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December 2024

Carlton Colville Primary School

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Issue 131

Dear Parents and Carers

As the Autumn Term draws to a close we reflect back on all the fantastic learning experiences that our pupils have had and all the great progress that they have made across the curriculum this term.

We are so proud of all the children for the way that they performed in our fantastic Christmas productions that so many of you have told me that you really enjoyed- the children were simply amazing and my thanks goes out to all of the staff who worked so hard to make these happen. There was also a brilliant Rocksteady concert that was performed to the school and then to parents.

## Dates for your Diary

**JAN**

8th – Nursery Open Afternoon - 3.30-4.30
10th – Y2 Seafaring Day
17th – Nursery Open Afternoon – 2.00 – 4.00

**FEB**

17th – 21st – Half Term
25th – Y4 - trip to Norwich Castle
27th – Y3 - Roman Soldier Day

Mrs Terry-Wright has done a phenomenal job with getting the Choir to the high standard that they are at and as well as their part in the KS2 Christmas Concert they also performed at Carlton Hall for the residents this week.

On a sadder note, we say goodbye to Miss Palmer as she moves onto a new, exciting challenge starting in January. Miss Palmer has done a tremendous job over the last 12 years during her time with us and has made such an impact on so many children. We are very sorry to lose her but of course we wish her all the best going forward.

We also, again sadly, say goodbye to Mrs Nicholson who will also be leaving us. We thank her for the outstanding work that she has done for the school over the 22 years that she has worked here and, again, wish her all the best going forward.

However, we are delighted to welcome Miss Clarke to the team in January- She will be working part-time in Year 3 Otters as Mr Taylor takes over the Year 6 Narwhals full time.

I'd like to finish by wishing you all a very Merry Christmas - I hope that you all have a wonderful time and we look forward to welcoming the children back in the New Year.

**Class Weekly Attendance Award-w/e 20th December 2024**

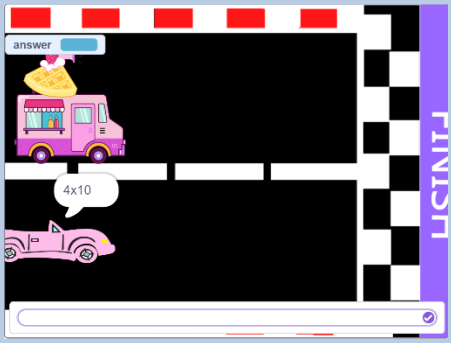
1st Place: - Otters & Dolphins 95.4%
2nd Place: - Bees 94%
3rd Place: -Foxes 93.4%

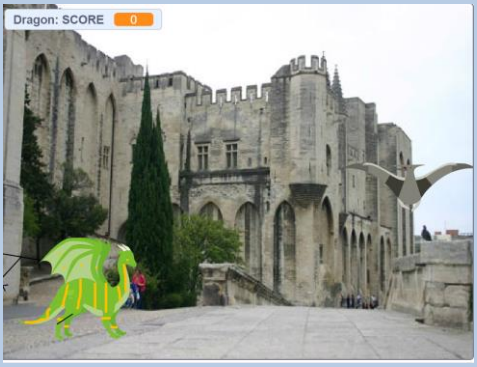
Whole School Attendance
w/e 20th December 2024 – 94.89%

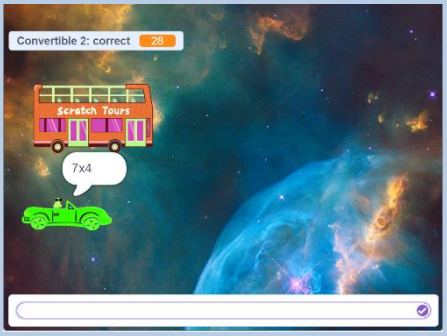
# Year 4 Coding

Autumn 2 - Year 4 Coding

Year 4 have been busy developing their Scratch coding skills by creating competitive multiplication practise games. The code created, tests the players on random questions from the 1 to 12 times tables, which is good practise for us all! The children used their own unique ideas to create games with sound effects and user messages to motivate the players.
After they created their initial games, the children reviewed their code line by line to try to spot errors or omissions. After this, they went back to their code to improve the games.
There were some great "Wow!" moments when we changed our code to make it work properly.
We were very impressed with the children progress in the children's coding skills and the very unique designs and coding ideas!!





## Choir

We were delighted to be asked to perform with the school choir at Adventure Island Play Park on Monday at the grand opening of their Christmas Ice Rink and Christmas Market.

The Choir also visited the residents at Carlton Hall Residential Home & Village to sing them some festive songs and bring a bit of Christmas cheer.

## Reception Nativity

The Reception children enjoyed performing their Nativity to their families, some of the children at school and some Carlton Hall residents this week. They looked fantastic and have worked so hard to learn all the songs and actions. Well done Reception, it was an amazing show. We are so proud of you all!

## Thank you

A huge thank you to both the Salvation Army and Tracey's Baps for their amazing donation of food parcels, gifts and vouchers.

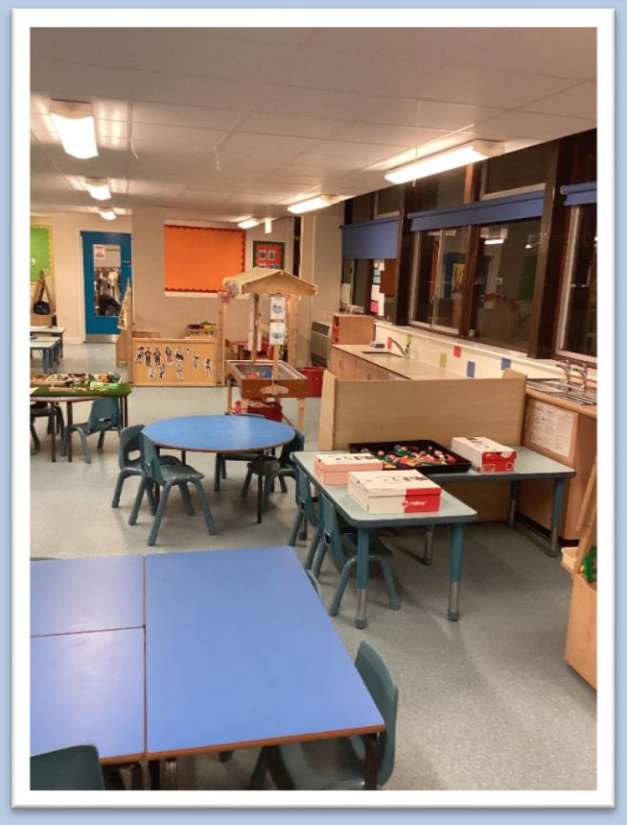
All were distributed among the more disadvantaged families in our school community. All receiving families have expressed their heartfelt gratitude for the generosity of the donors.

These items have ensured a Happy family Christmas for all."

## Nursery

Our visitors at our first Nursery open afternoon enjoyed exploring all the different areas of the room. If you would like to attend an open afternoon in January, please have a look at our poster and book in with the school office.

Applications to the Nursery (with an all day provision) are open now until January 24th 2025 for our September 2025 intake.



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# Nursery Open Afternoons

**11th December 2024**
**3:30pm-4:30pm**
**8th January 2025**
**3:30pm-4:30pm**
**17th January 2025**
**2pm-4pm**

*We welcome you to come and explore our wonderful Nursery, reopening September 2025.*

*This is an opportunity to view the learning environment and ask any questions. Parents must supervise their child at all times. Please contact the School Office to book your place -*
*01502 572682*

*THE CLOSING DATE FOR NURSERY APPLICATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2025 IS 24TH JANUARY 2025.*

## 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 6th December 2024 are:**

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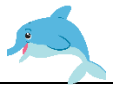
| Reception | Bears | |
| | Freddie C | Georgia W |
| Year 1 | Flamingos | Ladybirds |
| | Alfie L<br>Tiggy B | Willow H<br>Jasper T |
|  Year 2 | Dolphins | Hedgehogs |
| | Oscar H<br>Kaysher-Leigh S | Summer L<br>Charlie-Rae M |
| Year 3 | Foxes | Otters |
| | Daisy C<br>Theo H | Grayson T<br>Chase F |
| Year 4 | Bees | Meerkats |
| | Olivia R<br>Noah A | Harmony H<br>Shane M |
| Year 5 | Owls | Tigers |
| | Eddie L | Ted R<br>Freddie B |
| Year 6 | Narwhals | Giraffes |
| | Kona L<br>Matei-Andrei T | Harrison D<br>Sophie E |

**The Superstars w/e 13th December 2024 are**

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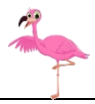
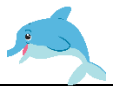
| | Freddie C | Ariella B |
|  Year 1 | Flamingos | Ladybirds |
| | Molly P<br>Poppy J | Rosie F<br>Jorgie M |
|  Year 2 | Dolphins | Hedgehogs |
| | Grayson L<br>Noah D | Eli T<br>Wynter-Rose D-B |
| Year 3 | Foxes | Otters |
| | Nell B<br>Charlie M | Everyone |
| Year 4 | Bees | Meerkats |
| | Abigail O'D<br>Savannah S | |
| Year 5 | Owls | Tigers |
| | Autumn-Lily O<br>Esther N | Blake B<br>Leilani L |
| Year 6 | Narwhals | Giraffes |
| | Eva S<br>Finley G | Lily F<br>Harley C-C |

**The Superstars w/e 20th December 2024 are:**

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|---|---|---|
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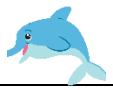
| | Tommy H | Leo P |
| Year 1 | Flamingos | Ladybirds |
| | Finn H<br>Alex G-A | Jackson W<br>Theo H |
|  Year 2 | Dolphins | Hedgehogs |
| | Bonnie S<br>Huxley B | Theo S<br>Vinnie S |
| Year 3 | Foxes | Otters |
| | Jude L<br>Remi L | Willow B<br>Abigail W |
| Year 4 | Bees | Meerkats |
| | Willow B<br>Oakley S | Lexi F<br>Enzo G |
| Year 5 | Owls | Tigers |
| | Spencer L<br>Lewis W | Esme C<br>Jack O |
| Year 6 | Narwhals | Giraffes |
| | Quinn T<br>Oliver B-G | Callum C-R<br>Max H |