

Class Newsletter

6th 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!



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.

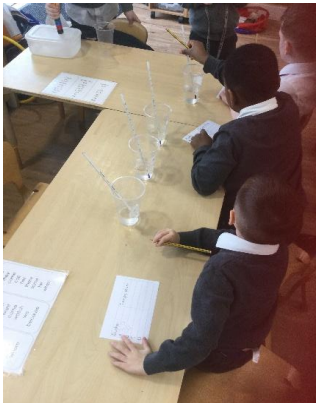
We would really appreciate it if anyone has any recycling they could donate to Reception to allow us to continue these creations!

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 Play with someone new	2 Give a kind compliment	3 Share a tidy-up time	4 Invite someone to join in	5 Help a friend with a task	6 Draw a picture for someone	7 Smile at 5 people
8 Teach someone a game	9 Listen carefully today	10 Write a kind note	11 Ask someone how they feel	12 Offer to share equipment	13 Share a joke kindly	14 Let someone go first
15 Invite someone to play	16 Work well in a team	17 Tell someone what you like about them	18 Help clean the house	19 Say sorry if needed	20 Share a joke kindly	21 Be patient today
22 Show good sportsmanship	23 Teach someone a skill	24 Help a younger pupil	25 Invite a friend to play with you	26 Tell someone they belong	27 Celebrate friendship!	28 Be patient today



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 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.



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Carnforth
School

CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	3	4	5	6
		 Y2 Swimming		
9	10	11	12	13
CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK				
Y6 Visit to Warndon Library Reception Walk to Sainsbury's		 Y2 Swimming	Police in school for Nursery 	SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS 
16	17	18	19	20
HALF TERM	HALF TERM	HALF TERM	HALF TERM	HALF TERM
23	24	25	26	27
Y5 Visit to Warndon Library	  Parents Meeting 2:45 - 3:15pm	 Y1 Swimming	Y4 Trip to 	Y6 Trip to the Commandery 

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
NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK				
	  Parents Evening 3:30 - 5:00pm	 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
	 Concert in School	 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

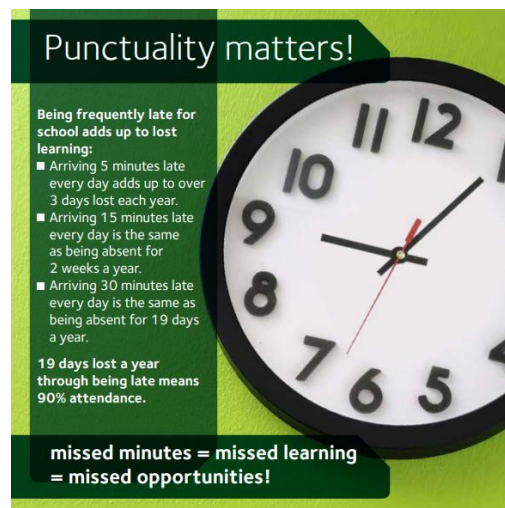
Reception	90.7%
Year 1	95.7%
Year 2	95.7%
Year 3	91.8%
Year 4	91.1%
Year 5	92.4%
Year 6	91.3%

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!

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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 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**

**Mrs J Hawkes –
Nursery Manager**

**Miss E Holland –
Early Years Practitioner**

**Miss B Cole –
Reception Teacher**

**Mrs F Begum –
Teaching Assistant**

**Miss C Bacon –
Year 1 Teacher**

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

**Miss C Wall –
Year 2 Teacher**

**Miss R Burnham –
Teaching Assistant**

**Miss B East –
Year 3 Teacher**

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

**Miss N Weaver –
Year 4 Teacher**

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

**Mr L Atkinson – Year 5
Teacher**

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

**Miss A Ferguson –
Year 6 Teacher**

**Mrs K Lindsay &
Miss N Crowe –
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**