October 2026

Newsletter

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

Dates For Your Diary

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**
Thursday 5th November: **Fluoride Treatment Programme -** Nursery Reception and Year 1
Monday 9th - Friday 13th November: **Reception Flying with Phonics Week for Parents and Carers**
Thursday 12th November: **Nursery and Reception 2027 - School Tour - 10:00am - 11:00am**
Tuesday 17th - Wednesday 18th November: **Parent Consultations**
Friday 20th November: **Children in Need Day - Children's Dress up Day - Donations Welcome**
Friday 27th November: Decoration Day **- Non-School Uniform**
Tuesday 1st December: **Reception Winter Fun Event**
Wednesday 2nd December: **Year 1 Winter Fun Event**
Thursday 3rd December: **Year 2 Winter Fun Event**
Tuesday 8th December: **Year 1 Theatre Trip - Artsdepot**
Wednesday 9th December: **Year 2 Theatre Trip - Milfield Theatre**
Thursday 10th December: **Year 1 Performance to Parents**
Tuesday 15th December: **Nursery and Reception 2027 - School Tour - 10:00am - 11:00am**
Friday 18th December: **Last Day of Term - Non-School Uniform School will be closing at 1:20pm**
Monday 4th January 2027: **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.

Winter Fun Contributions Day.

A reminder that Friday 23rd October is our Non-School Uniform, Winter Fun Contributions Day!
Instead of a monetary donation, we are asking children to bring in a small, new and unused gift to help us create our tombola bags and lucky dip jars for the Winter Fair.
Donations could include small toys, stationery, colouring items, wrapped sweets (no nuts), accessories, games or puzzles. We would also be very grateful for any larger "Star Prizes", such as games, toys, craft sets or books.
Thank you, as always, for your wonderful support and generosity!



Parent Consultations

Our Parent Consultation Evenings will take place on:

- Tuesday 17th November
- Wednesday 18th November

This is a valuable opportunity to meet with your child's teacher and discuss how they are getting on at school.
Bookings will open on Arbor this week, so please keep an eye on the app to book your appointment.

Follow us on Instagram

Our School Instagram page has now moved to @carterhatchinfant If you were following our previous account, please make sure you follow our new page to keep up to date with school news, learning activities, celebrations and special events.
We look forward to sharing more of our children's learning and achievements with you! ✨

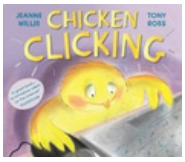
Reading Corner



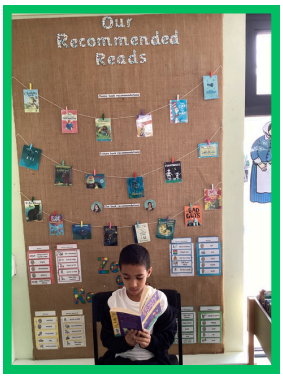
"Open a book and you can go anywhere, meet anyone, and discover something new."

What Are We Reading? Our children have been sharing the books they simply couldn't put down! This week, Maaiz recommends George's Marvelous Medicine by Roald Dahl, while Elisa thinks you should try Chicken Clicking by Jeanne Willis because it helps you to stay safe online.





Reading for pleasure can take you on an adventure wherever you are. A book can go anywhere with you, so there's always an opportunity to find a cosy spot, open the pages and escape into a story.



Wear Red Day

A huge thank you to all our children, parents, carers and staff for supporting our Wear Red Day – Show Racism the Red Card. The day helped to promote kindness, respect, equality and inclusion, while encouraging our children to understand that racism has no place in our school or our community.
It was wonderful to see everyone coming together and wearing red to support such an important message.





🌟 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.

Goodbye and Good Luck

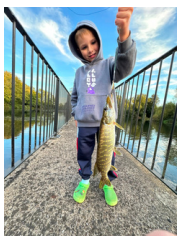
This week, we will be saying goodbye to Michelle, who has been part of our team since February 2020. During her time at Carterhatch, Michelle has supported many children across the school and is currently a Learning Assistant in Year 2.
We would like to thank Michelle for her contributions to our school, and her support for the children and staff she has worked alongside. We wish her every success in her new role. Good luck, Michelle!

Celebrating Our Children

At Carterhatch Infant School, we love celebrating the amazing things our children achieve outside of school! Whether they're scoring goals, shining on stage, creating artwork, learning a musical piece, helping others or reaching a personal goal, every achievement, big or small, is worth celebrating.
If your child has something they are proud of, we'd love to hear about it and share their achievements in our newsletter.
📸 Simply send a photo and a few details to office@carterhatch-inf.enfield.sch.uk.
By sending photos and information, you are giving permission for them to be included in the Carterhatch Newsletter.

What a catch! 🎣

We loved receiving this fantastic photo of Nedas proudly showing off the fish he caught!
What a brilliant achievement and a lovely experience to share with us. Well done! 👏



A Message from Year 2

The Power of Reading

“There is no friend as loyal as a book.” Ernest Hemingway

Last week we welcomed our families into school to observe our reading sessions and observe first-hand how reading is taught in class. The children were so proud to share their learning, showing how we focus on developing fluency and comprehension and a real love of books. Guided reading is a real part of our daily routine helping pupils to discuss a text, build vocabulary and deepen their understanding. It was wonderful to see parents and carers so engaged and so interested to see how they can support reading at home - whether through sharing bedtime stories, asking questions about what their child has read or encouraging regular reading for pleasure. Reading is the foundation for all learning and by working together between home and school, we can help every child become a confident, enthusiastic reader.

Staff Book Corner…because reading isn’t just for children.

We believe when adults model a love of reading, children are inspired too. Each term, we will be sharing the books we are currently enjoying. From gripping thrillers to thought-provoking non-fiction and inspiring real-life stories. These aren’t children’s books but the books that spark our curiosity and imagination as adults. By celebrating reading in all its forms, we hope to show our children that reading is a lifelong pleasure - something people of all ages do for enjoyment, relaxation and discovery. Look out for our recommendations – you might just find your next great read!



Sonia



Vikki



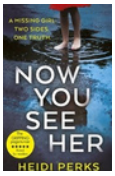
Nikki



Tas



Roseanne



Jacqui

A Message from Year 1

Year 1 children have started bringing reading books home and we ask that you try and read with them daily and sign their reading record each week. Little and often makes the biggest difference – daily reading practice helps children build fluency, widen their vocabulary, and develop a love for books. We have been really pleased with the amount of Reading Records that have been signed so far this year, so thank you!

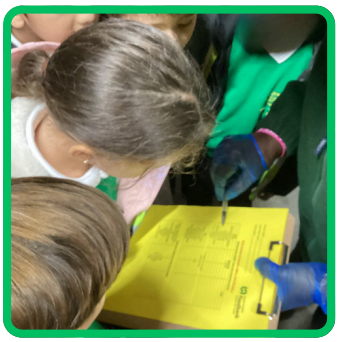
Children will be bringing their Home Learning books home this week, if you have any questions about this, please don't hesitate to ask a member of the team.

A gentle reminder, to try and make sure that all children's items are labelled. It will really help us to find those missing bits, if they have a name in them, thank you.

Finally, a huge thank you to those of you who were able to donate to our collection for Enfield foodbank. In Year 1 we have been discussing how we can care for others, and a small group of Year 1 children were able to help deliver your generous donations to our local Foodbank. The children enjoyed seeing how we can help each other and were able to talk confidently and clearly when they got back to school and share their experience with their friends.







A Message from Joey and Kangaroo Class

The children have been learning about the changes that happen during the autumn season and have been getting creative with natural materials. Using the leaves they collected from the school field, they made these beautiful hedgehog pictures, developing their fine motor skills while exploring different textures and colours.

We are so proud of their fantastic artwork and enthusiasm for learning!







A Message from Reception



We are extremely proud of how well the children continue to settle into the daily routines and class boundaries of reception.
We are speaking to the children about our school core values and learning buddies, in particular focusing on challenging themselves like 'Chico Challenge' and being kind like 'kindness Kai '.
We are encouraging the children to try new things and have a go even if they find it difficult at first. This could be with practising the letters they are learning in their daily phonic sessions and the sounds they make, writing their name or trying to use the peddles on the bikes.



Through our core book 'Meesha Makes Friends' we are able to look into what makes a good friend and how a lot of being a good friend is based around kindness; taking turns, sharing, using kind words and kind hands. It would be great if you could continue to encourage these Learning behaviours at home and please do let your child's teacher know of anything you are particularly proud of that you have seen your child trying hard with at home, we love to praise the children for their achievements and share them with the class!



Please can we remind all parents to write their child's name on all of their clothes, and water bottles, in particular jumpers/ cardigans, coats and shoes. It is very hard for us to get an item back to the right child if there is no name on it.
Reception parents and carers will soon be invited to our Flying with Phonics sessions. Come along to watch phonics in action, join in with your child and pick up practical tips for supporting phonics and reading at home. 📚
Parents and carers will receive an individual invitation with their child's specific date and time.

Applying for Year 3, Reception and Nursery September 2027:

Have you applied for your child's school place for September 2027?
Reception: If your child was born between 1st September 2022 and 31st August 2023, you will need to apply for a primary school place by 15th January 2027. Your child will start reception in September 2027. Please note that you do NOT automatically move up to Reception if your child attends our Nursery.
School Nursery: If your child was born between 1st September 2023 and 31st August 2024, you can apply for a nursery place linked to a school for 15 hours. You need to apply for a place by 15th February 2027. Your child will start nursery in September 2027. (If you are eligible for 30 hour funding you will need to apply before 31st August 2027. Please let school know that you require 30 hours when you accept your 15 hour place in our school.
Year 3: Children in Carterhatch Infant School will need to apply for a year 3 place in Carterhatch Junior School. The deadline for on time applications is 15th January 2027.
Further information can be found online via the Enfield Council Website and in the Applying for a Primary School in Enfield, Information for Parents brochure.
We are delighted to welcome prospective families to visit our school. Details of our upcoming school tours can be found on our website calendar and in the Dates for Your Diary section of this newsletter. To book a tour, please contact the school office.

If you need help with applying for your child's school place, please see Sandra, our Family Support Worker.

After School Club

Our After School Club runs every day from Monday - Friday, offering a safe, fun and engaging end to the school day for all children from Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.
We are excited to introduce new themed activity days, which will be running on

- **Monday** - Arts and Crafts
- **Thursday** - Board Games

Alongside these activities, children can enjoy a range of opportunities to play, explore and develop new skills. Weather permitting, children have access to our **Adventure playground,** where they can build their physical development through active play. They can also enjoy **riding bikes and scooters**, **taking part in team games** and building friendships through cooperative play. For children who enjoy creating and problem-solving, we offer **Lego and construction activities** that encourage imagination, teamwork and creativity.
We will be introducing more themed days and activities throughout the year, so keep an eye on future newsletters and school communications as our After School Club offer continues to grow.
After School Club 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.