

# Class Newsletter

6<sup>th</sup> February 2026

**Headteacher: Mr Paul Prigg**

## Message from the Headteacher

It was great to see our Commitment Crew hitting 100% in January's attendance. Attendance is incredibly important. Every day counts and we are excited to see who will hit 100% in February.

We have launched into Friendship February this month too. Every day, together as a community, we show belonging through small acts of kindness. Make sure you ask your children about what they have been doing to be a great friend.

As a school, we have seen an increase in children coming into school wearing hoodies and non-agreed items of clothing. Please ensure children arrive in school wearing their full school uniform. Jumpers and hoodies that are non-school items will be asked to be removed and spare uniform will be offered. This is also true of PE kits. The school PE kit consists of a blue PE t-shirt and navy blue shorts or jogging bottoms. If you are short of uniform, we have a lot in stock and if you would benefit from financial support then please pop into see us. Our uniform shows our belonging to our Carnforth Community. Please support us with this.

Boom reader is coming soon. An app to tick off reading with your child – what could be simpler? No diary, no fuss. More information on this will be coming your way...

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Miss Bacon for all her hard work and commitment she has shown to Carnforth since joining us in September. We wish her well as she continues her career into the next chapter. I'm sure you will join me in thanking her and wishing her well.

Have a great weekend!

Paul Prigg

## NURSERY

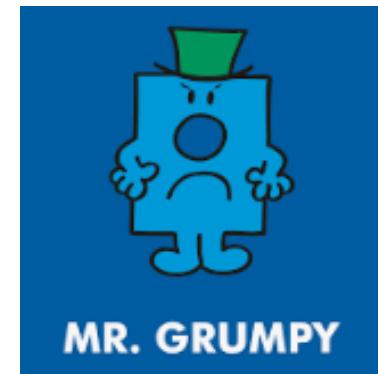
Nursery have had so much fun learning about the weather. We were super excited to see a double rainbow! We have also had lots of puddle jumping fun this week.

We have been busy making our own snack, we have been learning how to safely butter our crackers and learning to wash and dry our equipment!



## RECEPTION

Reception have been really enjoying retelling the story of Mr Gumpy. They have loved changing the key characters to create a new version of the story with their own ideas. It has been great seeing how their imaginations have come to life!



**MR. GRUMPY**

In maths we have been exploring the numbers 6, 7 and 8 and have begun to learn how to combine groups together as an introduction to addition. We use our part part whole model to count out the different groups and then push them together to find the total amount.

During our topic sessions we explored our local area and where we live. We have explored how we live in Worcester and what can be found around our school grounds. The children worked really hard creating maps of their journeys to school and of their houses.

One thing Reception have thoroughly enjoyed during play this week is exploring the creative area using our junk modelling. The creations the children are producing are really thoughtful and use a lot of imagination.

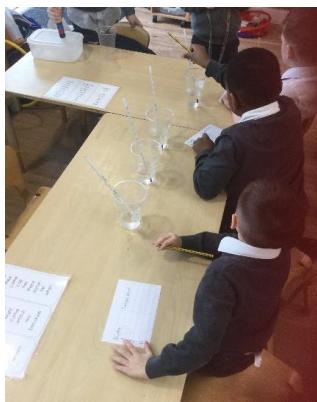
We would really appreciate it if anyone has any recycling they could donate to Reception to allow us to continue these creations!

## YEAR 1

Year 1 have been very busy learning all about the North and South Pole. Through our writing and topic lessons, we have immersed ourselves into the life of a penguin. Outside we have been retelling our story 'Be Brave Little Penguin' using ice and sea animals to recreate the habitat. The children have loved coming up with adjectives to describe our character, ready to write a character description all about Pip-pip the penguin.



In Science, we have been learning about everyday materials and their properties. The children have looked at different objects that we find around our classroom and found out what material it is made from. They also did a science experiment where they took the temperature of different beakers and noticed a change when ice was added.



Throughout our learning in Maths, we have become experts in addition and subtraction. The children use a variety of methods to work out addition and subtraction calculations.

## YEAR 2 SPRING 1 NEWSLETTER



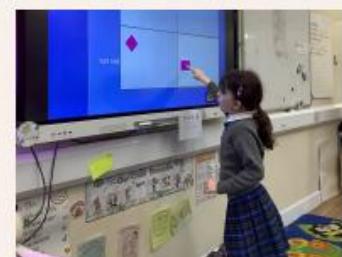
Welcome back to Spring Term in Year 2 and Happy New Year!

2026 is going to be filled with lots of exciting learning and experiences in Year 2. This will start with our Great Fire of London trip to Selly Manor. We are so excited and can't wait for the class to share all their learning with you.



In English we are using The Snail and The Whale to build on our narrative writing skills. Remember to keep practicing at home with finger spaces and full stops.

In Maths we will be exploring Money and learning more about multiplication and division. Check out MC Grammar on youtube to see how good we are at our 2s 5s and 10s!



We have started swimming and doing lots of important learning about water safety. Keep up with the great work.



PE kits are to be worn Tuesdays and Wednesdays.



Please remember to regularly read at home and send in reading diaries.

# YEAR 3 NEWSLETTER

Friendship February 2026

## In the Classroom...

### Science

We have been learning about rocks in our science lessons. We have explored different types of rocks and use the Mohs Scale of hardness to sequence them from hardest to softest.

**Ask me about the three different types of rock and how they are made!**

### Geography

In Geography, we have been learning about rivers and coasts. We really enjoyed comparing the River Severn in Worcester to the River Danube which flows through Europe.

Ask me the following:

**What is a source?**

**What is an estuary?**

**How long is the River Severn?**

## Reminders

Apologies for any inconvenience with the change of PE days.

**Wednesday and Thursday** are our PE days for this term. Please make sure children are wearing school PE kits.

## Residential

Thank you for all who have returned and paid the deposit for our Oaker Wood residential. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to talk to Miss East.



# YEAR 4 NEWSLETTER

## What we have been up to...

### Maths:

We have now finished our multiplication and division unit. The children have worked incredibly hard and can now confidently multiply and divide by 10 and 100.

### Writing:

As writers, we are exploring Leo and the Gorgons curse. This text links nicely with our Ancient Greeks history topic, and the children are really enjoying discovering more about Greek myths, characters and settings.

### Reading:

As readers we are loving our class read, The Twits! the children look forward to hearing about the pranks each day and are thoroughly enjoying DEAR time. It's wonderful to see their enthusiasm for reading grow.

### Friendship february:

This month, we are celebrating friendship february. Each day we are focusing on kindness, teamwork and what it means to be a good friend. The children have been brilliant at recognising acts of kindness and we look forwards to continuing our friendship challenges throughout the month.

## Reminders

- PE days: Wednesdays and Thursdays.
- Children should come to school in their full PE kits on these days.



2026 FRIENDSHIP FEBRUARY						
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1 Smile at 5 people						
2 Play with someone new	3 Give a kind compliment	4 Share at tidy-up time	5 Invite someone to join in	6 Help a friend with a task	7 Draw a picture for someone	8 Say thank you to someone
9 Teach someone a game	10 Listen carefully today	11 Write a kind note	12 Ask someone how they feel	13 Offer to share equipment	14 Valentine's Day: tell someone why you love them	15 Let someone go first
16 Include someone lonely	17 Work well in a team	18 Tell someone what you like about them	19 Help clean the house	20 Say sorry if needed	21 Share a joke kindly	22 Be patient today
23 Show good sportsmanship	24 Teach someone a skill	25 Help a younger person	26 Invite a friend to play with you	27 Tell someone they bring	28 Celebrate friendship	

## YEAR 5



It has been an incredibly busy few weeks in our classroom, with the children showing immense curiosity as we dive into new topics. From the icy landscapes of the Antarctic to the vast reaches of outer space, our learning journey is well underway.

 **Writing and Reading** In our writing sessions, we have been braving the elements while reading *Ice Trap*. To bring our setting descriptions to life, the class has been focusing on using relative and subordinate clauses alongside vivid similes. We have found that using oral rehearsal - talking through our ideas before we pick up a pencil - has been a vital tool in helping us structure our thoughts and improve the quality of our written work. Meanwhile, in reading, we are prowling through the world of *Varjak Paw*. The children are acting as "Reading Experts," consistently applying their reading tips to navigate the text and uncover deeper meanings.

 **Maths** In maths, we are continuing to utilize Magma Maths. Our recent focus has been on mastering the formal method of short division and understanding the mechanics of place value when multiplying and dividing by 10, 100, and 1,000. It is wonderful to see the children becoming more confident in manipulating larger numbers and explaining their mathematical thinking.

 **Science and Geography** Our new science unit on Space has officially launched! We have been investigating the curvature of the Earth and discussing the evidence that proves our planet is round. Through our experiments, we also discovered how the Earth's rotation creates the cycle of day and night. In geography, we have transitioned into our unit on Natural Disasters. To help us understand global locations, we have begun exploring the invisible grid of the Earth by learning how to read lines of latitude and longitude.

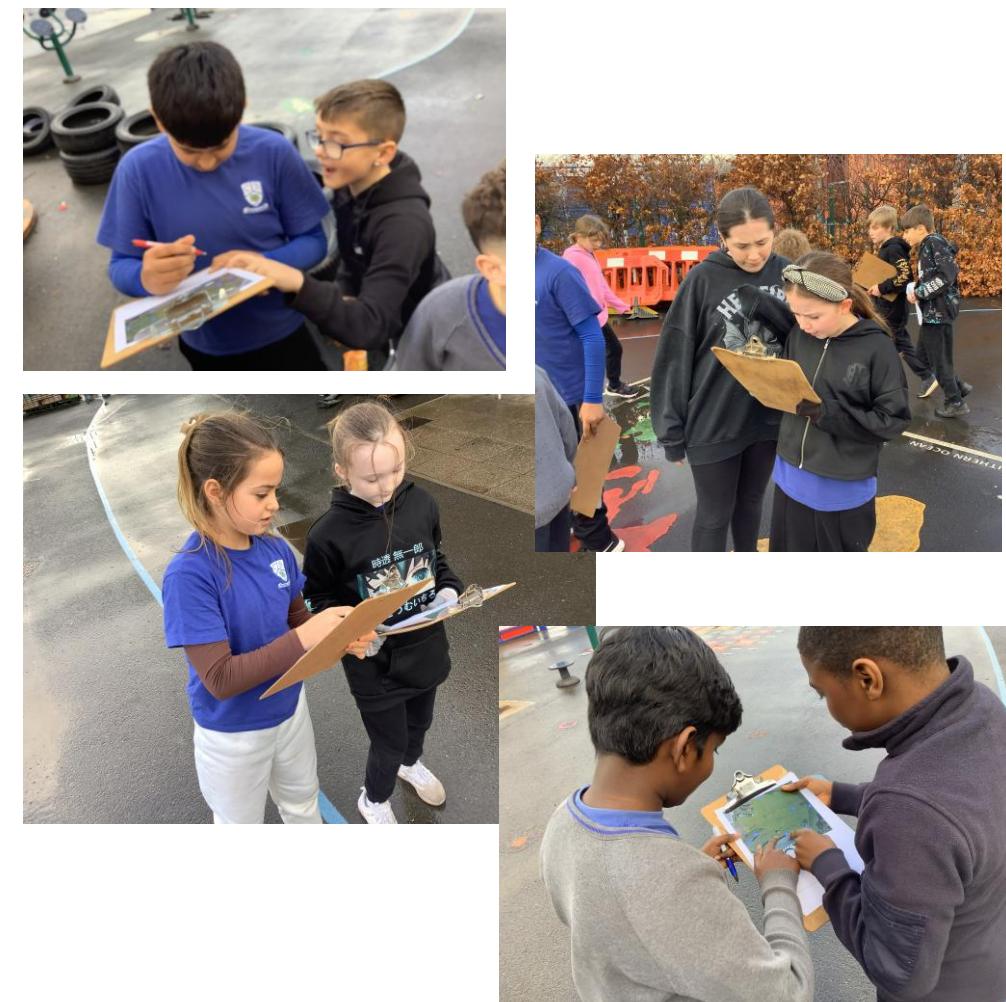
 **Art** In art, we have been studying the work of Gary Hoang, an artist who specializes in the fascinating world of photomontage. The class has been analysing his style and techniques, and there is a great deal of excitement building as we prepare to use our digital devices to create our very own pieces of digital art.



## YEAR 6

Year 6 have had a great start to the Spring Term! We have come back with a great learning attitude which has helped us to tackle some harder parts of our learning.

We are really enjoying PE this term. In OAA (Outdoor Adventurous Activities) we are exploring teamwork and communication. This week we have been using these skills within orienteering. We had to use the map and the clues to find the letters to spell out a word. We should great teamwork skills to do this.



## YEAR 6 Continued

We have just finished our suspense writing unit on Francis where we have been using a range of writing skills as well as suspense techniques such as short sentences, rhetorical questions, hide the threat and use of senses. We have created some really tense stories where we frighten the reader and have worked hard to edit these!



As mathematicians, we have moved onto our fraction unit. We have been trying to spot the patterns and have noticed that a lot of it is our times tables! To help with this, it will be useful to ensure that we are practicing our times tables.

Last week, due to our positive learning attitudes, we spent some extra time outside. As it was raining, we donned the waterproofs! We had a great time together building friendships and resilience.



### KEY FEATURES



**SAFETY-CHECKED VENUES MAP**



**SAFEST ROUTE PLANNER**  
SHARE YOUR JOURNEY WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY



**SOS ALERT BUTTON**  
INSTANTLY NOTIFY TRUSTED CONTACTS IF YOU FEEL UNSAFE



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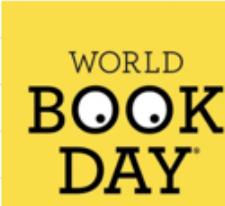
**Carnforth**  
School



**FEbruary 2026**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	3 <b>ROCK STEADY</b>	4  <b>Y2 Swimming</b>	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
<b>CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK WEEK</b>				
<b>Y6 Visit to Warndon Library</b>	<b>ROCK STEADY</b>	 <b>Y2 Swimming</b>	<b>Police in school for Nursery</b>	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS</b>  <b>CCCC INSET DAY</b>
<b>Reception Walk to Sainsbury's</b>				
16	17	18	19	20
<b>HALF TERM</b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>
23	24 <b>ROCK STEADY</b>	 <b>Y1 Swimming</b>	 <b>Y4 Trip to thinktank</b> <small>Birmingham science museum</small>	<b>Y6 Trip to the Commandery</b> 
	<b>Y6 SATs Parents Meeting 2:45 - 3:15pm</b>			

# MARCH 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	3	4	5	6
Reception Visit to Warndon Library		 Y1 Swimming		 Wk 5: 1pm-3pm
9	10	11	12	13
<b>NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK</b>				
		 Y1 Swimming	 Parents Evening 5:00 - 7:00pm	 Tea & Cake with Someone Special
16	17	18	19	20
Nursery Visit to Warndon Library		 Y1 Swimming		
23	24	25	26	27
		 Y1 Swimming		Last day of Spring Term School closes until 13th April
30	31			

If a date or time needs to be amended, we will notify you as soon as possible.

# Attendance

## By year group

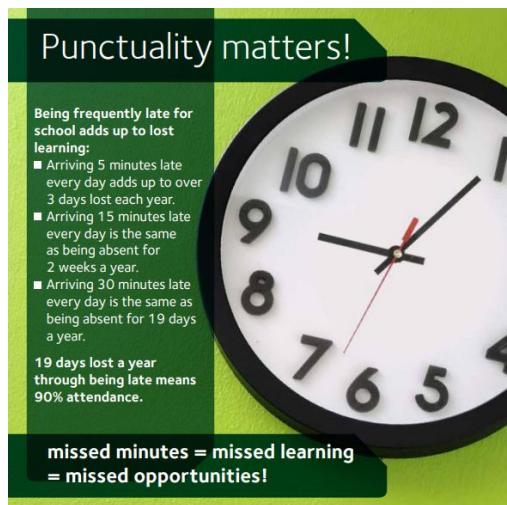
Reception	90.7%
Year 1	95.7%
Year 2	95.7%
Year 3	91.8%
Year 4	91.1%
Year 5	92.4%
Year 6	91.3%

## Whole school

School	91.6%
National	94.69%



We currently have **79** pupils that have **100%** attendance so far this academic year!



## APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR JUNIOR BAKE OFF

Aged between 9-15 and love to bake?  
We'd love to hear from you!

[WWW.APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK](http://WWW.APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK)



APPLICATIONS CLOSE 15TH MARCH 2026

## Letters home in January:

**Year 1 staffing update**

**Year 3 Residential Trip to Oaker Wood, Leominster**

**Year 4 Trip to Think Tank, Birmingham**

**Year 6 Trip to The Commandery, Worcester**

**Copies are available from the office, if needed.**

# Who's who at Carnforth?

**Mr P Prigg – Headteacher**

**Mrs K Finnegan – Deputy Headteacher**

**Mrs J Hawkes – Nursery Manager**

**Miss E Holland – Early Years Practitioner**

**Miss C Wall – Year 2 Teacher**

**Miss R Burnham – Teaching Assistant**

**Mr L Atkinson – Year 5 Teacher**

**Mrs R Akhtar & Miss E Arrowsmith – Teaching Assistants**

**Mrs V Smith – SENDCo**

**Miss A Woodward – Trust SENDCo**

**Mrs R Furlong – Family Support Worker**

**Mrs S McCormack – Pastoral Regulation Support Worker**

**Miss K Walters – Office Manager**

**Mrs R Ranscombe – School Secretary**

**Miss C Bacon – Year 1 Teacher**

**Miss L Rice & Mrs N Ayub – Teaching Assistants**

**Miss B Cole – Reception Teacher**

**Mrs F Begum – Teaching Assistant**

**Miss B East – Year 3 Teacher**

**Miss E Holland & Mrs S Kenwick – Teaching Assistants**

**Miss A Ferguson – Year 6 Teacher**

**Mrs K Lindsay & Miss N Crowe – Teaching Assistants**

**Miss N Weaver – Year 4 Teacher**

**Miss M Smith HLTA, Mrs J Jones & Miss J Lord – Teaching Assistants**

**Mrs J Jones, Mrs M Pegram, Mrs J Lord & Mr S Jeffries – Lunchtime Supervisors**

**Mr S Jeffries – Site Manager**

**Miss J Lord & Mrs T Woodward – Cleaners**