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CARLTON COLVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

# SEPTEMBER 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

Many of you have admired our beautiful new display in the school foyer—thank you for all your comments! It was created by a children's illustrator called Matt Robertson - you can find more information about him and his award-winning books here www.matttheillustrator.com It's a wonderful reflection of what makes Carlton Colville so special: a true sense of teamwork and belonging. Each animal in the display represents a different class, showing how we all come together to support one another. We're also delighted to welcome back our Hare, who spent the summer greeting visitors at Lowestoft Train Station. It's lovely to have it home again!

Now that we've fully settled back into our learning, we've been focusing across the school on our shared high expectations for behaviour. It's vital that every child and adult feels proud to be part of the Carlton Colville team—and that we show this by living our school values:

At Carlton Colville, we:

- Are polite
- Are kind
- Follow instructions
- Look after our school

These simple principles help create a safe, caring environment where everyone can try their best.

Each day, I visit every class—and I'm always so impressed by the calm, happy, and focused atmosphere throughout the school. From our vibrant new Nursery, where children are joyfully exploring and playing, to our Year 6 pupils setting a fantastic example for younger learners, the positive energy is unmistakable.

On behalf of all the staff here, thank you for your continued support. It really makes a difference.

Oz Sparks

## Dates for your Diary

**SEPTEMBER**

30th – Phonics Workshop - Reception

**OCTOBER**

2nd – Y3 Time & Tide Museum Trip
3rd- Cauliflower Cards artwork going home
7th – Alice in Wonderland performance to all children R – Y6
8th – 14th – Book Fayre
8th – Parents Evening
9th – Parents Evening
13th – Deadline for return of Cauliflower Cards Artwork
14th – Nursery & Reception Open Afternoon 3.30pm – 4.30pm
22nd – Roald Dahl Drama Day – Y4
27th- 31st – Half Term

**Class Weekly Attendance Award-w/e 12th September 2025**

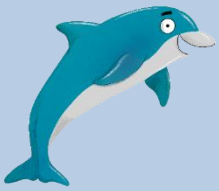
1st Place: - Wolves 100%
2nd Place: – Turtles 99%
2nd Place - Otters 98.9%

Whole School Attendance w/e 12th September 2025 – 96%

## Year 1

Flamingos had a great time visiting the ICT suite. We practised our mouse skills by completing a range of puzzles.

We had a visit from Paul (from the mental health support team). He spoke to us about our feelings and strategies we can use when feeling worried and angry. He also taught us a range of breathing exercises.



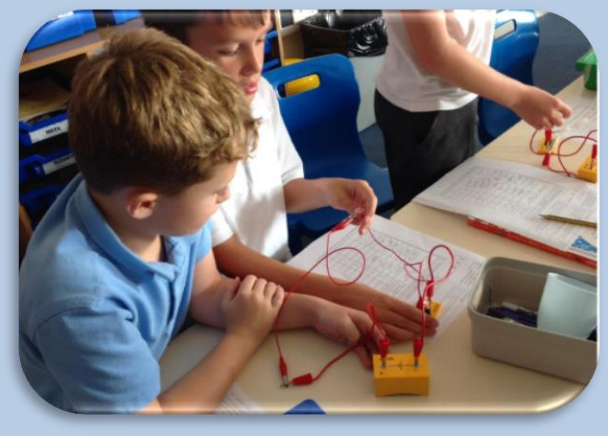
## Year 2

This week in science Dolphins had the chance to have a go at building bridges using different materials. The materials they used were wood, tin foil, card and paper. Once they had finished making a bridge, they then tested them out by putting on a weight on the top of it to see if it would hold. They used lots of great team work for this activity and put all of our ideas together to help make them.

This week in PE, the Koala's have been continuing to practice their under throwing by doing lots of various activities using different equipment! What fun they have been having!

## Year 4

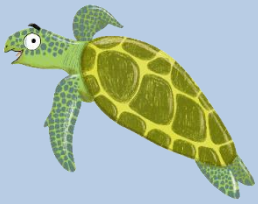
Tigers have been investigating conductors and insulators. They were predicting if they thought an object would be a conductor or insulator. They had fantastic teamwork and some great curious questions.



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.

# Year 3 – Forest Schools

Year 3 have an amazing opportunity to take part in a series of Forest School style sessions this academic year. The children will be able to experience the changes in nature throughout the year and help nurture the school's natural environment.



The first session was for Turtles and what a great day they had! They learnt about the molehills and fairy rings on the field and have used their wonderful leaf dials to identify trees. They found Conkers, acorns, bird egg shells, galls of the spangle gall wasp, pear slugs (larvae of the saw fly) and huge toadstools. They have helped to weed and water their flower boxes too.

Next week Otters will be taking part, then Turtles again the following week

# Year 5

Owls and Meerkats have been very lucky to have David Gwynn, amateur astronomer and STEM ambassador, in to talk to them about all things related to our solar system! The children have had some brilliant questions and are all very excited to see him again in a couple of weeks. He will be back several times across the year to share his knowledge on space.

Owls we have been researching three different astronomers through history so that they can learn more about what we used to believe about the solar system. They have learned that Ptolemy introduced the geocentric theory, and Copernicus introduced the heliocentric theory which was later backed up by Galileo. Now they are finding out more about the astronomers themselves.

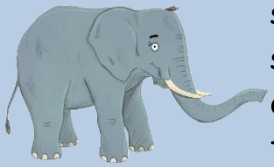
## Year 6

Well it's not often that the children in the class ask you to change the timetable so they can continue their writing, but it happened in the Bees class this week! They have written some excellent descriptions of the character Skellig, who they have been studying in guided reading. The most impressive thing was that EVERY child tried their best, pushed themselves to be the best writers they could be and took on feedback from their teachers and peers. A great recipe for success.

## Reception

The Reception child have settled into school fantastically. They are building great friendships and they are learning with lots of curiosity, teamwork and focus. Well done Bears!

## Nursery



We have had another great few weeks in nursery. The children have started to settle really well. Please be very proud of them. They have settled well into our nursery routines. It is so lovely to hear them singing our songs that we use throughout the day to support them while learning the classroom routines. Their favourite song is "We are special ". I am sure you have heard them sing some tunes at home too. We have been learning to look after our outside environment, the children have loved helping to plant some flowers to make the nursery garden beautiful.

## Boogie for Books

All the children have had great fun today taking part in our Boogie for Books Fundraiser. Please send in any sponsor money as soon as you are able.

Thank you for your continued support.

Carlton Colville Primary School

'Be the best you can be'

# Nursery & Reception Open Afternoon

## 14th October 2025

## 3.30 pm - 4.30 pm

*We welcome you to come and meet the Early Years Team and explore our wonderful learning environments within our Early Years provision. Our open afternoon is for children starting Nursery or Reception in September 2026.*

*This is an informal question & answer session and whilst children are very welcome we would need you to supervise your child at all times.*
*Please contact the School Office to let us know you are coming.*

**01502 572682**

## 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 19th September 2025 are:**

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| Reception | Bears | |
| | Ada A | Ivy C |
| Year 1 | Flamingos | Ladybirds |
| | Alfie M<br>Felicity B | Arabella H<br>Lilly-Ann P |
| Year 2 | Dolphins | Koalas |
| | George A-W<br>Alice C | Ashan S-I<br>Finn M |
| Year 3 | Turtles | Otters |
| | Conor G<br>Evie S | Charlie-Rae M<br>Isabella Y |
| Year 4 | Tigers | Wolves |
| | Maya A<br>Daisy C | Grayson T<br>Willow B |
| Year 5 | Owls | Meerkats |
| | Danny M<br>Stanley M | Rosie O<br>George C |
| Year 6 | Bees | Giraffes |
| | Sophie H<br>Leilani L | Pixie D<br>Tess T |

**The Superstars w/e 26th September 2025 are:**

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| Reception | Bears | |
| | Oakley C | Evie-Blue E-F |
| Year 1 | Flamingos | Ladybirds |
| | Oliver K-A<br>Dottie-Blue M | Willow J<br>Edison D |
| Year 2 | Dolphins | Koalas |
| | Isabella E<br>Otis S | Ariana H<br>Theo H |
| Year 3 | Turtles | Otters |
| | Kaysher-Leigh S<br>Teddy B | Sienna B<br>Mia D |
| Year 4 | Tigers | Wolves |
| | Fletcher G<br>Akenya – R-M | Izabella M<br>Charlie M |
| Year 5 | Owls | Meerkats |
| | Cooper T<br>Jacob B | Ela P<br>Madison M |
| Year 6 | Bees | Giraffes |
| | Noah D<br>Arthur H | Kasper P-F<br>Phoebe P |