

# **Carrington Junior School Autumn Term Newsletter**



**24th October 2025**

# Message from Mrs Cameron



As well as our new Year 3s, this year we have had 15 new pupils arriving in school across all the other year groups, following a year where quite a few children moved away to places as close as Wokingham and as far away as Devon and Newcastle. It has been a real pleasure to see all our new pupils settle in, and to see our existing pupils showing them around and teaching them about Carrington Junior School and all the things we do here.

We wish you all a restful break and look forward to welcoming you back on Tuesday 4th November.

Mrs Cameron

Believe

Achieve

Succeed





# School Values

Each week in assembly we give out challenge master badges to pupils who have challenged themselves either academically or personally. Awards are also given out to reader of the week and sports stars for each class.

This term we are particularly focusing on our value of Kindness, which we share with Carrington Infant School.

**RESPECT . RESPONSIBILITY . LEARNING**

**KINDNESS . RESILIENCE . FRIENDSHIP**

Why not ask you child if they know all the school values?





# Gold School Games Mark, for the third time!

- Carrington Junior School is celebrating the fantastic achievement of being awarded the Gold level School Games Mark for the third year in a row.
- Huge congratulations to the pupils, staff and parents who support our sports events. This means we are eligible to apply for the higher tier Platinum mark next year.
- The Marlow School Games Officer, Jose Sharps came to present us with our award.
- Special thanks to Mr Meakin, Mrs Lomas, Mr Shand, Mr Withams, Mr Reid and also our external helpers, who ensure these opportunities can take place, often giving up parts of their own breaks to provide opportunities for the children.



# Year 5 Harvest Assembly

Congratulations to Year 5 on a sparkling harvest assembly this week. They celebrated the food we eat, the farmers who produce it and the amazing range of food we have with their harvest alphabet and singing.

**Well done Year 5!**

And thank you for all your donations to the local Community Pantry.



# Street Kids Direct Assembly

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Last Tuesday, Helen Carmody from the charity Street Kids Direct came to talk to us about the plight of children living and sleeping rough on the streets of Guatemala and Honduras in Central America. It was eye-opening to hear about the desperate struggle for food and opportunity but also heart-warming that, in Guatemala City, the charity had managed to decrease the number of at-risk children to zero from a starting point of 5,000.

Later in the term, some children will have a chance to take part in a live radio broadcast as part of 'Radio Christmas' to raise awareness of children facing similar difficulties around the world.

More details to follow.





SHOW  
RACISM  
THE  
RED  
CARD

# Year 5 visit to Adams Park for Show Racism the Red Card

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Our Year 5 pupils and teachers were so excited to be invited to Adam's Park to take part in the Show Racism the Red Card event again this year.

The day was led by the Wycombe Wanderers Foundation, and designed to engage children in activities and discussions aimed at empowering young minds to recognise and tackle racism.

The children and our staff enjoyed a tour of the Stadium including the pitch, the tunnel, the changing rooms and the gym. We also took part in a stereotyping and racism workshop.

Some of the players came to meet us for a Q&A session and signed some autographs, and we also met Bodger the mascot from the football team.

It was a thought-provoking and fun experience for us all, and we would like to thank the Wycombe Wanderers Foundation for giving us this wonderful opportunity to learn in such an engaging way.

You can read more here: [WWF x Show Racism The Red Card 2025 | Wycombe Wanderers Foundation](#)



# Children having an impact - Eco-Warriors

- Last year, the Eco-Warriors worked incredibly hard on their three chosen areas of Waste, Litter and Biodiversity.
- They completed activities such as weekly litter picks, introducing paper recycling in the classrooms, food recycling at lunchtimes and creating birdhouses along with launching the RSPB Big Birdwatch.
- **We are very proud to share that we have achieved the Eco-Schools Green Flag award for 2025.**
- The new Eco-Warriors were elected at the beginning of the term, and they look forward to continuing the good work in order to maintain our status this year.



**Green Flag**

**2025**

<https://www.eco-schools.org.uk/>





# Children having an impact - Prefects



- Congratulations to all our prefects in Year 6 who have been elected and received their badges. They have responsibilities ranging from running the library, supporting buddy classes lower down the school, supporting with admin tasks and being post people, helping with school events and also promoting our school values and nominating a class for winning the tidy trophy.
- The prefects had to write a letter of application, and they all took this very seriously, writing letters that would have been capable of securing an adult job role. Well done to everybody who applied.

# Children having an impact - Houses

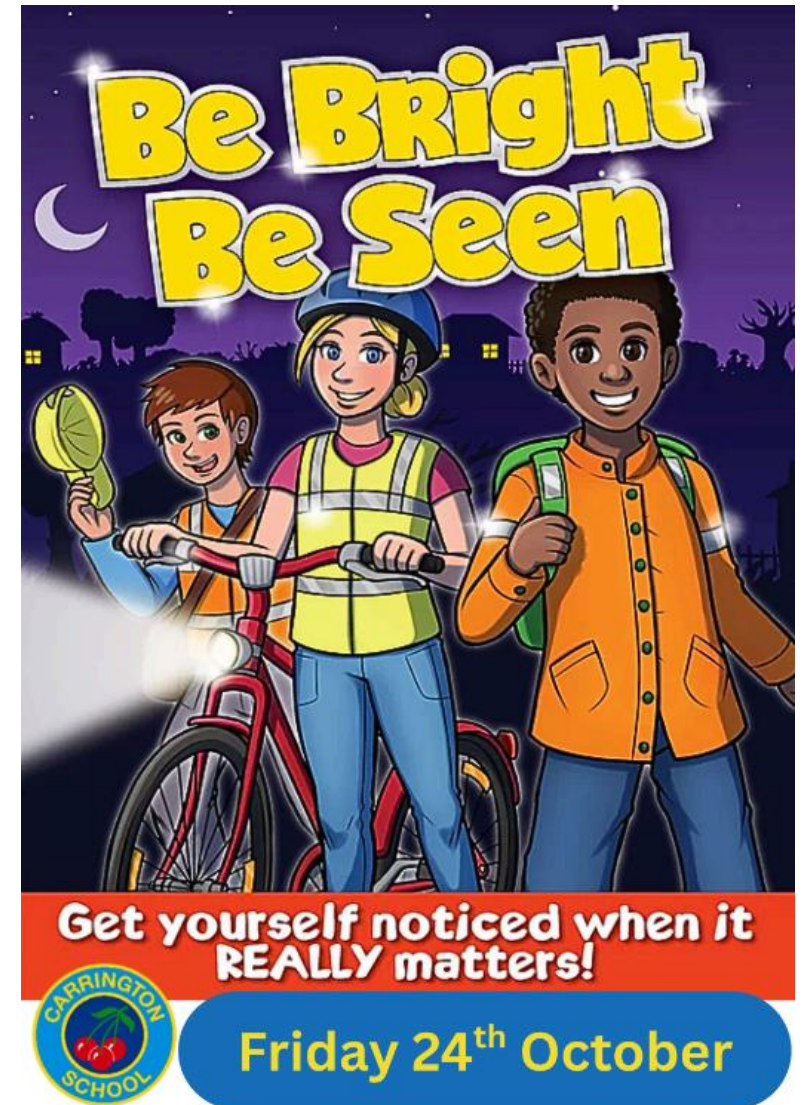
- At Carrington Junior School we have four houses: **Stella**, **Bing**, **Morello** and **Tulare**. Each house name is linked to a type of cherry since our school stands on an old cherry orchard.
- Well done to the House Captains who were elected by the members of their houses at the end of September. House Captains had to prepare a speech which they read out to their houses before voting took place. Well done to all who bravely stood at the front of 60 children to deliver their speeches.
- We have already held the first two house meetings of the term, and each house has selected a house charity, which they will be raising money for later in the year. (Each house has their own half term to do this in.)



The house banners created on Cherrylicious Day last summer have been out in assembly to cheer on the houses.

# Children having an impact - School Council

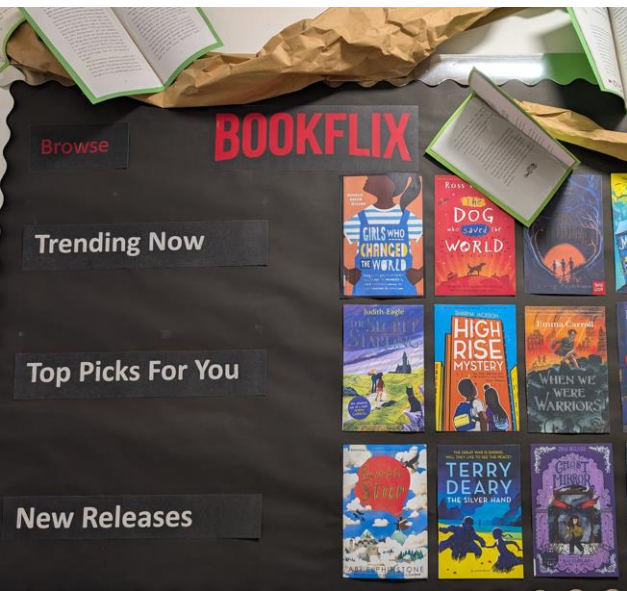
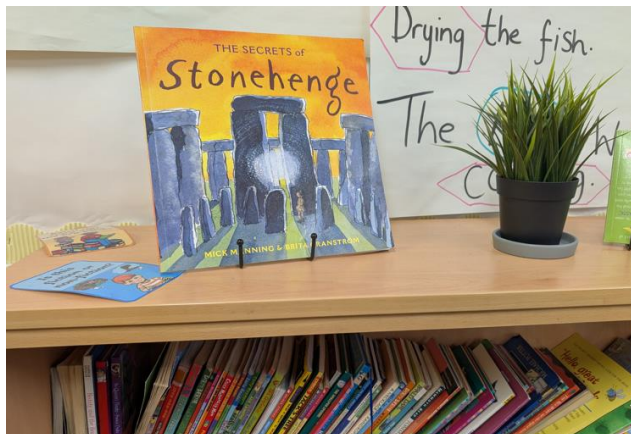
- Our school council members are voted for by their classes.
- School council has met twice already and have decided to focus on travel and road safety for the first part of the year.
- Later in the year they will be examining our school values.
- The first school council initiative was our *Be Bright; Be Seen* event today - perfectly timed before the clocks go back and it begins to be dark for winter.
- Our school council members have been talking to visitors about road safety and will be completing travel surveys with their classes. Look out for them later this term monitoring traffic!





# Reading

- This year each class has elected reading ambassadors to be class experts and also to assist with 'Reading Rocks' assemblies, which are held every Thursday.
- Each class has a class book which they read with the children throughout the week, and their own class bookshelves, which will be added to soon thanks to a very generous donation from the library towards more books for our school.
- A reader of the week is awarded in assembly for people who complete all their home reading, or show particular enthusiasm for a particular book or reading in general.



# Parents' Evening 11 + 12 November



## What to expect:

- You will have a chance to look at your child's books and speak to your child's class teacher.
- You will find out about their recent assessments and any intervention or booster groups they are in.
- You will have a chance to ask questions.
- Why not stop at one of the computers at the side while you wait to complete a parent survey?

We ring a bell to try to keep us on track, but occasionally teachers may run behind due to late arrivals. Please bear with us as we cannot always avoid delays.

## Common questions:

### **My child was at the expected level last year, why are they behind now?**

- Children rarely progress in a straight diagonal line upwards on a graph- it is normal to occasionally slow down to consolidate new learning. Your child's class teacher can talk to you about if their progress is concerning at this point in the year - many children are more secure by the Summer Term.
- We hold termly pupil progress meetings where we examine EVERY child's progress individually and look at additional support they may need.
- Different schools do assessment differently - some look at if a child can remember things at the end of a unit of work when work is still fresh, we look at what they can remember a bit later on. This expectation is often different in Key Stage 2 to Key Stage 1 and can vary from school to school.

### **What are the school doing about the 11+?**

- Schools are not permitted to rehearse for the secondary transfer test. Any preparation is up to parents outside school.

### **Why do I keep being told about my child's attendance?**

- Children who attend school regularly do better. 90% is a good test score, but it is not good attendance - it means your child will have missed two weeks of school by the end of the year, which can often mean the difference between being on track or not being on track with their learning. Once children are behind, it is harder to catch up. Children with low attendance are likely to have increased anxiety and may also miss out socially and may become left out of friendship activities.

# Dates for your diary

- **27-31 Oct:** Half-term
- **Sat 1 Nov:** Village Fireworks & Bonfire night
- **Mon 3 Nov:** Inset Day
- **Tues 4 Nov:** Back to school
- **Tues 11 Nov:** Flu Vaccination - please make sure to consent OR decline (see email sent 3rd Oct)
- **Tues 11 + Wed 12 Nov:** Parents Evening
- **Thur 13 Nov:** PTA School Disco
- **Mon 17 Nov:** Year 6 Pupils Measurements (see email)
- **Fri 21 Nov:** Book Swap after school in the Hall
- **Mon 24 Nov:** Y6 PGL + SATs Meeting on Teams @6.30pm (see email with link)
- **Wed 3 Dec:** Y4 Roman Day
- **Thur 4 Dec:** Y3 Stone Age Day
- **Thur 11 Dec:** Y5 to Ufton Court
- **Fri 12 Dec:** Christmas Concert in the hall from 7pm (Choir)
- **Tues 16 Dec:** Y4 Christingle
- **Fri 19 Dec:** 1.15pm finish for Xmas holiday
- **Mon 5 Jan:** Back to school



[Full School Calendar is here](#)  
(also available on the Eschool App)

# book swap



## Book Swap

Book swap coming up on: **Friday 21st November**

Bring your book(s) and swap for a new book after school in the hall!

# Year Group Performances

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## **October**

- Year 5 – Harvest Assembly

## **December**

- Year 4 – Christingle

## **April**

- Year 3 – Easter Assembly

## **July**

- Year 6 – Summer Production

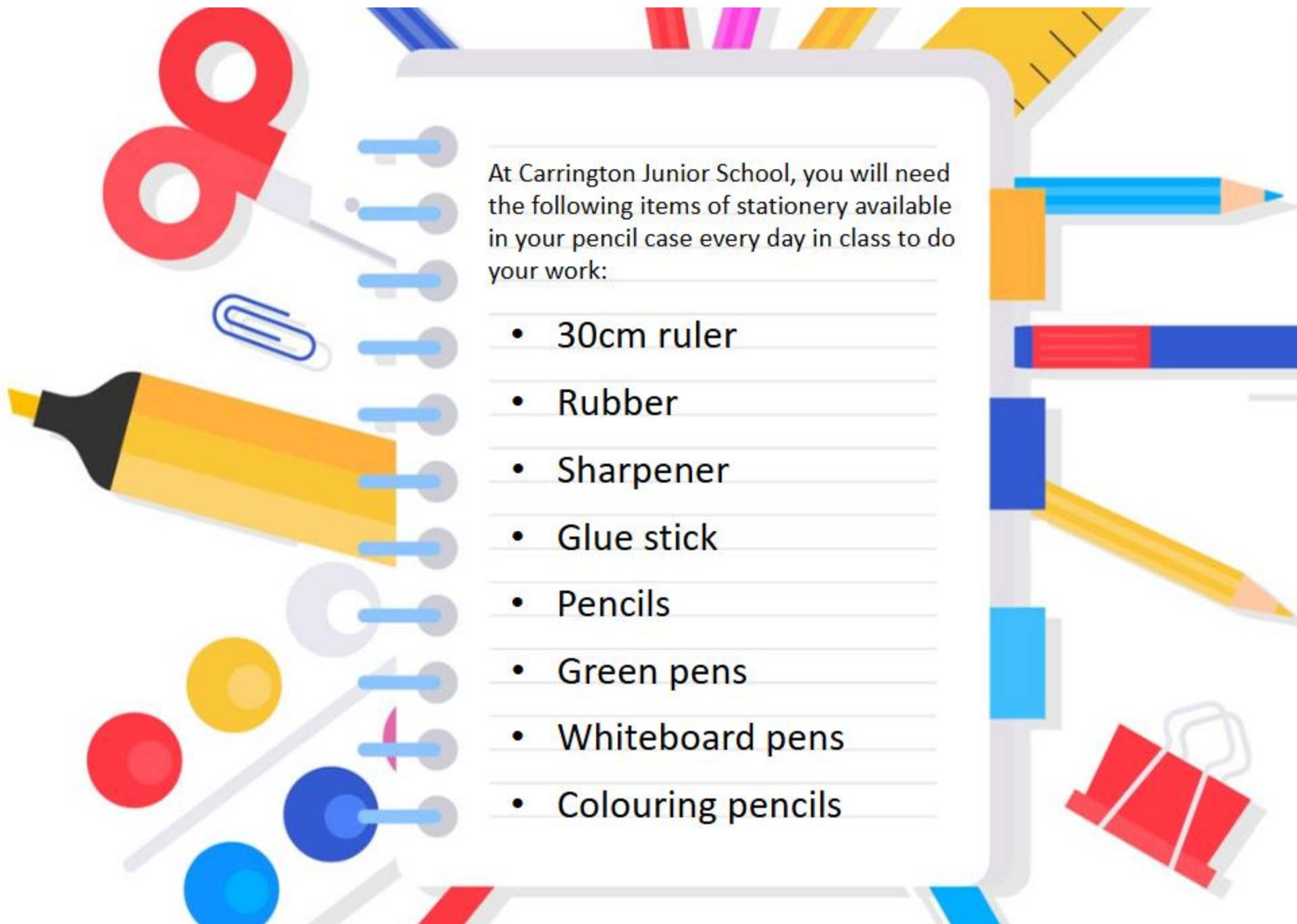






At Carrington Junior School, you will need the following items of stationery available in your pencil case every day in class to do your work:

- 30cm ruler
- Rubber
- Sharpener
- Glue stick
- Pencils
- Green pens
- Whiteboard pens
- Colouring pencils



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# OCTOBER HALF-TERM TECH CAMPS



## Choose your camp!



Minecraft Design & Maze  
3D Design  
Roblox Hacker  
LEGO Robotics

## Details!

 Great Marlow School,  
Bobmore Lane, SL7 1JE

 **£45/day**  
Sibling discount available



## Parent Testimonials:

"Fun and educational!"  
"My kids loved it!"



Limited spots available!



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**For Ages 6-16 years**  
**29th-31st October**  
**10am-3pm**

• DBS Checked Team | Safe, fun & inclusive

DISCO

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GAMES

# *Light and Bright Party*

Friday 31st October

5.30-7PM

@ Christ Church, Chapel Road

A fun event for primary school aged children and their families!

Fancy dress encouraged - come in your best superhero costumes!  
(No scary dress up please)

FREE ENTRY

