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CARLTON COLVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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OCTOBER 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to everyone who attended Parents' Evening this week; your support and engagement make such a difference to us all. This was my first Parents' Evening since I joined, so I am very keen to hear any feedback on how we can make the experience even better. Please take a moment to complete this short survey.

Massive congratulations go to our Year 6 football teams, with a special well done to the girls who have qualified for the county finals after a brilliant display of teamwork and determination. Sport and PE remain a real focus across the school and it has been fantastic to see children trying new activities and improving their fitness. In particular, the new pickleball courts have been a huge hit! Pupils are already enjoying playing it in some PE lessons and choosing to play at lunchtime, developing skills, coordination and sportsmanship while having fun. With just two weeks left of term there is of course still lots of learning to go, with teachers making the most of every day.

Thank you for your ongoing support. In particular, it is great to see children coming in on time and dressed smartly. These small things have a big impact in the school and help to make us all the best we can be.

Oz Sparks

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.

Dates for your Diary

OCTOBER

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
24th – Be Bright Day
27th- 31st – Half Term

NOVEMBER

14th – Children in Need Day
18th – Y6 Warboys & Crucial Crew Trip
24th – Dental Screening – whole school

DECEMBER

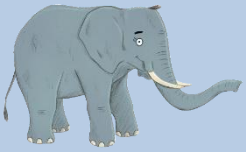
1st – 5th – Christmas Santa Dash
4th – Rock Steady Concert – Parents
10th – Christmas Church Service
11th – Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch

Class Weekly Attendance Award-w/e 10TH October 2025

1st Place: - Koalas 100%
2nd Place: – Turtles 99.3%
2nd Place - Wolves 98.6%

Whole School Attendance w/e 10th October 2025 – 96.4%

Nursery



The children have settled really well and are having great fun with all their learning activities. They are busy developing their outside area, and the children have lots of ideas of what they would like to have outside. Thankfully there is no room for a 'Crocodile or a Bear' and a few fast food place requests. But watch this space and we will keep you updated. The children really enjoyed their 'listening walk' wearing their paper ears as we moved around the school, to hear different sounds. We definitely heard some strange sounds that got us all thinking.

We are lucky enough to have the talented Mrs Brinded, who can play the Ukulele. The children enjoy their singing and music sessions, with '5 cheeky monkeys teasing Mr Crocodile' and Baby shark' being the favourites of course.

Reception

The Reception children looked at the artist Kandinsky and tried to copy his style. They enjoyed painting circles on a paper square to contribute to a piece of whole class art work. They showed good focus and confidence when using the paintbrushes.

The Nursery and Reception children enjoyed a visit from Reverend Andrea to learn about Harvest. They listened to a story and learnt a new song with actions. The children especially enjoyed pretending to jump in a pile of leaves!

Y1 Flamingos

This week Flamingos started our new Art topic all about sculpture. They looked at a range of different sculptures and discussed the materials that they were made from. They then had a go at exploring the material clay. They are now ready for our next lesson where we will make our own woodland animal clay sculptures.

Flamingos had a great time visiting the ICT suite. They practised their mouse skills by completing a range of puzzles and their typing skills

Y2 Dolphins & Koalas

The Dolphins have been using the IPads this week to have a go on scratch. Some of them had to work in partners - what great ram work they had. The Dolphins are keen to learn more on scratch!

In DT some of the Dolphins and Koalas have been learning how to sew this week! They have been designing their own pop art logos with their initials on. They have all had great aspiration and determination so far. ☺

Y3 Turtles & Otters

What an amazing day Turtles and Otters had at the Time and Tide museum being immersed in the Stone Age. They found out about life in the Stone Age, how they built shelters, how they hunted and gathered their food, the size of people from that period, they even looked at skull of a child from the Stone Age.

Outdoor Learning

What a wonderful time the Otters have had with their outdoor learning. They did some tidying of the flower boxes in the playground and found some ladybirds, worms and millipedes whilst doing so. They also discovered some bulbs sleeping and carefully popped them back in the soil. They found fairy rings full of toadstools and freshly made molehills on the school field and created their own special Wildlife ID tags to wear each week with their chosen wildlife names. They then spent the rest of the time exploring the wildlife area and identifying the different species of trees we have growing there using our amazing leaf dials.

Turtles had such a lovely day, despite the surprise rain! They had a magical surprise awaiting them in the wildlife area today, A wonderful fairy ring of toadstools, some of which were as big as our heads. They learnt more about the trees on their field and meadow and did fungi spotting. One of the toadstools they found was a delicate 'pleated ink cap'. The leaves are really beginning to change to some beautiful colours in our school grounds and some of them used them in their woodland log books and for creating beautiful pictures. They found lichen on some of the trees and some of them used sticks for drumming rhythms. They also found evidence of a fox having hunted a pigeon.

Sporting Tournaments

Massive well done to our Year 6 girls team! 👏
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They were brilliant at the recent football tournament with 12 schools taking part. Solid results in the groups vs Brampton & Worlingham, a tough semi vs Elm Tree, and a fantastic 2–0 win in the final vs Woods Loke!

They are now off to Ipswich for the County Finals

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The Year 6 boys were defeated in the quarter-finals through penalties, yet they showcased remarkable teamwork and resilience.

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Y5 – Owls & Meerkats

We have been programming BBC microbits in class this week and will be continuing this work over the next few weeks. Microbits are a really fun way to get into physical computing with lots of projects available online for the children to program. I always get asked if it is possible to buy microbits to use at home so if that interests you or your child, perhaps with Christmas in mind, I have included a link to the purchasing site below and also one to the website so you can see the range of projects available.

https://microbit.org/buy/bbc-microbit-go/

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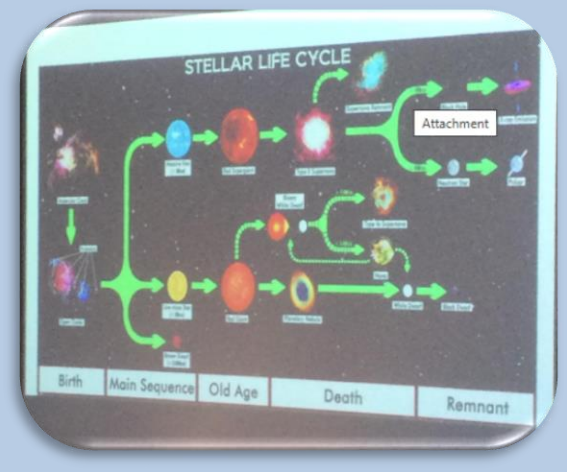
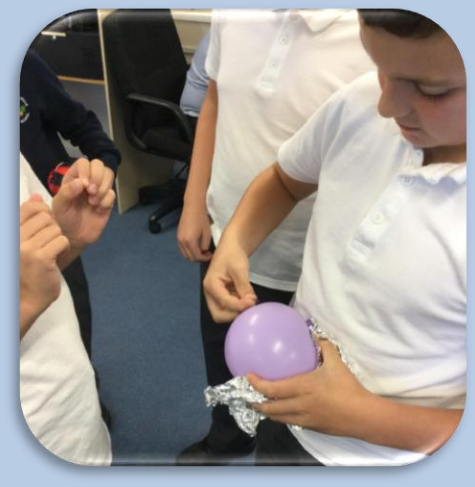
Mr Graham

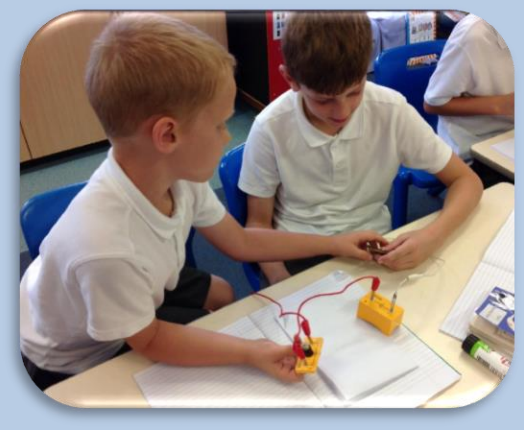
David Gwynn returned to talk to Y5 about the life cycle of a star and black holes. The children then began the process of making their own black holes using tin foil. To create them, they had to make a roughly spherical shape that is significantly smaller than the original size. Through doing so may lead to spaghettification…!





Y4 Tigers

This afternoon, the Tigers were making a switch to turn a light bulb on and off. They then wrote an explanation of how the switch worked and drew circuit diagrams to show their circuits. Their science learning has been so fantastic so far with everyone showing great teamwork and curiosity.



Well done to the first group of Tigers who have received their pen license this week.

Y6 Giraffes & Bees

Y6 enjoyed their science experiments about reversible changes! They completed lots of smelly investigations with eggs, vinegar, baking powder and milk! They observed the chemical reactions and described the new products that had been made.

Sporting Achievements

Marley won player of the week for last week at his football club

Willow double graded in karate to an orange belt

Conor was awarded his stage 3 swimming and 15m award

Teddy passed stage 5 swimming lessons

Charlie and Jasper recently completed swimming stages

Chester completed the Junior Park run with a new best time of 3 minutes

Millie had the honour of double grading at her first attempt in Karate, skipping Red belt and going straight to Orange.

Ray received an award at Judo this week for his hard work and focus!

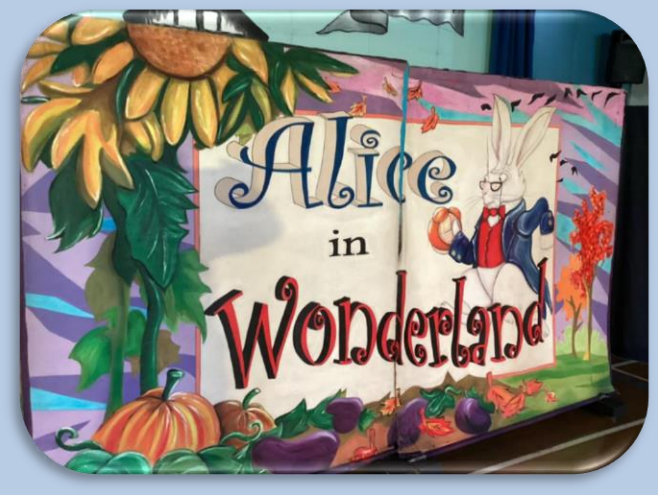
Phoenix was awarded Manager's Player of the Match

Willow-Rose was placed 3rd for her solo ballet and 2nd in both her group lyrical and group modern in a Powerhouse Dance Competition

Vinnie got his first player of the match

Whole School Performance

The children enjoyed watching Alice in Wonderland by M&M Theatrical Productions on Tuesday afternoon. What a great show!



PUMPKIN DECORATING

COMPETITION

THE CTA FUNDRAISERS WELCOME YOU TO TAKE HOME AND DECORATE A PUMPKIN

To take part in the competition, purchase a pumpkin for £2 via Scopay by **Friday 17th October - no late entries**

Collect pumpkin from the **atrium, after school on Wednesday 22nd October.**

Have fun with your designs.

Send a photo of your pumpkin into school **by 7th November**.

Prizes for each year group.

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.

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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 3rd October 2025 are:

Reception	Bears	
	Alfie D	Sonny T
Year 1	Flamingos	Ladybirds
	Ronnie S Eva T	Leon K Tristan S
Year 2	Dolphins	Koalas
	Isabella E Alfie L	Jacob M Amelia H
Year 3	Turtles	Otters
	Whole Class	Whole Class
Year 4	Tigers	Wolves
	Daisy C Ezra G	Maisie M-C Phoenix E
Year 5	Owls	Meerkats
	Savannah S Delilah P	Frankie C Halle P
Year 6	Bees	Giraffes
	Dylan H Korben L	Mya C Clark K

The Superstars w/e 10th October 2025 are:

Reception	Bears	
	Ava C	Ozzie S
Year 1	Flamingos	Ladybirds
	Thea H Cohen M	Jayden L Leo P
Year 2	Dolphins	Koalas
	Millie C Noah H	Alex G-A Bella L
Year 3	Turtles	Otters
	Lola C Samuel E	Joshua L Darcie M
Year 4	Tigers	Wolves
	Nell B Jasper K-C	Poppy S Emily W
Year 5	Owls	Meerkats
	Henry W Charlie T	George C Maisie R
Year 6	Bees	Giraffes
	Jack O Elliott B	Ollie H Grace-Eve E