



# Carrington Junior School



Dear Parents and Carers,

Hope you had a nice break, that the children who went to Legoland and to the disco before half term had a fantastic time and enjoyed some well-earned time off after working so hard for SATs and year group assessment weeks, which for most children fell in May. Again, many thanks to the PTA for all their work to make arrangements for fun events for the school community.



We are all still working hard, with Year 6 coming to the end of their grading time for their writing assessments and Year 4 completing the Multiplication Tables Check.

We have a lot to look forward to this half term, with a few celebrations taking place of different types before we get to summer: the Year 6 Production, Diversity Week and Sports Day to mention a few. You will find details of these events in this newsletter.

Here's to a happy and productive half term.

*Mrs Cameron*

**Believe. Achieve. Succeed.**

## Diversity Week

Next week, we will be celebrating how wonderfully diverse our Carrington Schools truly are. The children have all been working hard on their 'THIS IS ME' projects and we will be celebrating our uniqueness and diversity with a number of events:

- **Wednesday 12th June:** International Dance Workshops

Each class will be taking part in a Dance Workshop on Wednesday during the school day. The children can come in their PE kits for comfort. Each year group will experience a dance workshop focusing on a different part of the world.

- **Thursday 13th June:** Love a Language Day + Community Pantry Collection

On Thursday, the children will be introduced to a range of languages in a number of class activities led by different members of staff. The list includes: German, French, Spanish, Mandarin and Hindi plus a few workshops running alongside this, looking at what life is like for children living in different places.

We will also hold a Pantry Collection on that day in support of the Community Pantry, please can you bring any donation of food or toiletries items if you can. Thank you!

- **Friday 14th June:** Dress to Express + Infant School Buddies

While our Year 4 pupils will be heading off to their much anticipated trip to London Zoo on Friday, the rest of the children will 'Dress to Express' in school. We would love the children to come to school dressed in any way they wish to express something about themselves. This could be something cultural, a club uniform, a fancy hairstyle, a t-shirt with their favourite animal on. It doesn't matter as long as it expresses something about them that makes them unique. They will also have the opportunity to share their projects with their Carrington Infant School buddy that afternoon.

For safety reasons, the Year 4 children need to wear their school uniform (with trainers and mufti bottoms) to the Zoo, so they are easily identifiable.

## Sports Day 2024

We are looking forward to host Sports Day 2024 on the Juniors playground on **Wednesday 19th June**.

The day's schedule will look as follows:

\* Infant School Sports Day in the morning

\* **Joint schools picnic from 12-1pm**

At 1pm, all children from both schools will return to their classrooms for registration. The infant children will then remain at the infant school for the afternoon.

\* **Junior School Sports Day from 1.15pm**

All children will be taking part in races throughout the afternoon, aiming to gain points for their houses.

**Please note:** With the picnic, all hot dinners will be cancelled and if you would like to order a 'grab bag' for your child please login to SchoolGrid and make a new order next week once this has been updated in the menu. Thank you.



## Year 6 Events

Our Year 6 cohort have a busy few weeks at Carrington Junior School before they embark on their secondary school adventure! A number of children have taken their Bikeability Level 1 and Level 2 this week, and we have started auditioning and allocating roles for the school play '*Star Wars*'. And of course, we are getting very excited and starting to pack for PGL.

Here is a reminder of the upcoming Y6 events, with some more specific timings that we are now able to share with the Year 6 families:

\* **PGL Monday 24th June** – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June

\* **Y6 Production, Afternoon** – 17<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm

\* **Y6 Production, Evening** – 18<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm (children need to be in school at 6.30pm)

\* **Y6 Leavers Assembly** – 23<sup>rd</sup> July at 9.15am



# Speak out. Stay safe.

## with Buddy



### NSPCC speak out, stay safe

We have had a visit from NSPCC school team who lead a whole school assembly about speaking out and staying safe. The aim of the assembly was to educate children, in a child friendly way, about different types of abuse and how they can get help if they, or a friend of theirs, are in trouble.

The children took part in classroom sessions after the assembly really thoughtfully. Year 5 and Year 6 then had further workshops from the NSPCC which enabled them to discuss relevant issues in more detail, and take part in some group activities linked to their learning.

As one of our Year 4s said, ' *In my family we look after each other but its good to know how to help my friends if they ever need it.*'



This is the third part of whole school safeguarding lessons which started earlier in the year with 'trusted adults' lessons and the NSPCC PANTS sessions.

## Attendance

Well done to the following classes, who have achieved above the minimum expected attendance level of 96%:

3C 3S

4S

5C

6C 6S



These classes will get a headteacher's award sticker, which classes can collect to earn extra break times.

Please remember that NO HOLIDAYS CAN BE PERMITTED DURING TERM TIME. All holidays taken will be referred to the county attendance team. Once they are referred, the school have no further control over penalty processes.

## Book Swap

After the great success of the first Book Swap last term, we are pleased to be organising a second event on Thursday 20th June in the hall, after school:



South Bucks  
Children's Book Group  
in association with  
Carrington Junior School



# BOOK SWAP

Thursday 20th June  
after school in the School Hall

Bring in your outgrown or unwanted books.

We will exchange every book you bring for a token,  
which you can then swap for more books.

If you have no books to swap, but would still like to come,  
tokens will be on sale at 50p each.



Please note that, at the end of the Book Swap, unused tokens  
may not be redeemed for cash.





## Carrington Summer Fair

Once again, our PTA have organised what's set to be a great day for this year's Summer Fair. We do still need lots of helpers to make it happen, so please sign up if you can: [www.volunteersignup.org/DTDCY](http://www.volunteersignup.org/DTDCY)

**CARRINGTON SCHOOL**

Family Entry £3,  
Adult £1.50  
Under 16 - 50p

**Choir singing  
at 1:30pm**

# SUMMER FAIR

## Saturday 29th June, 12pm-3pm

Junior School field, Chapel Road

### A FUN DAY FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY...

- GIANT INFLATABLES
- FUNFAIR RIDES
- TEDDY RAFFLE
- HOT FOOD
- BEAT THE GOALIE
- HOOPLA & TIN CAN ALLEY
- GAMING ZONE
- ADULT & KID'S TOMBOLA
- LUCKY DIP & HOOK A DUCK
- SECOND HAND TOYS & BOOKS
- TEA & CAKE TENT
- INDIAN SNACKS
- FULLY LICENSED BAR
- GLITTER & TATTOOS
- ICE CREAM & SLUSHIES VAN
- TEACHERS IN THE STOCKS
- PICK & MIX
- BRACELET/BEAD CRAFTS
- ENTERTAINMENT WITH DANCE & CHOIR PERFORMANCES
- EXTERNAL STALLHOLDERS

**PRIZES**

THE GRAND RAFFLE with top prizes including:  
Teepee sleepover party package, Four ball at Flackwell Heath Golf Club, Meal for two at Sindhu by Atul Kochhar, Vouchers for days out, beauty treatments and much more...

**ALL PROCEEDS GOING TOWARDS OUR SCHOOLS**



# The Carrington Schools Parent Teacher Association

Fundraising for the Infant and Junior Schools  
Registered Charity No. 1102086



## **SUMMER FAIR**

**Saturday 29th June 2024, 12pm-3pm**

**THERE IS LOTS OF FUN & FUNDRAISING PLANNED... PLEASE READ**

### Grand Raffle

- Look out for raffle ticket books coming home after half term... We are having a grand raffle with lots of fantastic prizes up for grabs, including:
- Teepee sleepover party package
  - Four ball at Flackwell Heath Golf Club
  - Meal for two at Sindhu by Atul Kochhar
  - £250 photography voucher
- Tickets for Odds Farm, Rush trampolining, Roald Dahl Museum, massage & beauty vouchers and much more.

**Each ticket will be £1 (or £5 a book) – If you work for or have a business that could kindly donate any further raffle prizes, please let us know.**

### Tombola Donations for Non-Uniform Day - Friday 28th June

The Tombola is always a big fundraiser and really popular. We are appealing for BOTTLE / GIFT donations towards the Adult tombola - Wine, fizz, alcoholic, toiletries, any full, unused bottle to add to the prizes would be greatly appreciated. We are hosting a non-uniform day in return for donations! Please can you ensure that any donations you make are non-perishable, unused and within their use by date. Please bring in your bottles on Friday 28th June, this will be your donation for the non-uniform day.

### Second-hand toys & books donations

Having a clear out over the half term break? We need good quality Second-hand toys, books, and teddies for our stalls at the fair. Boxes will be at the school offices after half-term and all donations gratefully received.

### Homemade cakes donations

We will be selling homemade cakes in the refreshments tent. Donations to be brought to the fair on the day please or Friday 28th June afternoon.

### **HELPERS NEEDED!!**

Anytime you can offer is greatly appreciated plus it's always good fun! We will need helpers from 9am on the day to assist in setting up and to run stalls from around 12pm, if you would like to get involved please get in touch by emailing [carringtonpta@gmail.com](mailto:carringtonpta@gmail.com) or you can sign up here - [volunteersignup.org/DTDCY](https://volunteersignup.org/DTDCY)

**Events like this are only successful with as much parent involvement as possible!! THANK YOU.**

**Many thanks for your continuing support!  
Kirstie, Kate, Jodie & Claire**

On behalf of Carrington Parent Teacher Association

## Netball Results

Before half term, our netball teams played their last match of the season — after a successful season winning all of their division matches. Throughout the season, the teams have shown focus and resilience as well as fantastic teamwork and support for each other.

The teams have done brilliantly well, with **both the girls and the mixed teams winning their division!** Well done Carrington netballers, this is a an amazing achievement. We would like to thank all the parents for their support, and a special thank you goes to Mrs Lomas, Mrs Taylor and Mrs Atkins for leading the team.

There will be an awards presentation later this term.



## Year 6 Magistrates Workshop

Just before half-term, Year 6 had a workshop by magistrates from the local magistrates court. They explained their job and how they became magistrates. We learned how to analyse crimes and evidence. After that, we held a 'mock trial'. We each had a role: the accused, the victim, a witness, a solicitor or a magistrate. We had to weigh up the evidence and decide if we thought the accused was guilty or not. Once we made our decision, our magistrates had to decide upon their sentence.

It was incredibly interesting and we learned a lot about the courts process.



## Year 3 Trip to the Look Out Discovery Centre

On the last day before half term, our Year 3 pupils had a fantastic day at the Look Out Discovery Centre in Bracknell. We explored all the stations and discussed the science behind each activity. We also enjoyed watching the Discovery Show, learning all about mini beasts and finding them with nets and magnifying glasses. At the end of the day we had a great time playing outside in the cool playground.

It was a really lovely trip, and we had several compliments from other parents visiting the centre, saying how polite and respectful the children were.

[Click here](#) for the pictures on the website.



## Dates to Remember:

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- \*Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June—Dress to Express + Infant School Buddies
- \*Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June—Year 4 Trip to London Zoo
- \*Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June—Sports Day (Picnic 12-1pm / Juniors events start @1.15pm)
- \*Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June—Book Swap in the Hall
- \*w/c 24<sup>th</sup> June—Year 6 PGL
- \*Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June—Year 5 Language Discovery Day at John Hampden
- \*Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June—MUFTI Day for Tombola Donations (Bottles please)
- \*Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June—Carrington Summer Fair
- \*Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July am—Transition Day
- \*Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July pm—French Market
- \*Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July—Cherrylicious Day
- \*w/c 8<sup>th</sup> July—Last Week of School-led Clubs
- \*Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July—Year 6 Production Afternoon @2pm
- \*Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July—Parent drop in after school 3:30-4:30 (An opportunity to meet with your child's current or next teacher)
- \*Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July—Year 6 Production Evening @7pm
- \*Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July—Year 6 Leavers Assembly @9.15am
- \*Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July—Finish at 1.15pm for Summer Holiday



[Click here](#) for the full calendar on the school website (also available on the Eschool App).



# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about SCHOOL AVOIDANCE

School avoidance refers to reduced attendance or non-attendance at school by a child or young person. In 2022-23, more than one in five children in England were found to be absent from school over 10% of the time. This guide focuses on school avoidance with an emotional basis, offering expert mental health advice. However, it's important to remember that school avoidance is a hugely subjective experience which requires a tailored, individual approach.

## UNDERSTANDING SCHOOL AVOIDANCE

### REASONS FOR ABSENCE

School avoidance is sometimes underpinned by several factors rather than one single cause. This could include something going on for the child or young person within the family or at school. A child may have caring responsibilities at home, for instance, or a change in family dynamics; bullying and friendship difficulties at school; pressure to achieve in schoolwork and exams; or moving from primary school to secondary school.

### PATTERNS OF ABSENCE

You may notice patterns in regular absences or children regularly expressing that they don't want to attend school (particularly being reluctant to leave home on school days). If a child or young person is neurodiverse, there is some evidence to suggest there are more aspects of school life which can cause distress – such as changes in the environment, changes of routine and sensory stimuli.

### COMPLAINTS ABOUT PHYSICAL SYMPTOMS

There may be an increase in a child or young person's complaints about physical symptoms, particularly on school days or the evening before school. These could include tummy aches, headaches, or saying they feel ill when there doesn't appear to be a medical cause. Always check with the GP first to rule out medical causes or illness.

## IMPACT OF SCHOOL AVOIDANCE

### LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT

School refusal can negatively impact a young person's learning and development. Attending school on a regular basis not only supports academic attainment but is also important for the development of key life skills and the growth of children and young people as citizens.

### LONG-TERM OUTCOMES

The difficulties associated with school non-attendance can be far reaching and may have a negative impact on long-term outcomes. It may, for example, lead to reduced future aspirations, poor emotional regulation, mental health difficulties, limited academic progress and restricted employment opportunities.

### CYCLE OF ABSENCE

Consistent absences may contribute to sustained school avoidance over time. Further to this, the longer a pupil is out of education, the more likely it is that there is a rise in their ongoing need to avoid the activity making them anxious – increasing their desire to stay at home.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### WORK TOGETHER

If there's a concern about a child's absence and emotional wellbeing, it's important that there is clear communication and a consistent approach between the child's parents and the school, so you can take a child-centred approach together towards a plan of support or reintegration. This ensures a consistency of approach from both home and school, creating better outcomes for the child.

### FOLLOW REGULAR ROUTINES

Children can benefit from a regular and consistent routine. This could be a morning routine, from waking up and having breakfast through to getting dressed, packing their bag and leaving the house. A consistent evening routine which is calm and spent away from screens can also give children much needed predictability and familiarity. Schools can help create a timetabled routine for the child's school day, if required.

### MANAGE OVERWHELMING FEELINGS

Acknowledge the child's worries, listen and discuss coping strategies together to help them manage difficulties. These could include mindfulness, deep breathing or going for a walk. This helps them understand that you are working together towards a common goal, and that these strategies can be used when bigger feelings arise.

### RECOGNISE POSITIVE STEPS

Drawing attention to a child's successes – be they big or small – can help to give them some much-needed confidence and motivation. Celebrate these daily victories – such as getting out of bed on time or completing school work – and don't hesitate to let the child know when you're impressed or proud of them. Such an approach can go a long way.

## Meet Our Expert

With 30 years' experience as a teacher, trainer, consultant and interim executive board member, Anna Bateman has a superb understanding of what works in pedagogy, school improvement and leadership. She has also advised the Department for Education on their mental health green paper.



Source: See full reference list on guide page at [nationalcollege.com/guides/school-avoidance](http://nationalcollege.com/guides/school-avoidance)



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# JOIN US FOR OPEN EVENING

September 26th 2024 5.30pm - 8pm  
For Year 7 entry in September 2025

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# Register to Audition

Auditions are taking place on:

Sunday 30th June  
10am - 7pm

Tylers Green Village Hall,  
Church Road, Tylers Green,  
Penn, High Wycombe HP10 8LN

We're looking for children  
aged 6 -18 to  
star in the show at  
Wycombe Swan Theatre on  
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No experience necessary,  
however enthusiasm,  
commitment and  
a love of theatre are a  
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# PAN DISABILITY JUNIOR FOOTBALL

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**DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE A DISABILITY?  
WOULD THEY LIKE TO PLAY FOOTBALL?**

**FREE inclusive taster session for children aged 5-12 years**

**Saturday 29th June ~ 10.00-11.30am ~ Great Missenden  
Saturday 13th July ~ 10.00-11.30am ~ Princes Risborough**

**To express interest and book a place,  
please complete the online booking form**

**<https://forms.gle/RAiuZ7B4F1fb7gVvk9>**

**Booking confirmation and location will be confirmed by email**

**For more information, please email  
[chiltern.comets@gmail.com](mailto:chiltern.comets@gmail.com)**

**Our Clubs and Berks & Bucks FA are working collaboratively to  
provide inclusive junior football in our local community**







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# FOOTBALL SUMMER HOLIDAY CAMP

**24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> July – 2<sup>nd</sup> Aug &  
5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Aug 2024**

9.00 – 12.30pm (5 – 15-year-olds)

Sessions to be held at **WOOBURN PARK**

**£20 per child**  
**3 day special £48**  
**4 day special £66**  
**Siblings offer £15 a day**  
**or 3 day £38/ 4 days £53**  
**AGES 5-15 years**  
**PFA Bucks**  
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