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Carlton Colville Primary School

'Be the best you can be'

Dear Parents and Carers

As we come to the end of a very busy term the sun is shining and we look forwards to a well-earned break.

There have been so many exciting things going on over the last couple of weeks- The Rocksteady Concerts were as fabulous as ever, Reception and Key Stage 1 enjoyed a sports afternoon tournament, Year 6 had an amazing CSI experience delivered by Pakefield High School, Year 2 had a great trip to the Maritime Museum and Suffolk Archives and Year 5 really excelled themselves with the performances of their Democracy play.

Huge thanks go to the CTA and Mrs Hassan-Clark for organising an a fun Easter egg hunt which was enjoyed by lots of children after school on Wednesday and Thursday.

Last week we welcomed our visitors from OFSTED and worked with them to give them as clear and representative a picture of the school as possible- they will produce their report in due course which we will then share with you.

Dates for your Diary

APRIL

1st – Y6 CSI Pupil Workshop
1st – Reception Maths Share Session – 2.20pm
2nd – Y5 Democracy Play 9.30am
7th – 21st – Easter Break
22nd – Hands on Heritage Trip – Foxes
24th – Year 1 'travel to Africa' Day
25th – Year 2 Explorer Day
28th – School Photographer
29th – Hands of Heritage Trip – Otters

MAY

2nd – Y3 Roman v Celts Dress up Day
12th -15th – Y6 SAT's
19th May – Walk to School Week
20th May – Reception trip to Africa Alive

Mr Sparks has continued to come in and work with us ahead of his official start next term. As I come to the end of my time as Interim Headteacher I would just like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff for being so supportive, professional and flexible during this period. Your children are truly fortunate to have such a skilled, dedicated and caring team working so relentlessly hard in their best interests.

Finally, we need to say goodbye to our Pastoral Leader, Mrs Easter, after 12 years of working at Carlton and nearly 34 years working in Suffolk. She has had such a huge impact on so many children and families over this time and I'm sure that you share with us in wishing her a happy and healthy retirement. She will be missed but we wish her all the very best.

I hope that you have a lovely Easter break and look forward to welcoming all the children back for the Summer Term.

Best wishes,

Mr Rose Interim Headteacher

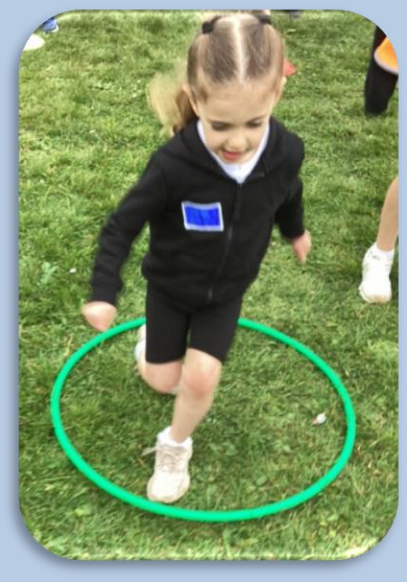
Class Weekly Attendance Award-w/e 4th April 2025

1st Place: -Bees 96.6%
2nd Place: - Otters 94.1%
3rd Place: - Meerkats 93.9%

Whole School Attendance w/e 4th April 2025 – 95.10%

Games Afternoon

The Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children enjoyed participating in a games afternoon on our field. They all had a great time practising different physical skills such as balancing and moving their bodies in different ways. They all showed fantastic confidence and teamwork when playing the games. Well done to everyone who participated!



Reception

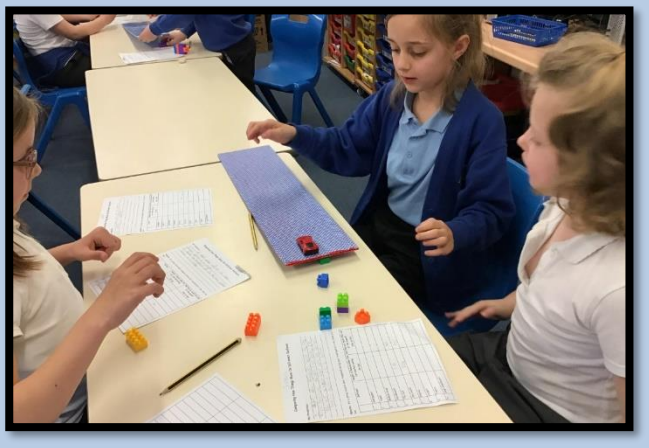
The Reception children enjoyed having their parents/grandparents in to complete different tasks linked to Maths. Everybody was very engaged in the Easter themed activities and the children loved working with their adults in the share session.

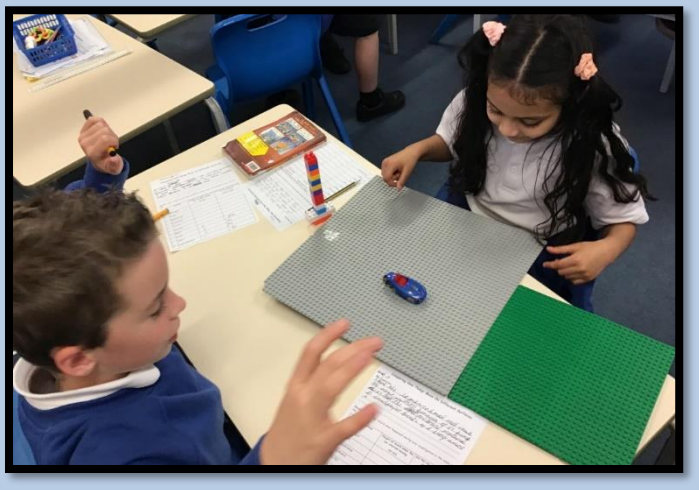
Year 6

CSI at Carlton! On Tuesday morning, year 6 had a fantastic CSI experience where they tried to answer the question - Who killed pharaoh Ramases III? They learnt how to look at fingerprints, about chromatography (of ink), DNA extraction as well as watching a dissection. A huge thank you to the Science team at Pakefield High who delivered this experience for us.

Year 3

Year 3 have started a new unit of science all about movement, forces and magnets. We began by recapping what forces are and describing them as pushes and pulls and contact and non-contact forces. Next, we carried out an investigation comparing how things move on different surfaces and the effect that friction has. We developed so many of our working scientifically skills in this lesson and also showed brilliant teamwork.





Year 5

Year 5 have been learning and practicing new French language linked to shopping and fruits. We have been playing different games to practice matching the French words with the correct picture.

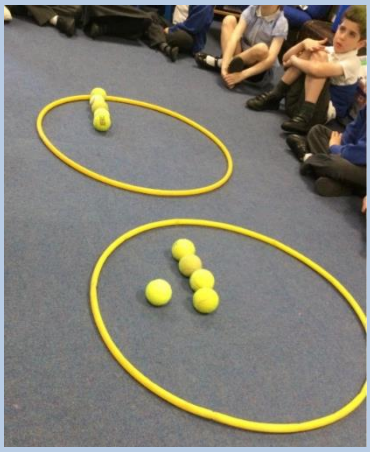
Year 2

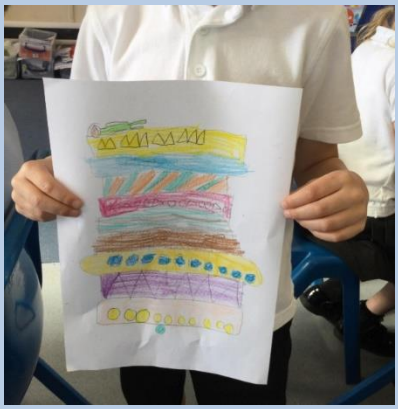
Year 2 had a fantastic day at The Battery, Suffolk Archives and Lowestoft Maritime Museum today. We learnt so much about local history and the fishing industry. Who knew a drift net could be up to two miles long or Bloodmoor Road was the site of an Anglo Saxon battle? Well, we learnt all of this and so much more today.
Massive thanks to the staff and volunteers at The Battery, Suffolk Archives and Lowestoft Maritime Museum

Year 1

Year 1 have been busy this week -

- In Maths we started looking at doubling numbers, using equipment to help us with our learning.
- In science we looked at different plants and seeing if we could identify any parts of the plants that we had been learning.
- In Art we started drawing and designing our princess and the pea mattress - they all turned out great by the end of the lesson! We will be turning our drawings into paintings very soon!





In RE this half term we have been learning all about the story of Easter and we celebrated a range of Easter traditions. We created our own Easter bunny craft and Easter card. Them we tried a hot cross bun. Finally we took part in an Easter hunt. We had a great time following the clues around the school.

Year 5

Well done to EVERY Owl and EVERY Tiger. You are ALL Superstars this week for such fabulous performances of your democracy play to the school and to all your proud parents/carers. Here they are all photographed with wonderful Mrs Easter on her last day at Carlton Colville.

School Holiday Fun Awaits!

Book a spot now for your child aged 5-16 in the Spring, Summer and Winter school holidays

FREE for children who receive benefits-related free school meals

Suffolk Holiday Activity Programme

Explore Our Holiday Activities Programme!

Children aged 5-16 can take part in a variety of fun and engaging activities this school holiday, which include:

- Sports sessions
- Arts and crafts
- Dance classes
- Cooking workshops

Activities are FREE for children who receive benefits-related free school meals.

If your child is not on the free meals programme

Many of our activities have paid for sessions available, so every child still has a chance to participate!

Find out more!

Visit https://eequ.org/suffolkhaf and search 'Holiday Activities Fund' or scan the QR code!

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Suffolk Holiday Activity Programme

09th, 10th, 11th & 17th April 2025

Ages 8-16 | Only available for young people on **Free School Meals**

Blyburgate Hall, Blyburgate, Beccles, Suffolk, NR34 9TF

Spaces are available now, so grab your friends and and join us for an unforgettable week of filmmaking and fun!

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YMCA Youth Shine Project

Helping young people reach their full potential

Suffolk Holiday Activity Programme

YMCA

Youth Lowestoft Holiday Club

Tuesday 8th April
Tuesday 15th April
9:30am - 3:30pm

Activities both weeks will include cooking, crafting, physical & egg hunt or movie

To book your young person's space, go to eequ.org and search for YMCA Youth Lowestoft

YMCA enables people to develop their full potential in mind, body and spirit. Inspired by, and faithful to, our Christian values, we create supportive, inclusive and energising communities, where young people can truly belong, contribute and thrive.

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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 28th March 2025 are:

Reception	Bears	
	Tommy H	Ariella B
Year 1	Flamingos	Ladybirds
	George A-W Jayden L	Theo H Willow H
Year 2	Dolphins	Hedgehogs
	Evie S Lennie C	Samuel E Amy G
Year 3	Foxes	Otters
	Olivia F Daisy C	Phoenix E Noah L
Year 4	Bees	Meerkats
	Rosie O Ela P	Elsbeth T Shane M
Year 5	Owls	Tigers
	Riley J Rosie W	Benjamin W Ela W
Year 6	Narwhals	Giraffes
	Esme C Eva S	Freddie C Harley C-C

The Superstars w/e 4th April 2025 are

Reception	Bears	
	Alfie M	Cooper A
Year 1	Flamingos	Ladybirds
	Emilia B Alice C	Jacob M Bradley J
Year 2	Dolphins	Hedgehogs
	Jacob W Grayson L	Isla R Reuben S
Year 3	Foxes	Otters
	Erin F Nell B	Akenya R-M Hayley S
Year 4	Bees	Meerkats
	Noah A Emma H	Cohen A Elsie H
Year 5	Owls	Tigers
	The whole Year	The Whole Year
Year 6	Narwhals	Giraffes
	Lucas C Vinnie J	Sophie E Sophie F