

Carrington News: March 2024

Take a look below for the latest news and upcoming events at Carrington Primary and Nursery School.

The new Carrington Curriculum!

Our staff continue to work incredibly hard to deliver the new school curriculum. These are the history and geography topics our children from year 1 to year 6 are learning up until Easter:

Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Wangari Maathai	Forests	Rivers of the World	Wild Weather	The Golden Age of Islam	Windrush to Now

To see what your child is learning in the other subjects across the curriculum, visit the website for our [year group overviews](#).

Attendance Matters!

So far, our school attendance this academic year is **95.3%** which is just short of our target of 96%. School attendance is so important in giving our children the very best chances of success and we thank you all for your commitment to promoting the importance of this with your children. See the [attendance section](#) of our website for a summary of information for families. Visit the [policies](#) section to read our attendance policy to view procedures, expectations and guidance around penalty notices. Thank you to all those parents who help us to promote the importance of good school attendance.

2023-24 (year to date)	Carrington	National
Attendance	95.3%	94.3%
Persistent Absence	9%	17%

Key points around attendance:

- We are unable to authorise term-time holiday. If you need to request absence for exceptional circumstances, please do so 2 weeks in advance.
- We have had lots of illness recorded this term, which we know is to an extent unavoidable. Unless your child has vomited in the last 48 hours or has a high temperature, and they are well enough, please bring them to school. Even if they have coughs, colds, headaches or sore throats, the staff here will really look after them and get in touch with you if we feel they are not well enough to stay in school. Use this link for the latest NHS guidance on this: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Community Events

It has been a fantastic term for community events here at Carrington! The engagement from families and the support from the FOC has once again been incredible. Thank you to everyone who has taken part.

Stay and Learn Maths!

Thank you to all that attended - another fantastic turn out! We will be holding another Stay and Read session in the Spring term and will invite you to another workshop to give you further insights into how reading is taught here at Carrington.



Art Exhibition

It was a proud moment to showcase all of the fantastic art that the children have produced so far this year. The dots they created in their classrooms with parents & carers are now displayed in our hall. "Every child is an artist!"



This Is Me Day and the International Food Evening

It was a real pleasure to listen to our children talk about their families, their cultures and what makes them who they are. They were so proud to share. We also can't thank families enough for the trouble they went to in preparing food dishes for others to enjoy at our food evening. A huge success. Well done to the EDI action team who were supported by Mrs Swankie to organise this fantastic event.



Spring Disco

We enjoyed another really successful disco where over £550 was raised. Thank you to Sara and the FOC team for putting this together.

Lime Trees After-School Club

You are now able to book places at Lime Trees After-School Club on-site here at Carrington. Lime Trees will be setting up over the Easter holidays ready to start from Monday 15th April from 3pm to 6pm. The club is open for children from Reception to Year 6. Visit the website at www.thelimetrees.co.uk and select 'Book Now' option from the top left drop-down menu. Choose your desired location (Carrington Primary School) and click 'Book Now'.



Please note you will need to register your child/children before you are able to make a booking. For more information on how to register, book your place and make a payment as well as some general FAQs, please refer to the 'Parents Guide' doc which can be found in the 'Key information' section on our website.

- Children can be collected at any time between 3pm and 6pm
- Children will either be in the main hall, outside on the big playground or in Class 2
- Unless the children are outside, parents & carers can walk through the school gate which will be open and ring a Lime Trees bell at the front of school to collect children.
- At least one of the Lime Trees staff members will be first-aid trained, a SENDCo, a safeguarding lead and have a food hygiene qualification.

Drop-off arrangements at the start of the school day

We will no longer ask that children line up on the big playground before the start of school. Instead, once the gate is opened at 8:20am, children should walk straight into their classrooms when they arrive. This is to make the most of the first 30 minutes of the school day and enable a smoother, calmer journey into classrooms, avoiding overcrowding areas. Some of the teachers will still be present on the playground if a parent/carer needs to speak with them.

For children in year 1 and foundation, drop-off arrangements will remain the same.

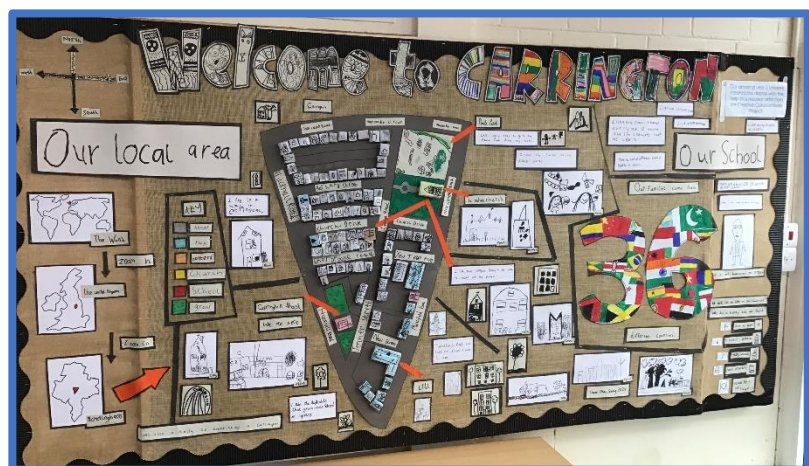
Mother Language Assembly

To celebrate Mother Languages Day, a group of children bravely volunteered to teach the rest of the school a phrase or two in a different language. It was a real joy to watch our children proudly share their culture and language with others.



Year 1 Geography Display in the main entrance

Our year 1 children have worked with our resident artist, Dan Gardner, to produce a fantastic display celebrating the diversity of our school and local area. Everything you see has been created by the children who should be really proud of themselves. Thanks to Dan for the support he has given us over this half-term.



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Dates for the diary!	
First day back to school	Monday 15 th April
Parents Evening	Tuesday 23 rd April 15:10 - 18:00
	Wednesday 24 th April 15:10 - 17:30
Stay and Read Picnic	Thursday 25 th April 14:00
Bank Holiday	Monday 6 th
KS2 SATs	Week beginning 13 th May
e-Safety workshop for parents	Monday 3 rd June
Summer Fayre	Monday 17 th June
RSE Week	Week beginning 24 th June
Year 6 transition days	Tuesday 2 nd and Wednesday 3 rd July
Meet your new teacher day	Wednesday 10 th July
Sports Day	Tuesday 16 th July
Summer Disco	Friday 12 th July
End-of-Year reports	Friday 12 th July

* Further dates of interest and further information about the events listed above will be shared nearer the time