



# Carrington Junior School

Newsletter – 6th March 2026



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# Message from Mrs Cameron

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week most of Year 6 flew off to residential in Shropshire on a coach and had the time of their lives. Their behaviour was so good both the centre leaders, and a visiting provider, praised them as one of the best groups they'd had in the last year.

The Year 6s that didn't attend the trip were equally stunning, helping in other year groups and having extra responsibilities throughout the school day, as well as taking part in arts, cookery and other grand projects throughout the week.

It's been a joy to share children's progress with you at parents' evening, and to welcome more year groups to work showcases in class just prior to half term. If you have any suggestions as to how to make these drop in events even better, please let us know.

This week, we've been celebrating the joy of reading, sharing books and trying to work out who the masked readers are in our competition based on Kaiden's book. (Even with the mask, one of our teacher's accent gave them away!)

We hope you've all settled back into a routine after half-term, and look forward to the next three weeks as we lead up to Easter.

Mrs Cameron

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# Street Kids Direct and Radio Christmas Assembly

Duncan and Helen, volunteers for Street Kids Direct and Radio Christmas, took assembly at school this week and explained to the children the difference their support has made to other children in need.

Street Kids Direct and Radio Christmas are very thankful to Carrington Junior School for their support during December and for participating in the Radio Christmas project.

Just over £20,000 was raised for the charity in December, and these funds have helped put 800 vulnerable children back in school this year. Furthermore, the charity has donated special water filters to 400 families, which will provide each family with clean drinking water for the next two years. We have also committed to feeding 500 high-risk children every week in our centers.

Thank you, Carrington Junior School, for your support.

<https://skdmentoring.org.uk/>



# Celebrating Year 3



- What a fantastic couple of weeks back at school! Since returning, the children have completed their unit on perimeter in maths, started planning their holiday brochure in English, and showcased their artistic skills in art by creating drawings inspired by designs from ancient Egypt.
- On Thursday, we celebrated World Book Day. The children looked very comfortable in their pyjamas and enjoyed a day dedicated to books. We had a fabulous time playing The Masked Reader, where members of staff read extracts from Kaiden's book called *Brave Kaiden*. The members of staff were in disguise and we had to guess who they were based on clues in the background. We also read a book called *Wisp: A Book of Hope*, and the children reflected on the meaning of hope. They designed their own "Wisp of Hope" and then used the pop art style of Romero Britto to create a bright and colourful art piece representing hope.



# Celebrating Year 4



Year four have been very busy evaluating different types of fastenings. This was followed by planning our own books covers, where templates were made using paper. We were then finally ready to sew our book covers, making sure that there was a pattern and the cover was fastened with a toggle.

A very productive Friday afternoon!



# Celebrating Year 5



Year 5 are coming to the end of their science unit and the children have been busy putting together enthusiastic presentations about different aspects of our unit.



In music the children have recapped their learning and begun performing the songs they have been working on.



This week in PSHE the children have been learning about the dangers of vaping and have made posters to encourage people not to start or stop.



# Celebrating Year 6



Our year 6 pupils were absolutely amazing on their residential trip. They did the school proud with their behaviour, teamwork and positive attitude throughout the experience. The centre staff gave wonderful feedback on how polite and respectful they were. We are incredibly proud of how they represented the school and each other during the trip.



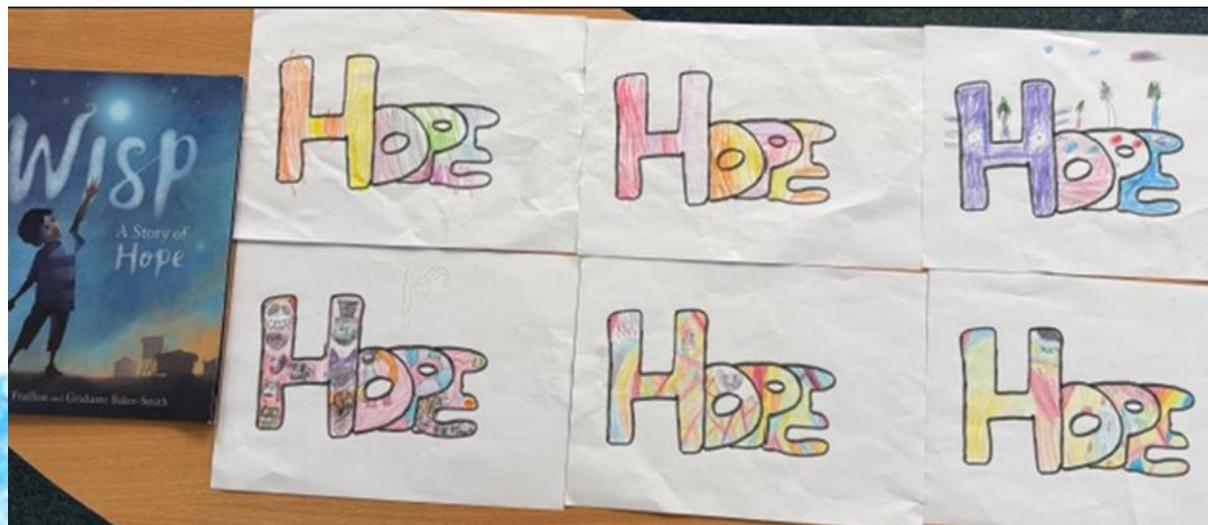
# Celebrating Blossom



In English we have been having fun with language and creating our own collective nouns, in the style of Lewis Carroll – the children came up with some excellent suggestions and we especially enjoyed a “dither of dodos”, as well as a “sadness of mock turtles”.

On Tuesday afternoon some of the children enjoyed gardening and cooking activities, as well as building social skills and persistence through playing games.

On Thursday it was World Book Day and we all enjoyed coming into school in our pyjamas. We read the book ‘*Wisp a Symbol of Hope*’, about a young boy living in a refugee camp. We discussed the boy’s hopes for the future, and the children shared their own. The children then created their own artwork in the style of the artist Romero Britto, to reflect their hopes for the future using bright and vivid colours.



# Dates for your Diary

- **Mon 2 - Fri 27 March** – PTA Coin War
- **Thur 12 March** – Class Photos
- **Fri 13 March** – PTA Mother's Day Gifts Sale, children can bring up to £5
- **Tues 17 March** – Mad Science Assembly
- **Thurs 19 March am** – The Wizard of Oz Panto visiting school
- **Thurs 19 March pm** – Y4 RE to Christ Church - Easter workshop
- **Fri 20 March** – Echoes rehearsal at Brunel Engine Shed
- **Thur 26 March** – Y4 trip to London Zoo – please make payment by 13th March
- **Fri 27 March** – Y3 Easter Assembly at 9.30 am, families invited
- **Fri 27 March** – 1.15pm finish for Easter Holiday
- **Mon 13 April** – Back to school
- **Thur 23 April** – School Disco – details TBC



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

# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

# WHATSAPP

WhatsApp is a free messaging app owned by Meta, allowing users to send text and voice messages, share multimedia, make video calls, and chat in groups. With end-to-end encryption, only the sender and receiver can view messages. This may offer privacy, but it also comes with risks that parents and educators need to be aware of.

AGE RESTRICTION

13+

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### GROUP CHAT PRESSURES

Group chats enable multiple users to message in the same space, but this can also make it easier for young people to feel excluded or overwhelmed. Negative comments can escalate quickly, and young people may feel pressure to respond or stay engaged even when the conversation is uncomfortable or upsetting.

### SCAMS TARGETING YOUNG USERS

Scammers are increasingly using WhatsApp to trick users into sharing personal information. Common scams include fraudsters posing as family members in an emergency or tricking users into revealing security codes. These can lead to identity theft or access to private conversations.

### DISAPPEARING AND HIDDEN MESSAGES

WhatsApp offers features like disappearing messages and 'Chat Lock', which can give users a false sense of security. While intended to protect privacy, they can be used by young users to hide inappropriate conversations or content, making it harder for adults to spot potential issues.

### EXPOSURE THROUGH CHANNELS

'Channels' are an optional feature that allows users to follow updates from public figures or organisations; however, there is no way to block this feature or filter its content by age. Young users may encounter adult or distressing content, including misinformation and harmful ideologies.

### UNWANTED CONTACT AND LOCATION SHARING

WhatsApp users can share their live location, and if not managed carefully, this can allow others – even those in mutual groups – to track someone's whereabouts. Also, without the right privacy settings, young users may be contacted by strangers.

### COMMERCIAL AND AI CONTENT

WhatsApp now includes ads in the 'Updates' feed and has introduced an AI assistant – Meta AI – across the app, which cannot be removed. These additions raise concerns about targeting, privacy, AI use, and the type of content children and young people might interact with.

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## Advice for Parents & Educators

SECRET CODE

### REVIEW PRIVACY SETTINGS TOGETHER

Help young users check who can see their profile photo, status, and location. Activate the 'Silence Unknown Callers' setting and set group chat invitations to 'My Contacts' or 'My Contacts Except...' for added safety.



### TEACH HOW TO SPOT SCAMS

Encourage caution around unusual and unexpected messages, especially if they involve money or codes. Help young users understand the signs of scams and what to do if they receive a suspicious message. Enable two-step verification to add an extra layer of protection.



### BE OPEN ABOUT HIDDEN CHATS

Discuss why children and young people might use features like disappearing messages or 'Chat Lock'. Encourage them to share if something made them uncomfortable, even if the messages are gone. Let them know that privacy should not mean secrecy.



### TALK ABOUT ADVERTISING AND AI

Explain that WhatsApp now includes ads and AI tools. Discuss the difference between genuine and sponsored content, and the potential for AI to share inaccurate or age-inappropriate responses. Encourage young users to think critically before trusting or interacting with these features.



Did you know parents can install apps that notify them when a child downloads an app, or to allow them to make sure screen time limits are in place?

Family link (for Android), and Kids360 (Android and Apple) are two apps that can help with this...many other apps are available for the same purposes.



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HP10 0LU.



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# Flackwell Heath Tennis Club

The Straight Bit, Flackwell Heath, HP10 9LS



## 2026 Junior Tennis Camps, open to all Juniors!

Week 1	Week 2
Mon 30 Mar	Tue 7 Apr
Tue 31 Mar	Wed 8 Apr
Wed 1 Apr	Thu 9 Apr
Thu 2 Apr	Fri 10 Apr

Half Day 10:00-12:45 or 13:15-16:00

Full Day 10:00-16:00



Half Day	£25
1 Day	£37
2 Days	£68
3 Days	£95
4 Days	£120

### Camps Include

Shot of the day, fun competitions, coaching and mini matches. Tuck shop.

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