



Carrington Junior School



Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe we have been back at school for over a month already, and Autumn certainly is upon us now.

In that time, the children have been representing the school in different sporting fixtures, they have elected their School Council and the first trips of the year have happened.

It's been wonderful to open the doors to prospective new parents for next year, and to see the pride that Year 5 and Year 6 have taken in showing and talking about their school as tour guides. They have done a brilliant job across three mornings this term. Well done to our tour guides!



Mrs Cameron

Believe. Achieve. Succeed.

Year 5 Anglo-Saxon Day at Ufton Court

Year 5 took a trip to Ufton Court on Wednesday 4th October to learn about the Anglo-Saxon daily life, and the struggle between the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings to control England.

The children (and grown-ups) had such an epic day with immersive activities including weaving wool and fence panels, making sparks with flint and steel, and taking part in an Anglo-Saxons vs. Vikings battle.

Please [click here](#) for the full story and the pictures of the day.



Sports Fixtures

We have had a busy start to our sports year with different fixtures taking place across football and netball, with both home and away events.

Well done to our Year 3 and 4 footballers, our U10 boys' team footballers, our U11 boys' team footballers, and Year 5 + 6 girls' team footballers and our netball team. You have all been brilliant ambassadors for our school.

Thank you to Mr Meakin who has got our sports teams off to a flying start this year. Thank you also to our parent supporters.



School Value Focus: Responsibility



We have had a brilliant start to the term including class speeches for Eco Warriors and School Council, and application letters for Prefect roles from Year 6.

The staff would like to thank all the children, who put a lot of effort into their speeches and applications.

Well done to everybody for taking part, and congratulations to the pupils who were successful.



Keeping Safe—NSPCC PANTS Awareness

This week, all the children in the school have had personal awareness sessions using the NSPCC PANTS materials. The sessions teach children about how to stay safe, and builds on the trusted adult work they all did at the start of term.



The sessions are slightly different for Year 3 & 4 and Year 5 & 6, with both groups learning about the PANTS rule.

Year 3 & 4 had a focus on different types of touch, while Year 5 & 6 focused on respecting others.

The NSPCC website has a range of information to help parents talk to their children about this and it also explains in more detail what the PANTS acronym means.

You can find details of the information for parents and carers [here](#).



Attendance

Good school attendance helps children. By being at school every day children not only make the best progress they can in their learning, but also develop and maintain good friendships. Children who are in school are also more likely to be present at team selection events for sports and will be less likely to miss out on experience days and house events. Expected school attendance is higher than 96% — this is fewer than 10 days off across an entire school year.

Children with 100% or good attendance (more than 96%) will receive certificates and get recognition in assembly. Children with 100% attendance have the chance to be entered into termly prize draws and to take part in special events in school.

How does school support attendance?

School tracks attendance of children who are at risk of falling below 95%. School staff may talk to children to see how they are finding school and see if there is anything they can help with.

A member of staff may also call parents to see if there are any problems school can help with.

My child is anxious and worried, or there's been a problem — do I have to send them in?

Avoiding problems and concerns can make them seem bigger and scarier for children. It can be hard for children to negotiate friendships, or their school work, and these can become bigger worries than they need to. We have a good team—including Mrs O'Leary, our family support worker, and the senior leadership team—who can meet with children and their parents to talk through worries and concerns, and put support in place. Sometimes children haven't voiced their problems at school and there is always something we can do to help. Children should always be supported to come into school in this case—we can talk to children with their parents before they go back to class.

What happens when attendance isn't good?

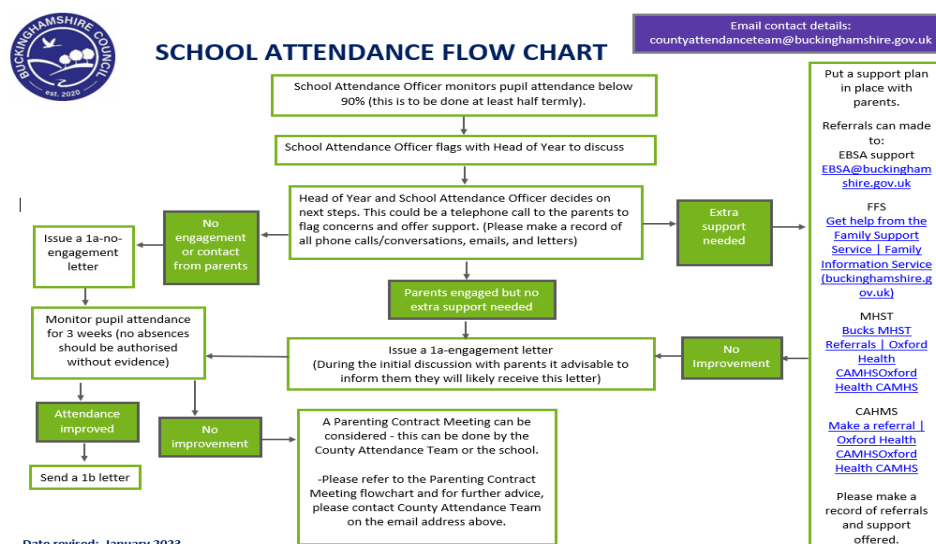
When attendance isn't good, children's friendships can suffer. They miss out on playtime games, daily news from their friends and shared experiences.

Children can also find it really hard to catch up on missed learning—school staff will always support children to catch up, but inevitably catch-up sessions are shorter than actually being in school, and this can be tricky.

Making sure children are at school is a legal responsibility for parents.

If a child is not attending school regularly, then parents may be asked to attend a meeting where the child's attendance will be discussed and an agreement will be put in place to improve the child's attendance.

The flow chart below shows the process schools have to follow if children have low attendance. More information about support is available on our [school website](#).



Dates to Remember:

- *Tuesday 17th October — Parents evening 4:00pm to 7:00pm
- *Wednesday 18th October — Parents evening 3:40pm to 6:10pm
- *Friday 20th October — Mufti Day for £1 donation to the PTA
- *Friday 20th October — Year 5 Harvest Assembly at 9:00am
- *23rd-29th October — Half-term
- *Monday 30th October — Flu Immunisation in School
- *Thursday 16th November — School Disco
- *Tuesday 21st November— Year 6 Peer Mentor Training
- *Wednesday 22nd November — *Show Racism the Red Card* at Wycombe Wanderers / Year 5
- *Tuesday 28th & Wednesday 29th November — Dogs Trust Workshops for all Year Groups
- *W/c 4th December — Last week of clubs and intervention groups
- *Friday 8th December — Year 3 Stone Age Day
- *Friday 8th December — Carrington Junior Choir sings with Wycombe Concert Band, Christmas Concert
- *Wednesday 13th December — Year 4 Roman Day
- *Thursday 14th December — Christmas Lunch
- *Thursday 14th December — SENDCo drop-in session at 1.30pm
- *Tuesday 19th December — 1.15pm finish for Christmas Holiday
- *Thursday 4th & Friday 5th January— Inset Days
- *Monday 8th January— Children back to school



[Click here](#) for the full calendar on the school website .