



# Carrington Junior School

Newsletter – 1st May 2026



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We have had a truly brilliant week in school, filled with memorable moments and fantastic achievements. A real highlight was our choir performing at the Albert Hall. They sang beautifully and demonstrated superb behaviour throughout the entire experience. We are immensely proud of every pupil involved; they were wonderful ambassadors for our school and represented us with confidence, maturity and enthusiasm.

The beautiful weather we have enjoyed recently has also been a real bonus. With the sunshine continuing, outside PE can really take off, giving pupils even more opportunities to stay active, develop skills and enjoy learning in the fresh air.

Sporting success has continued with the netball team winning their final match of the season. This was a well-deserved result and a fitting end to a season that has shown great determination, teamwork and improvement.

We have also been delighted to continue developing strong links with the infant school. It was particularly special to invite Ms Gibbons, who joined the infant school as a judge at the Poetry Showcase. Her involvement added real value to the event and helped make it a memorable experience for all involved.

Have a lovely long bank holiday weekend!

Mrs Cliffe

# Celebrating Year 3

In Science, Year 3 have been exploring how shadows change in size and shape throughout the day. The children discussed how to carry out a fair test and made predictions about when their shadows would be the longest and shortest.

They went onto the playground at different times of the day, including after morning break and lunchtime, to measure their shadows using chalk and metre sticks. The children then recorded their results in a table.

This investigation helped the children to see how the position of the sun affects a shadows shape and size.





## Celebrating Year 4

Last week, Y4 were fortunate to be joined by two civil engineers - from Balvac - who are currently working on the repairs to Marlow bridge. They tested the children's own bridge-building skills and got them to think about different shapes and their relative strength in larger structures. They were also given 30-seconds to build a duck out of Lego with a variety of results!

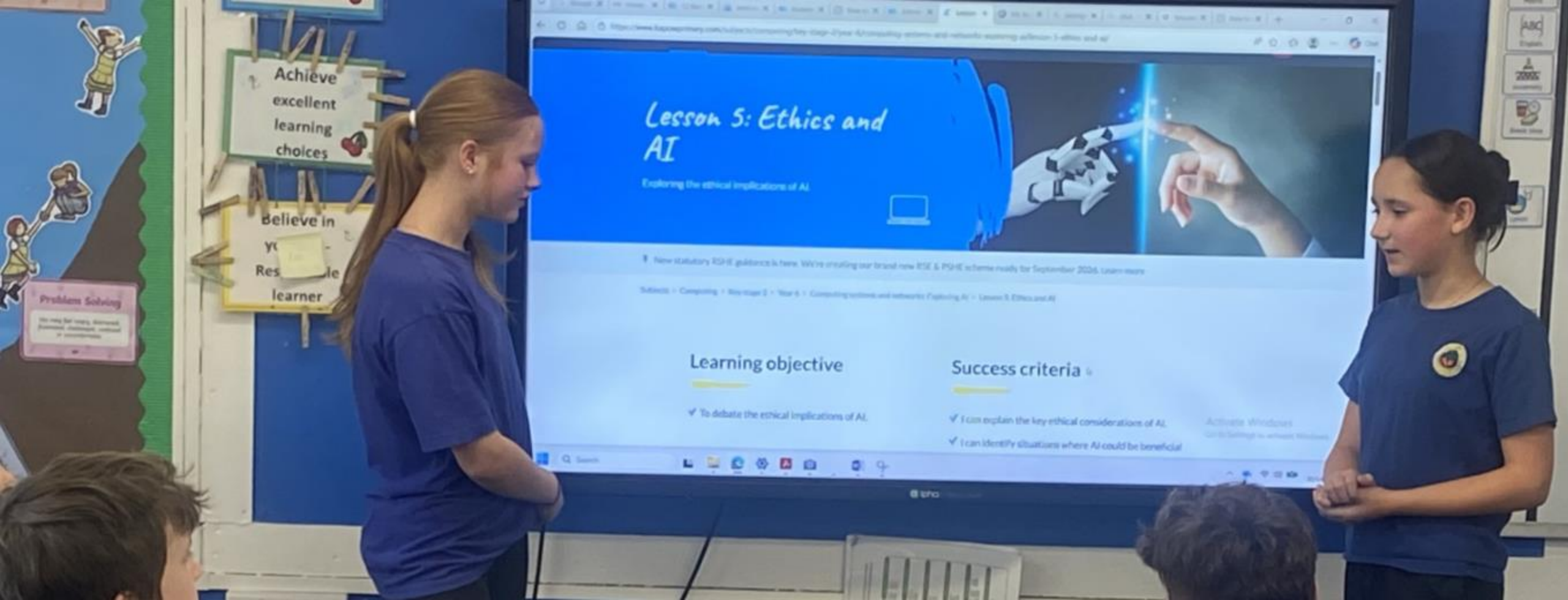


## Celebrating Year 5

In DT the children sampled bolognese sauces and then used the internet to research variations and unusual recipes. The children found that some recipes use marmite, chocolate and even wine! The children will soon be designing and making their own sauces in groups.

In PSHE, the children have been learning about lending and borrowing money. They had the opportunity to role play lending and borrowing and had to come up with good reasons to lend the money to convince the borrower. They also learnt about interest and the extra money they would have to pay back when taking out a loan.

Sparrowhawks are having a great time in the woods. They are proving their knowledge and skills for their Forest Master Award and enjoying themselves rolling down the hill!



# Celebrating Year 6

## **Computing: The Big Debate: Robots in the Classroom?**

As Year 6 explores the power of AI in Computing, we've been tackling a tough ethical question: **Could AI ever replace your teacher?**

This has led to some amazing discussions.

## **English: Engaging non-chronological reports**

We have been drafting some amazing reports linked to our previous topic on survival instructions. By delving deeper into areas of our own chosen interest, we have been able to really explore how we can produce factual information in an engaging and witty way – watch out for these incredible pieces to be shared on Dojo!

# Celebrating Puffin Class

Puffin Class have been doing incredibly well this week, showing enthusiasm and positive attitudes across all areas of their learning. We are immensely proud of their achievements and determination.

With the sunshine has come opportunities for some great outdoor learning, with pupils taking pride in looking after their environment and working together as a team. We have had some art sessions out in the sunshine and even took our laptops out for ICT!

Over the last couple of weeks, Puffin Class have taken part in a rotation afternoon packed with engaging activities. They have enjoyed making tortilla pizzas, developing their independence by following instructions, preparing ingredients, and taking pride in creating something themselves. In gardening, the class have been busy preparing the soil and getting ready to plant their summer seeds, showing great care and responsibility. During their structured game sessions, Puffin class have focused on building social skills, learning how to adapt to different rules, take turns, and find fair compromises with others. Impressively, even the challenging game of Code Breaker proved no match for their determination and problem solving skills!

Across the school, all pupils have been working *très* hard in French, using their knowledge of numbers to play games such as bingo, snap, and pairs.

Finally, in science, year 5 pupils have been creating detailed fact files on famous scientists! Please do check Dojo as we uploaded some of their brilliant work! Year 3 and 4 have been enjoying their DT sessions, developing their sewing skills through cross stitch and designing fabric pieces to create their names. Once these are completed we will upload these on Dojo so you can also see how amazing they are!

Have a lovely bank holiday weekend.



# Dates for your Diary

- **Mon 4 May** – Early May Bank Holiday
- **Fri 8 May** – PTA Drag Bingo
- **w/c 11 May** – Year 6 SATS
- **w/c 25 May** – Half term
- **Mon 1 June** – Y5 '*A History of Sound*' Workshops
- **Wed 10 June** – Y3 Robin trip to Randall's Farm (more info to follow)
- **Fri 12 June** – Y3 Wren trip to Randall's Farm (more info to follow)
- **Fri 19 June** – PTA Father's Day Sale
- **22, 24, 25 June** – Y6 Bikeability
- **Tues 23 June PM** – Sports Day
- **Tues 23 June** – Papaya Talk: '*Let's Talk About Our Kids & TheirTech*' @Christchurch @7pm
- **Wed 24 June** – Y4 / Y5 Papaya '*Me and My Screen*' Workshops



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

# Dates for your Diary (continued)

- **Thurs 25 June** – Y5 Language Day at John Hampden (more info to follow)
- **Sat 27 June** – Carrington Summer Fair
- **Tues 7 July am** – Transition Day
- **Tues 7 July pm** – French Market
- **Mon 13 July** – Y6 Production afternoon performance @1.30pm
- **Tues 14 July** – Y6 Production evening performance @7pm
- **Fri 17 July** – Y6 Leavers Assembly @9.15am
- **Friday 17 July** – 1.15pm finish for Summer Holiday
- **Tues 21 July** – PTA Legoland Trip



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TUESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> MAY

3.15-5PM

CHRIST CHURCH, CHAPEL RD

**Join us for our May Messy Church -  
craft, activities, games and lots of fun finding out  
how nasty Saul became a friend of Jesus.  
We'll finish the session with story and song time  
as well as tea together.**

***Suggested donation £1***

**For more information check out [www.ccfh.org.uk/messy-church](http://www.ccfh.org.uk/messy-church)**

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Sunday 7th June 2026  
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# Safeguarding ... IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

On **TUESDAY 23rd JUNE** there will be a **COMMUNITY TALK** for all parents of Carrington Infant School, Carrington Junior School and Juniper Hill School about **HOW TO HELP FAMILIES THRIVE IN A DIGITAL AGE**

The meeting will be run by Papaya Talks and it is a **CRUCIAL** meeting for anyone interested in the impact of social media and mobile phones on their child and family.

Please come along

7.00pm - 8.30pm

at

CHRISTCHURCH on Chapel Road

# PTA Legoland Tickets are back!!

Online bookings now  
live on [Classlist](#) under  
the 'Events' listing

