together, whether that's a walk to the park, a family bike ride, dancing in the living room, or enjoying active play outdoors.

Remember: every move counts, and the biggest health gains come from moving a little more than before.

☀ Try These at Home!

- ✓ Take a family walk after dinner
- ✓ Have a kitchen disco and dance to your favourite songs
- ✓ Walk, scoot or cycle for part of your journey
- ✓ Play a game of catch in the garden or park
- ✓ Help with gardening or household jobs
- ✓ Try balancing challenges or simple exercise games together

Names and Teacher

The children will be returning to school in September to a new teacher and year group. They recently enjoyed spending time in their new classroom and getting to know their new teacher. We look forward to welcoming families to our Reception and Nursery Stay and Plays and Year 1 and 2 Information Meetings in September.

Nursery

Early Years Leader - Ruth Richards
Nursery Teacher - Jo Jenkins

Reception

Early Years Leader - Ruth Richards
Penguin Class - Lysandra Kyriacou
Dolphin Class - Christina Vasiliou

Year 1

Year 1 Leader - Adam Porter
Giraffe Class - Laura Baxter
Rhino Class - Adam Porter
Gorilla Class - Gloria Heerasing

Year 2

Year 2 Leader - Sonia Furneaux
Jaguar Class - Sonia Furneaux
Tiger Class - Vikki Davis
Leopard Class - Jacqui Granger

A Message from Year 2

Time to say Goodbye...

Our farewell is a bittersweet melody, marking the end of a chapter but the start of a new adventure.

As year two comes to an end we have to say a bittersweet goodbye. The children have worked so hard and made strong progress this year, which has flown by! We are proud of their determination, resilience, curiosity and kindness. We've absolutely loved teaching them; they have made us laugh and cry, impressed us with their creativity and ideas and reminded us why we do the job we do.

We were blown away by the children's end of year performance. Their presence lit up the stage as did their voices. They worked so very hard and did so with confidence and ease.

As they move up to KS2 we wish them all best for year three. Have a wonderful, safe and relaxing summer but please remember to keep timetables practice going, in preparation for next year. Five minutes a day doing this (while eating dinner, on a drive or walk) and daily reading will make your child's entrance into year three a breeze!



A Message from Year 1

Well, what a year we've had in Year 1! It has been an absolutely joy watching this group of Year 1 children grow in so many ways. From amazing progress in Reading and Writing to seeing a Year group full of confident artists, scientists and mathematicians, your children have truly blossomed this school year. A big thank you to all of you for continuing to support your children at home with their reading and home learning and a special thank you to our parent volunteers who have helped out on our trips throughout the year, it really is a big help.

From all of the year 1 team, we'd like to wish you a healthy, happy, relaxing Summer break and look forward to seeing everyone back in September.

A Message from Reception

We cannot quite believe it is the end of the academic year already! All the team in Reception would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all the parents for their support in working with us to develop your child's learning opportunities and well being. Your knowledge as the parent is always valuable to us as staff, and we enjoy working together to build your children's knowledge and understanding.

We are extremely proud of all the hard work and progress your children have made this year and we have loved seeing your children develop and grow.

Below are some wonderful memories from some of the children, of what they have enjoyed most this year in Reception.

Arda "I enjoyed singing all the great songs!"

Yahya "I loved the farm trip. We saw pigs".

Shannon "I liked drawing in Reception because it is fun to do".

Meral "I liked learning my sounds so I can read and write".

Aalayah "I liked maths, it was fun!"

Aren "I loved my teachers".



We have loved making these memories with your children and we hope you have a wonderful time over the summer making more memories of your own. We wish all the children the best of luck in their new classes in September.

A Message from Nursery

As we've reached the end of another wonderful year in Nursery, we would like to say a huge thank you to all our parents and carers for your continued support and partnership throughout the year.

It has been a privilege to watch the children grow in confidence, develop new friendships and make such fantastic progress in their learning and development. We are incredibly proud of each and every one of them. From their first days settling into Nursery to becoming curious, independent and enthusiastic learners, they have all achieved so much and should be very proud of themselves.

Whether your child is staying in Nursery for another year, moving on to Reception here at Carterhatch, or beginning a new adventure elsewhere, we wish them every success for the future and hope they enjoy the exciting opportunities that lie ahead. This year, we will also be saying goodbye to two valued members of our Nursery team. Carol, who has dedicated an incredible 34 years to the school and played a significant role in the successful opening and development of Otter Class, is retiring. We thank her for her years of commitment, care and dedication and wish her a long, happy and well-deserved retirement.

We will also be saying goodbye to Tracey, who will be taking on a new role within the school's SEND team. Tracey has been a tremendous asset to Otter Class, and we know she will be greatly missed by both the children and their families. We wish her every success in her new position.

We would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you for the generous cards, gifts and kind messages we have received. Your thoughtfulness and appreciation mean so much to the entire Nursery team and are greatly valued.

Thank you once again for entrusting us with such an important part of your children's early learning journey. We have loved being part of their Nursery experience and look forward to hearing about their future successes.

We wish all our Nursery children and families a safe, happy and sunny summer break.

☀ Reception School Readiness Tips ☀

Starting school is an exciting milestone! Children do not need to be able to read, write or count before they begin Reception. The most important skills are those that help them become confident, independent and ready to learn.

Before September, you could help your child practise:

- ✓ Using the toilet independently and washing their hands
- ✓ Putting on and taking off their coat and shoes
- ✓ Recognising their own name and belongings
- ✓ Taking turns, sharing and listening to others
- ✓ Speaking about their feelings and asking for help when needed
- ✓ Enjoying books, stories, songs and conversations together

Most importantly, spend time talking, playing and exploring together. Building confidence, curiosity and independence will help your child settle happily into school life and get their learning journey off to a fantastic start.

Remember: every child develops at their own pace. We can't wait to welcome our new Reception children in September! 🌈📚

💻 Online Safety Tip: Healthy Screen Time Habits

Over the summer holidays, many children will spend more time using screens for games, videos and keeping in touch with friends and family. Rather than focusing only on limits, try encouraging a healthy balance between screen time and other daily activities.

- ✓ Before Screen Time...

Why not create a simple checklist together?

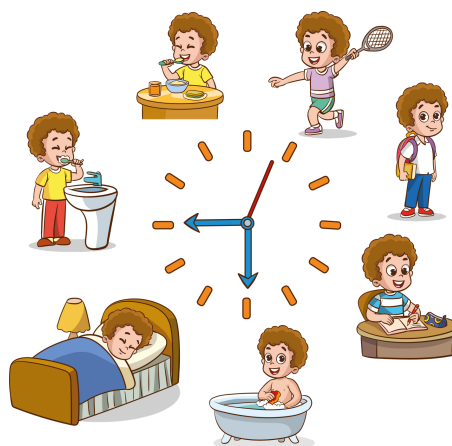
- Make my bed
- Brush my teeth
- Get dressed
- Eat my breakfast
- Tidy my room
- Read for 30 minutes
- Help with a household chore
- Be physically active for 30 minutes

Top Tips

- 📱 Keep devices in shared family spaces where possible.
- 🗣️ Talk to your child about the games and apps they enjoy.
- 🕒 Agree clear family expectations around screen time.
- 🌳 Make time for outdoor play, reading and family activities.

Remember, technology can be a positive part of children's lives when used in a healthy and balanced way.

Think of screen time like a healthy diet – it's all about balance! 🏠📚☀🌳



Sports Day

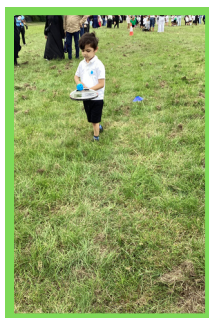
A huge well done to all of the children who took part in Sports Day this year. Every child gave their best effort and demonstrated fantastic sportsmanship throughout the event. We were incredibly proud to see such enthusiasm, determination and teamwork on display.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to all of our staff for their dedication and hard work in making the day such a success. A special mention must go to Adam and Lucas for their excellent planning and organisation of the activities. Their efforts ensured the event ran smoothly and was enjoyed by everyone.

We would also like to thank all of the parents and carers who were able to join us. The children absolutely loved having you there to cheer them on, and it was wonderful to see our school community come together in such a supportive and positive way.

We have received some lovely feedback from parents, including a suggestion to introduce a parents' race. We think this is a fantastic idea and will certainly consider it for next year's Sports Day!

Thank you all for helping to make Sports Day such a memorable and enjoyable event. We are already looking forward to next year! 🌞🏆



Summer Reading Fun! 📚🌞

As we head through the summer holidays, we would like to encourage all of our children to keep up their reading. Just a few minutes each day can make a big difference, helping children to maintain the progress they have made, develop their imagination, and most importantly, discover the joy of reading for pleasure.

Reading doesn't have to look the same every day. It might be sharing a story at bedtime, looking through a picture book together, reading signs on a trip out, or enjoying a quiet moment with a favourite book in the garden. Every little bit counts! Visiting your local library is another fantastic way to discover new books and authors, and many libraries run special activities for children during the summer holidays. Reading together also creates valuable opportunities for conversation, helping children to build their vocabulary and confidence. Whether your child enjoys adventure stories, information books, comics or magazines, all reading is worthwhile and helps to nurture a lifelong love of books.

Don't forget to take part in our Extreme Reading Challenge! We'd love to see where reading takes you this summer. Parents and carers, please send in photos of your children:

- Reading on a trip or day out
- Enjoying a book at the park or in the garden
- Sharing a story with a pet or family member
- Finding a cosy or unusual place to read

Get creative and have fun. We can't wait to see your amazing reading adventures! We will be sharing some of our favourite photos in school and celebrating the wonderful ways our children have continued their reading journey over the summer.

📖✨ Happy reading, and we look forward to hearing all about your favourite books when we welcome you back in September!

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Free Programme for mothers, fathers and adult caregivers

Join our inclusive 13-week evidence-based programme to build confidence, share ideas, and learn practical ways to support your child and enjoy family life.

What you will get from the programme

- Increased self-awareness: - an opportunity to learn more about yourself
- Ways to strengthen your relationship with your child
- Time to think about identity, culture and family traditions
- Simple, practical parenting ideas you can try at home
- A safe space to talk with other parents and caregivers
- Support to make parenting feel more positive and manageable

Who is it for? All parents and adult caregivers are welcome

How long? 13 weeks – one 3-hour group session weekly

When? Wednesdays, 16 September 2026 to 16 December 2026

What time? 9:45am – 12:45pm

Where? Carterhatch Infant School, Carterhatch Lane, EN1 4JY

Light refreshments will be provided at each session

Certificate Award Ceremony at end

Professionals or parents can make a referral

How to Book? [Strengthening Families, Strengthening Communities \(group\) REFERRAL FORM](#) or call 02081069996 or scan QR code



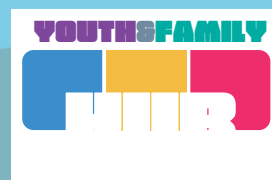
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Does your child experience anxiety linked to school attendance or are you worried about barriers to school attendance?



Join The Educational Psychology Service and Family Hubs to help shape support that works for families

This session will be a warm, welcoming space to share your views, connect with other parents and tell us what support would feel most helpful for families of children who experience anxiety linked to school attendance.

Together we will think about

- What makes school attendance a challenge for children and families
- What support parents and carers need
- How schools, services and Family Hubs can work together
- What future parent/carers sessions should include

[Sign up here](#)

**Wednesday 9th September
12.30 - 2.00pm**

Ponders End Youth & Families Hub

**141 South Street, Enfield,
EN3 4PX**

For more information email eps@enfield.gov.uk

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