THE ACORN

CARLTON COLVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear All

Welcome to our latest issue of *The Acorn*!

Thank you to everyone who joined us for Parents' Evenings this week. As we are still relatively early in the school year, these are a great opportunity to catch up on how your child has settled in and share some of the incredible learning that has already been taking place.

Hopefully, you have also noticed some of the improvements we are beginning to make around the building, from our new reading area and library to classroom improvements designed to create an environment that reflects the high standards we have for everyone at Carlton.

As you'll see from this week's issue, there is so much going on at Carlton! Amongst much else, we're celebrating success at both Lowestoft in Bloom and on the football pitch, alongside some fantastic science learning and a brilliant Superhero Day!

Happy reading!

Oz Sparks

Dates for your Diary

OCTOBER

7th- 14th – Book Fair
13th – Nursery & Reception Open Afternoon
16th – deadline for return of Cauliflower Cards artwork
22nd – Roald Dahl Drama Day – Y4
23rd – Be Bright Day
26th – 30th – Half Term

NOVEMBER

17th – Y6 Warboys Walk & Crucial Crew trip
20th – Children in Need

DECEMBER

7th – Rock Steady Concert – 9.15 – Parents
8th – Christmas Church Services
10th – Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day
10th – Christmas Fair 3.00pm – 6.00pm
14th – 17th Christmas Performance Week – dates tbc
18th – Christmas Party Day and last day of term

HAVE YOUR SAY: If you have any ideas/comments/queries or thoughts you would like to share, I am always available on the playground at the start and end of each day. Alternatively, you can send a message to the school at: haveyoursay@carltoncolvilleprimary.co.uk

Please remember to advise us if you change your address or telephone number by emailing update@carltoncolvilleprimary.co.uk
If you are unsure if you have advised us, please ring the School Office. Thank you.

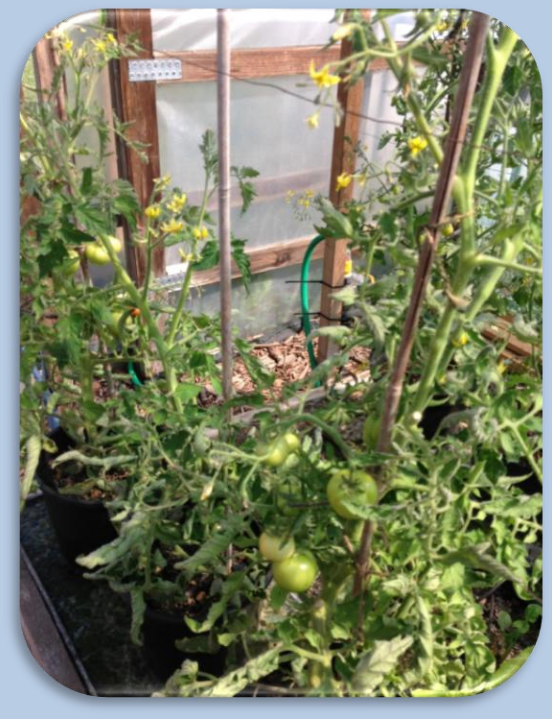
Our Wildlife Wardens Celebrate Success!

We are incredibly proud of our fantastic Wildlife Wardens, who have been recognised by Lowestoft in Bloom for all their hard work and dedication throughout the year!

The school received a Bronze Award for Best Scarecrow, a Silver Award for Best Vegetable Plot/Allotment, and a Gold Award for Best Diary of Planting. We were also delighted to receive a special certificate for all pupils, recognising their care and commitment to making our school a clean, green space where wildlife and nature can thrive.

We are so proud to have achieved such wonderful results once again this year. A huge well done to everyone involved!

We're already looking ahead to February 2027, when we will be recruiting our next team of Wildlife Wardens to continue this brilliant work. All Key Stage 2 children will have the opportunity to apply.



Nursery - Elephants

The Nursery children have had an incredible few weeks exploring and learning together. We are lucky the weather has continued to be warm and dry, because we love being outside! The children have been collecting leaves, stones and sticks for our nature table and loose parts. This fluid environment seamlessly creates and connects with all the children. We managed to add in "A bear hunt," walking through the woods - well, sometimes running through the woods because you never know if there is actually a bear in the woods . Inside the classroom, the children have enjoyed sharing stories and puzzles and natural mark making activities. While at snack time the children made their own feelings faces with different fruits and pancakes. Mmmm delicious!
Well done everyone.

Reception – Bears & Ladybirds

The Reception children loved having their parents/grandparents in for our Phonics workshop and they enjoyed completing different activities linked to reading and writing. Everybody was very engaged with the tasks and the children loved working with their adults.

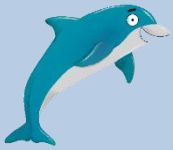
As part of their 'All About Me' topic, the Reception children spent this week learning about their senses. Some of the children enjoyed a 'senses scavenger hunt' outside and they found lots of things using their different senses. The children all enjoyed tasting crisps and they voted for their favourite flavour. They also enjoyed smelling some smelly pots made by their teachers. A lot of the children were quick to recognise the smell of ketchup! The children have also been learning the story 'Goldilocks and the three bears'. Linking this story to their topic, the children enjoyed tasting some porridge. Most of them liked the taste and said it was "just right!"

When learning about their favourite things, the Reception children enjoyed using their favourite colours to copy the style of the artist Kandinsky. They created a fantastic piece of artwork together! The children also enjoyed bringing in their favourite books to discuss and they showed excellent focus when writing their names in their favourite colours.

Year 1 Flamingos

We used our prediction skills to guess whether different objects would sink or float. The children had great fun testing them out in the water and discovering if their theories were right or wrong.

We have shown focus during out Art lesson today. We have looked at what a sculpture is and explored some exisiting sculptures. We enjoyed exploring techniques to manipulate clay. We are looking forward to making our own woodland animal sculptures.

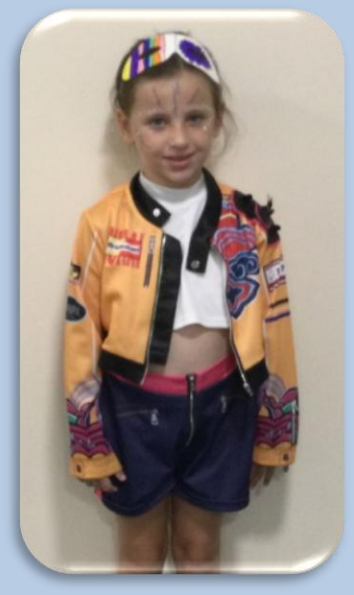


Dolphins & Koalas

Year 2 have been designing their superhero logos in art! How wonderful are their colour combinations they have come up with!

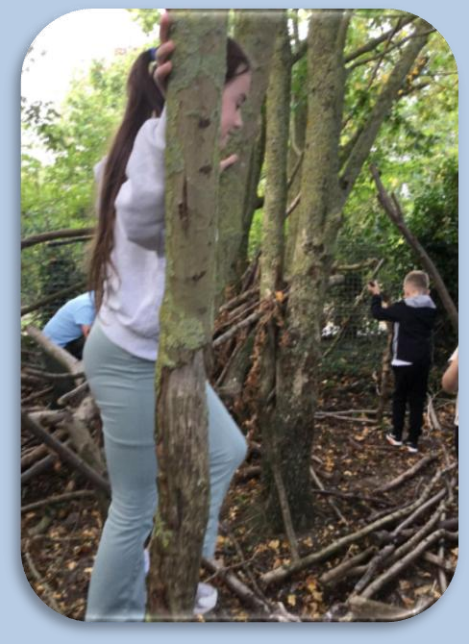
Superhero Day!

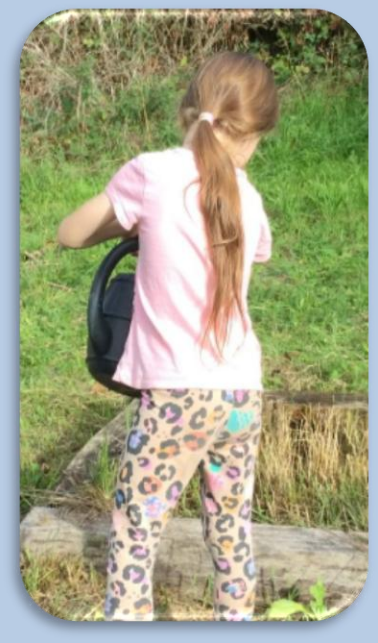
Year 2 have enjoyed being a superhero for the day! they all attended a superhero training camp this morning, using their super powers! A great effort made from all of the children in their wonderful costumes!

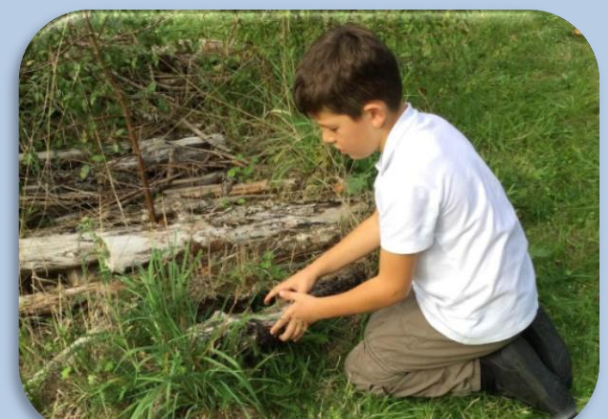


Y3 Otters

On a glorious October afternoon, we made our forest skills badges after choosing our wildlife names. Then we explored the the wildlife area seeing what we could find. The den building area was very popular and we found a lot of feathers. We also managed to water some of the wildflower beds.

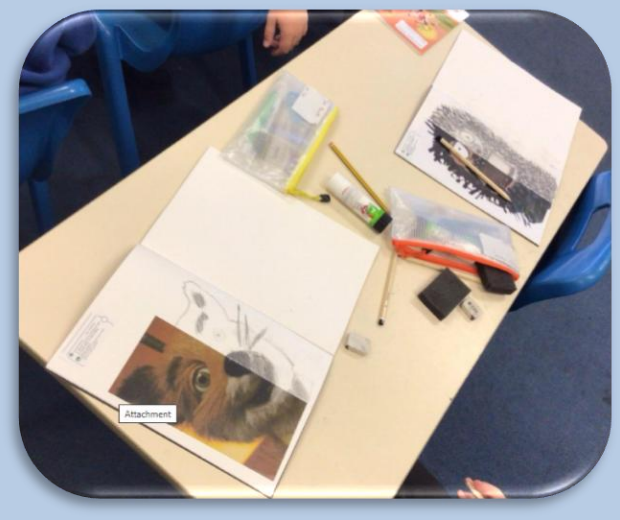






Year 4 Owls

The Owls blew me away with their sketching skills this afternoon. What amazing artists we have! Many children were feeling very proud of their achievements today

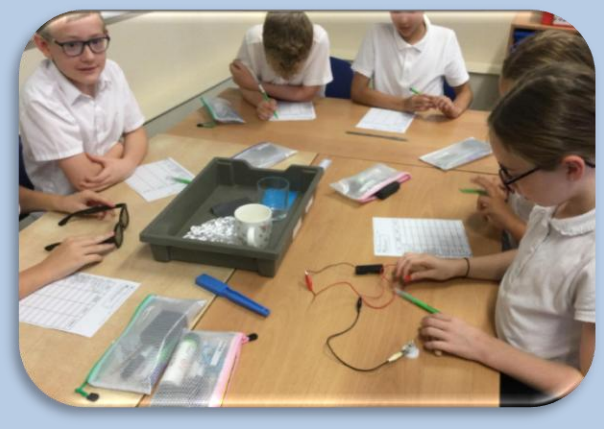


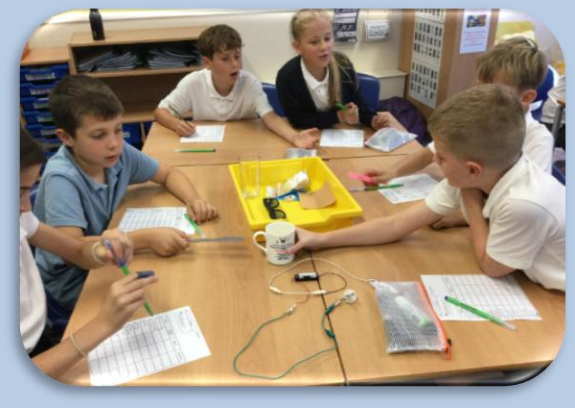
Year 4 Tigers

Some very impressive gymnastic skills from the Tigers going on today in PE.

Year 6 Bees

This week we have been investigating the properties of materials in science





Here we are playing a team building game!

⚽🏅 North Suffolk School Games Football Tournament 🏅⚽

Our Year 5/6 boys' and girls' teams represented Carlton Colville Primary School brilliantly, competing against 10 other schools and showing fantastic teamwork, determination and sportsmanship throughout.

The boys narrowly missed out on a place in the final after a hard-fought 1–0 semi-final defeat. They bounced back strongly to finish in 3rd place! 🥉

Our girls came on leaps and bounds! With many starting with very little football experience, they grew in confidence with every match, worked hard for one another and lost just one game all tournament, earning a fantastic 2nd-place finish! 🥈

We are incredibly proud of every player for their effort, progress and the way they represented our school. Well done to both teams! 👏⚽

Sporting Achievements

Oscar received Managers Player of the Match and Parents Player of the Match for his team Gorleston Hurricanes U11s. Scoring two goals and two assists in a 6-3 win with his best performance this season.

Daisy got her Handspring badge at gymnastics this week

Dottie passed her handstand badge at Waveney gymnastics this week

Georgia got her handstand certificate and badge at Gymnastics

Abigail won silver medal for her age group from the many points for the competitions she enters throughout the year!

Willow passed handspring badge

Rewards and Achievements

Each week 2 children from each class are chosen to be 'Learning Superstars' as they have demonstrated exceptional learning behaviour

The Superstars w/e 2nd October 2026

Nursey	Elephants	
	Zak O-M	
Reception	Bears	Ladybirds
	Luella-Jay G Freya C	Milo H Florence G-A
Year 1	Flamingos	
	Sonny T Oliver N	
Year 2	Dolphins	Koalas
	Lincoln W Daisy W-K	Lilly-Ann P Edison D
Year 3	Turtles	Otters
	Jorgie M David A	Isabella L Tiggy B
Year 4	Tigers	Owls
	Eli T Evelyn T	Lola C Max G
Year 5	Wolves	Meerkats
	Isla P Emily W	Akenya R-M Milo B
Year 6	Bees	Giraffes
	Charlie W Theodore F	Alexa P Woody H

The Superstars w/e 9th October 2026

Nursey	Elephants	
	Maeve J	
Reception	Bears	Ladybirds
	Luca C-M Matthew L	Sienna W Izaya G
Year 1	Flamingos	
	Ruby B Ava C	
Year 2	Dolphins	Koalas
	Thea H Cooper A	Arabella H Tommy H
Year 3	Turtles	Otters
	Alice C Olivia B	Jacob M Finlay P
Year 4	Tigers	Owls
	Freddie H Jacob W	Logan W Oscar H
Year 5	Wolves	Meerkats
	Willow B Jacob H	Noah H Amelia K
Year 6	Bees	Giraffes
	Emma H Jessica L	Lottie W Olivia R