Academic Year 2024 - 2025



END OF YEAR CLASS NEWSLETTER

18th July 2025

Head Teacher: Mr Paul Prigg

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

It's hard to believe that we are at the end of another academic year!

In this newsletter we have captured the highlights of the year from each class.

Looking back and celebrating our success is really important for us a school. It when we identify what we have done well, what we need to do more of and what we need to do differently.

Here are some of my highlights:

Welcoming in our new starters; seeing EYFS and KS1 Nativity performances; little faces and smiles during visits from Santa; bravery shown on the Llanrug residential; stylish outfits from Cool Earth week fashion show; seeing children grow in confidence in swimming; confidence to stand-up and share at Junior Youth Speak; arena karaoke at Young Voices; brilliant trips and visits; achieving platinum award for OPAL; our KS2 SATs Results; having 100% of children in Y1 pass their phonics check; summer fayre fun and Rock Steady performances.

I would like to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of staff that make these events happen.

Some of my most significant have been seeing the small moments in which we have seen children grow in confidence, step outside their comfort zone or find their voice. We celebrate all moments, big and small at Carnforth.

We sadly bid farewell to our lovely Y6's – you have made us so proud and we wish you every success at high school. Please make sure you pop in and say hi! We also wish the year 6 grown-ups a fond goodbye too.

I'm sure you will join me in wishing Peter Cox and Katie Jones well in their future endeavors. I would like to extend our thanks and appreciation of all they have done to have make our school great and have the impact they have had with the children within their care.

We also wish Emily Hemming a wonderful maternity leave as her family life begins!

We look forward to seeing the children in school on 3rd September 2025. Have a wonderful, safe and relaxing summer break.

Paul Prigg



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NURSERY

We kicked off the Autumn term learning all about ourselves. We shared pictures of our families, talked about our stages of development, and learnt all about our Nursery. We started learning all about numbers and concepts by having a different number and concept every week and have been incorporating them into our play ever since. During the second part of the term, we moved on to learning about light, autumn colours and different celebrations including Diwali and Christmas.





The first block of Spring saw us learning all about our houses and where we live. The children thoroughly enjoyed this topic and loved building their houses out of the wooden blocks and different construction materials. We also learnt about the weather and discussed the different types of weather we experience. We finished off the term with learning all about people who help us. This was a popular topic with the children, and they learnt such a wide range of knowledge.

During the second block of Spring, we learned all about life on the farm and Easter. This was a joyous time for the children as we got to experience the hatching of chicks, and we were lucky enough to be able to watch them grow. The children talked about this experience for a long time.





Summer saw the arrival of minibeasts in Nursery. The children thoroughly enjoyed learning about various minibeasts and were keen to show off their sticky knowledge to their peers and adults. We then revisited the weather to discuss what we need to wear and do during the sunny weather. This leads us on to our seaside topic. The children really enjoyed learning all about the different parts of the seaside and ensuring they stay safe. We finished the term off with learning all about pirates. This saw the children transform into pirates, building their ships and ensuring the treasure was found.

I have thoroughly enjoyed working in Nursery this year, welcoming new children along the way and seeing them create such a beautiful bond with each other has been so heartwarming to witness.

Have a fantastic summer and stay safe!

Mrs Hawkes 😊



RECEPTION

Reception have had a fantastic year. It is amazing to look back to the start of the year and see how much all of the children have grown!

We have covered lots of exciting topics this year. In the autumn term, we learnt 'All about me'. The children shared lots of information about their families, we learnt how to take care of pets and we created art of ourselves in the style of Picasso. At the end of the term the children went to the safari park as part of their 'celebrate' unit. They got to meet Santa and

take home a gift!





In the spring term, we enjoyed learning about Africa. We loved reading the story 'Handa's Surprise' and learning all about the safari animals. The children made African huts and dressed up to retell the story. During the spring term, the children also learnt all about waste and recycling. We took a trip to Envirosort to see how our recycling is processed. The children really enjoyed using recycled materials to make a kite and taking it out to fly!





In the summer term, the children learnt all about a range of minibeasts. They went hunting for them, studied them and even made them out of clay. We then learnt about summer. We made a beach hunt in our outdoor garden and enjoyed relaxing in sun loungers, dipping our feet in paddling pools and playing in the sand. At the end of unit, we got to visit Weston Super Mare. We had so much fun at the beach even when the seagulls tried to steal our

chips!

I wish the children the best of luck as they move up into year one and start their new journey. Have a lovely summer!

Miss Hemming





We started off Year 1 learning 'Our Class is a Family' and talking about what makes our class special. We made smoothies using seasonal fruit and vegetables and even added some beetroot to see what it tasted like. In PE, we were dancing to 'Giraffe's can't Dance' inspired music. Our other topics included the Highstreet now and then and Victorian toys. We also visited Hartlebury castle which was great fun. Of course, we worked hard on our Nativity too, where we were camels or kings. We loved performing all of the songs to our grown-ups!





In the Spring term we began by learning about Antarctica. We found out that penguins and polar bears will never actually meet each other in the wild which blew our minds! We also learnt about different explorers, starting off with Robert Falcon Scott who went to the Antarctic himself! In Science, we enjoyed lots of different experiments, one of which we got to freeze penguins and see the changes that happen. We also had World Book Day, which was great fun. The children's costumes were fantastic, and they were a real highlight of the year.





Summer term has been a busy one! We started off the term learning about different explorers which as Neil Armstrong. Linked to the space theme, we also learnt 'Whatever Next' in Talk for Writing. We had great fun turning cardboard boxes into rockets and worked really well in small teams. Our Artist we have been learning about is called Kandinsky. We really enjoyed creating art in response to different music and creating our own versions of Kandinsky's work. We've had a great time at forest school, discovering different plants and climbing the trees. Cool Earth Week was also great fun where we created our own little model of Worcester using recycling. We found out how to look after the Earth and made eco promises of our own.

And finally....

We have had such a fantastic year this year. It has been a real pleasure to watch all of the children grow and mature as the year has progressed. There have been a lot of highlights, too many to fit into here! We really do wish you all the best of luck as you move into Year 2. Keep on shining and showing everybody what you are made of! Have an amazing Summer

Miss Cole

What a brilliant year, Year 2 has had! We are so proud of the hard work the children have done this year and how much progress they have made. We have so many super Mathematicians in Year 2! We have developed our confidence with using a range of concrete, pictorial and abstract representations to help us work out our operations and solve problems. We have enjoyed building on our knowledge of fractions be learning about ½,1/3,1/4,2/4 and ¾ and applying our knowledge to a range of reasoning questions. We also learnt to tell the time to the hour, half past, quarter past and quarter to, with some children even learning to tell the time to 5 minute intervals.

In Writing, we have explored a range of texts to support and inspire us in our writing and especially enjoyed key texts such as, Snail and the Whale, Meerkat Mail and Tin Forest. We have developed our knowledge of skills including adjectives, expanded noun phrases, and coordinated and subordinated conjunctions and applied them to our pieces of writing.

As Historians, we have travelled back in time to 1666 to explore what life was like in London during the Great Fire of London and comparing fire fighting methods from then to now. We learned about significant figures including, Samuel Pepys, Thomas Farriner and King Charles II. In the Spring term we learned about three significant nurses: Florence Nightingale, Mary Seacole and Edith Cavell. In the Summer term we learned about Emmeline Pankhurst and Millicent Fawcett who were part of a group called the Suffragettes, who fought for women's rights to vote. They wore sashes which said, 'Votes for Women', so we designed our own sashes with powerful messages on.

In Geography, we started off by exploring our local area and developing our mapping skills to plot key places in Worcester. We then went on a virtual bus journey around the four countries that make up the UK and their capital cities, where we identified some human and physical features and built on our knowledge of important landmarks. Our exploration went further by learning about the 7 continents and 5 seas. We zoomed into one of the Caribbean islands by learning about Jamaica and its' capital city of Kingston. The children researched about the weather, climate, human and physical features, and some of the important landmarks. We applied this knowledge when designing and building an enclosure for a Jamaican Iguana.

As Artists we have been inspired by people such as Anthony Browne, Stephany Peters, Nathan Wyburn, and Anthony Gormley. We based our collages of Florence Nightingale, Mary Seacole and Edith Cavell on Nathan Wyburn's collage of the NHS nurse.

As Scientists we have used our working scientifically skills, when learning about living things and their habitats, animals including humans, everyday materials, and plants. We have also grown many herbs, vegetables, fruits and flowers in school this year! We have definitely become expert gardeners!



The children really impressed me with their amazing projects this year! These included: a clay jewellery box, a board game, a doll's house, a comic book, a sonic puppet show, an Xbox and accessories, etc.

We have been fortunate to have so many experiences and event days this year, such as, Healthy Living Day, Ukelele lessons, weekly cricket sessions, swimming, our STEM project and our favourite day of the year, World Book Day!



I wish my lovely class the best of luck in Year 3 next year and I will miss them very much! Miss Jones

What an absolute whirlwind this year has been!

We have squeezed so much into one year and it will absolutely be an unforgettable one.

At the start of the year, we spent a lot of time getting to know each other and the boundaries that come with a new key stage. Young Voices practise was in full swing ready for January and we had lots of exciting Christmas activities going on. Not forgetting ukulele and swimming lessons!









Look how young they look!





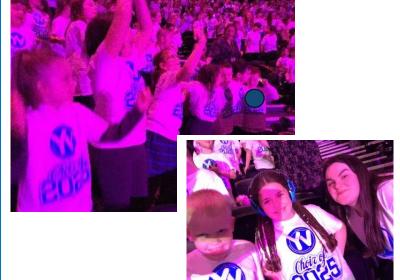








As Spring came around, we had our Young Voices performance! The children still talk about it to this day, so I know it was a memorable experience for them. All of our hard work paid off and we got to see some of our favourite people perform live on stage.













This summer term has been a busy one. We have learnt about rivers and even got to visit the River Severn and Diglis Fish Pass. This was a great link to our DT project where we had made shad capturers. Sadly, we didn't see any shads, but we got to see some other fish.













It has truly been a spectacular year, and I have loved being the class teacher to such wonderful, creative and funny children.



I wish you lot the very best in Year 4!



What a fantastic year we have had in Year 4! we would like to take a moment to reflect on the wonderful achievements and experiences of our Year 4 students. Check out our highlights below!

Academic Achievements • This year, our Year 4 students have shown remarkable progress in all areas of the curriculum. From mastering complex mathematical concepts to developing their creative writing skills, their hard work and dedication have truly paid off. We are incredibly proud of their academic achievements and the enthusiasm they have shown towards learning. We have really enjoyed learning loads in many other subjects and have soaked up every aspect of our learning.

In Year Four, I've liked being more responsible. I've really enjoyed maths learning about decimals and fractions. I've being doing extra Maths and drawing at home with my brother - Tilly

























I like Science because we make lots of discoveries and experiments. I really enjoyed learning about electricity and making circuits with bulbs, wires, switches and batteries - Callum

Trips and visits 📒

We have thoroughly enjoyed visiting Malvern on the train as part of our Geography learning. We loved when we went swimming in the Autumn Term and saw some great progress with our swimming strokes. We have also enjoyed visits from the PCSO and Green Ape where we cycled on his bike to make our own smoothies! We also had The Dog's Trust visiting us where we learned all about dogs and their incredible sense of smell!







l've loved Writing this year because we have been using our creativity to write really engaging stories. My Favourite book that we looked at was Leo and the Gorgon's Curse. I used this as inspiration to write my own version - Jude

Year Four has been really good for me. I have been taught loads of new stuff. I liked our trip to Malvern, going on the train was really fun and we got a book after. I enjoyed making my own smoothie and then drinking it after - Lily













Year Four has been excellent! In Maths I can reactivate skills and then learn new ones. I've enjoyed decimals and fractions and can't wait for next year! Lukas G

It is the end of Year 5! Well done for a fantastic year.

It's been a pleasure to teach you and I have thoroughly enjoyed lots of our memories together, learning, laughing, creating and exploring.

Here's some of our best bits:





























As we come to the end of the school year, it is always great to reflect on the year we've had and what a year it's been!

















Year 6 have shown fantastic resilience this year with their determination to succeed within their SATs. We have worked incredibly hard to prove we can achieve great things.

As readers, we have really immersed ourselves into a range of texts: pulling out key events and information.

As mathematicians, we have worked collaboratively to ensure we identify misconceptions to support each other.

Additionally, as writers, we have excelled in creating independent pieces which show the Key Stage 2 disciplinary knowledge.

Mr Cox is so very proud of their achievements this year and would like to congratulate them on their learning attitudes. If they keep this up for their secondary school journey, they will achieve wonderful things.















Year 6 have shown such wonderful learning and behaviour attitudes this year especially on the multiple trips they have taken. It has been an absolute pleasure seeing them enjoy their learning and apply what they have learnt outside the classroom. They really have shown the importance of a holistic education.









There have been changes this year like children leaving us however we have also had children join us to celebrate their end of primary school. We said goodbye to Lois however said a joyous welcome to Adam and Grace: who have both settled in excellently to our Carnforth Community.

Finally, it goes without saying just how much fun we have had together whether it be learning inside or outside the classroom. From making war-time pasties to the leavers' performance, the journey we have been on this year has been fantastic to see.

Mr Cox would like to wish all of Year 6 a wonderful and fabulous summer!

FAREWELL TO YEAR 6

As this chapter of your journey comes to a close, I find myself filled with pride, gratitude, and a touch of sadness. It has been an absolute honour to be your teacher during your final year at Carnforth School—a year filled with laughter, learning, and unforgettable memories.

You have each shown such incredible dedication, resilience, and curiosity in your learning. Your positive attitudes and willingness to grow have inspired not only me, but everyone around you. You've supported one another through challenges, celebrated each other's successes, and truly shown what it means to be a team.

What has touched me most is the way you've stepped up as role models for the younger children. Your kindness, patience, and leadership have left a lasting impression on the Carnforth community. You've shown them what it means to be respectful, responsible, and compassionate—and for that, we are all so proud of you.

On a personal note, you've made my final year at Carnforth School one I will never forget. Your energy, enthusiasm, and warmth have brought so much joy to my days. I couldn't have asked for a more wonderful group of young people to share this special year with, and I will carry the memories we've made together with me always.

As you move on to secondary school, carry with you the confidence that you are ready. Remember the strategies you've learned, the friendships you've built, and the strength you've discovered within yourselves.

You are each so special, so unique, and so capable of achieving amazing things.

Never forget: be proud of who you are.

We will miss you more than words can say, but we'll always be cheering you on.

And don't be strangers—come back and say hello. You'll always have a home here at Carnforth.

With all my best wishes,

Peter Cox



A MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL COUNCIL

As we approach the end of another fantastic school year, we are excited to share the highlights and achievements of our wonderful school community. This year has been filled with learning, growth and memorable moments that we will cherish for years to come.

We have been overjoyed with the involvement of our whole Carnforth Community this year. Not only the smaller events but the larger events like Christmas and Summer Fayres and our Halloween discos the enjoyment we have had through the games we have played and the stalls we have created has enabled us to enjoy our school life and share incredible moments with you. Thank you for being an amazing part of those events and a special shout out to our wonderful PTA parents for helping to organise and run these events.



We were delighted to participate in the STEMworks final, where two of our Year 5 students had the opportunity to attend MAZAK. Students from Years 3-6 also showcased their talents in the Rotary Club's Poetry Slam and Junior Youth Speak competition, demonstrating remarkable determination and resilience while speaking in front of an audience.

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Some of our school highlights this year include our cricket lessons that we have had during the summer term, swimming and the brass band performance at Christmas. Year 3 going to young voices and our cool earth week fashion show was also loved by everyone. A particular favourite of ours was sports day, we love it when we come together as a school and take part in these events.



The year concluded on a high note with Carnforth's first ever Rock Steady Concert, where some of our children performed in their very own bands to their friends and families. Well done to everyone who took part we are all so proud!



Have a fantastic summer!

School Council 😌

A MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD BOY and HEAD GIRL

This year at Carnforth has been absolutely amazing, and we've had so many exciting opportunities that we'd love to share with you!

To start off, we had our spooky Halloween disco! Everyone dressed up in creepy costumes and we even tried to scare the teachers – it was so much fun!

In November, we took time to remember the heroes of World War II. We learned about the brave people who gave their lives for our future, and we did some thoughtful activities to honour them.

December was magical! Lots of children performed in the nativity play – they were so brave and talented. It really showed us the spirit of Carnforth.

In January, Year 4 went on an exciting trip to the Malvern Hills. They travelled by train, enjoyed the beautiful views, and learned all about train safety too.

Then in February, Year 5 had an amazing adventure in Llanrug, Wales. They climbed waterfalls, explored caves, and faced all sorts of challenges – it sounded incredible!

March brought World Book Day, and we all dressed up as our favourite book characters. It was great seeing everyone's creativity and love for reading.

In April, we celebrated Easter with some brilliant crafts and even had a competition to design the best egg-themed terrain – it was egg-cellent!

May was a bit quieter as our fantastic Year 6s tackled their SATs. We all had to be super quiet to help them concentrate – and they did us proud!

In June, Year 3 went on a lovely trip to Diglis Island for their D.T. project. They had a great time exploring and learning new things.

And finally, in July, our Year 6s got ready for their next big step – high school! They had transition days, a fun prom with food and dancing, and their special Leavers' Assembly. We'll miss them so much, but we know they'll do amazing things and leave behind a brilliant legacy.

Thank you for being part of such a fantastic year at Carnforth. We're proud to be your Head Boy and Head Girl!



Challenge

Summer Reading The Summer Reading Challenge is the UK's biggest free reading for pleasure programme for children.

This year's theme is Story Garden

Please visit: www.worcestershire.gov.uk/councilservices/worcestershire-libraries/read-and-discover/summer-readingchallenge

ATTENDANCE



2024/2025 Academic Year Class attendance: 93.4%

Year Group	Attendance
Reception	93.7%
Year 1	95.0%
Year 2	92.9%
Year 3	91.5%
Year 4	94.5%
Year 5	92.3%
Year 6	94.0%

DIAMOND CERTIFICATES

Well done to all of the children that have achieved their Diamond success stone.

Reception: Izzy, Polina, Ruby Rose, Isaac

Year 1: Archie, Elsie, Meila, Charlie, Lucas, Darcie, Jaxon, Matt V

Year 2: Isla, Isabelle, Amelia

Year 3: Willow, Maya, Natalia, Georgina, Tommy, Marnie

Year 4: Sofia, Olaf, India, Alice, Oliver, Lily, Grace

Year 5: Amelia, Reyaansh, Lilly, Rafael, Archie,

Lydia, Reuben

Year 6: Edward, Faith, JJ, Daniel, Bailey



100% ATTENDANCE for the academic year 2024/2025

Year 1: Veriheka

Year 3: Thomas, Georgina, Joan

Year 4: Matilda

Year 5: Martins

Year 6: Daniel, Isabella







ARBOR

Firstly, could you please ensure that you choose the option to enable in-app messages as most of the messages from school will be delivered this way moving forward.

ACTIVITIES/CLUBS: Look here if you need to book a space in breakfast club, little pears, additional nursery hours or the nursery top-up.

All bookings must be made in advance.

The option for cash payments and bank transfers have now ceased.

If your child attended Rock Steady this term and you would like to continue in September, please ensure you pre-book the sessions on Arbor, also under **Activities/Clubs**.

ACTIVITIES/TRIPS: This is where you will find any trips/events that are taking place throughout the year and will be allocated to year groups.

MEALS: This is where you can choose and book your child's lunch choices.

Please note: the meal choices will change for September and will be open to parents to book from 1st September.

SCHOOL SHOP: All uniform items available to buy from school will be listed here.

Please note: If you purchase any uniform during the Summer holiday, it will be available to pick up on Tuesday 2nd September between the hours of Midday and 3pm ONLY. We will be selling waterproof padded school coats when stock arrives in September, at a special price of £11.50, instead of £23.25. We will send a text when the sale starts!

If you have an outstanding (minus) balance on your account, please clear this as a matter of urgency. This needs to be cleared by the end of July to be allocated in this academic year. Failure to do so may affect any future bookings you wish to make and will also be transferred to the trust for collection purposes during August.



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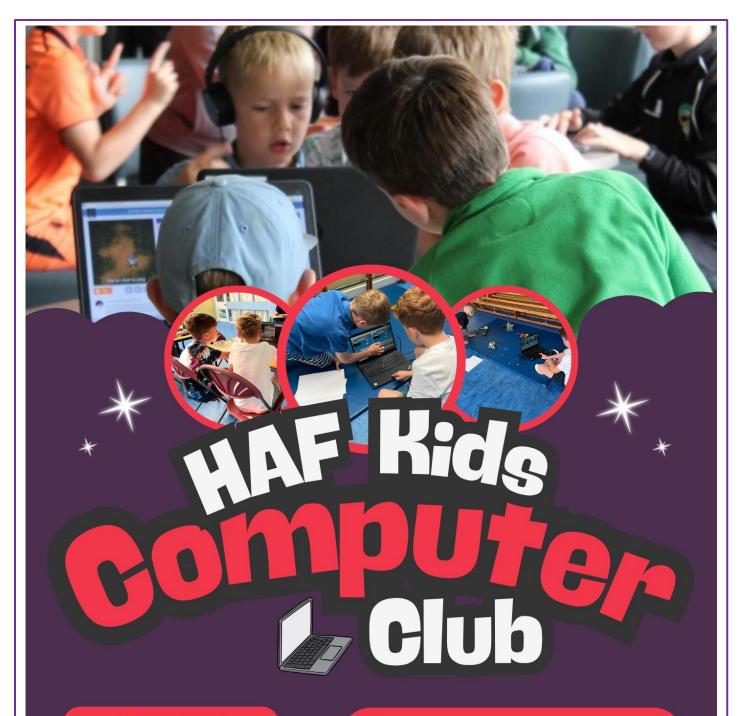
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We appeared in the Rotary Newsletter

WHAT HAS BEEN GOING ON



Friday 27 June saw the annual Junior Youth Speaks competition at Carnforth School. As always it was an inspiring event, seeing and hearing the children rising to the challenge of public speaking. The judges included the Mayor of Worcester - Cllr Dr Matt Lamb & Honorary Member Jan Harris. However, there was a big surprise for the Club - the school have been raising money for charity and as part of that presented the our Club with a cheque for £644!

We look forward to telling the school exactly what this money is used for.



Not a Club activity, but our reading partners at Carnforth School were invited to a fashion show where the pupils had made outfits out of recycled materials for the staff to wear as part of their "Our Cool Earth Week".

A FOND FAREWELL

to Peter Cox (Y6) and Katie Jones (Y2) who leave us today to start a new career challenge. We wish them both the very best of luck - they will be sorely missed by all of us!



A TEMPORARY FAREWEL

to Emily Hemming (Reception) who is leaving us to have her first baby. We wish her and her partner the very best of luck and we can't wait to meet her new arrival.



AND A WARM



to Miss Bacon (Y1), Miss Weaver (Y4) and Mr Atkinson (Y5) who will be joining us in September.