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CARLTON COLVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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# NOVEMBER 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

As we approach the final weeks of term, it is lovely to share a few updates from across our school community. Huge congratulations to our girls' football team, who reached the County Championship final yesterday, finishing 2nd overall. This is a tremendous achievement and a real credit to them all, reflecting their hard work, teamwork, and determination.

Christmas preparations are now well underway and rehearsals have begun in earnest, filling the corridors with festive songs already! Next week, our choir will be performing at Adventure Island on Thursday evening, and we are very proud to see them representing the school on such a joyful occasion.

## Dates for your Diary

**DECEMBER**

1st – 5th – Christmas Santa Dash
4th – Rock Steady Concert – 9.15am – Parents
4th – Choir performing – Adventure Island – 5pm
9th – Reception Nativity 9.30am
9th – Y2 Nativity 2.30pm
10th – Christmas Church Service
10th – Nursery Christmas Songs - 2.00pm
11th – Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch
12th – Y1 Nativity 9.30am
15th – Christmas Raffle draw
18th - KS2 Carol Concert – 9.30am Y3 & 4 parents
18th – KS2 Carol Convert – 2.00pm Y5 & 6 parents
19th- Last day of term

**JANUARY**

5th – PD Day
6th – Pupils return

This week also saw parent workshops taking place, which were a great success. It is always fantastic to welcome families into school, and we look forward to building on this with more opportunities planned for 2026.

I was thrilled to see some exceptional writing in Year 4 this morning. Austin, Ava, and Noah shared their work with me, and their beautiful word choices and the pride they took in their writing were inspiring—a reminder of the creativity and talent we nurture here.

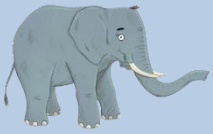
With three weeks left, there is still plenty to look forward to. Whilst a Christmas tree has already magically appeared in my office (I suspect elves), we all remain focused on the main business of learning and look forward to a strong and successful end to the term.

Oz Sparks

## Reception

We love having visitors in Early Years and this week we were lucky to have two!
We had a dental nurse in to talk about the importance of dental hygiene and how we can look after our teeth. We loved meeting Derek the dinosaur with his shiny teeth!
We also spent time with our community police officer this week. We listened carefully when he told us a story and then enjoyed asking questions and chatting to him.

## Nursery



The nursery children have loved going outside in all weathers. Our sand pit was completely flooded, due to so much rain gushing through the cover. This of course made it more exciting to explore and the children jumped straight into the pit with a great big splash. They invited their friends to come and join them in the outdoor swimming pool. The children quickly setup a fishing station and were lucky enough to catch quite a few fish amongst the other things they found.

Inside the nursery, the children have enjoyed the doctors role play, showing such care and concern looking after each other. Who knows we might have future doctors in the making.

We also had two visitors this week Emma the dentist who spoke to the children about oral health, and also police officer Andrew. The children enjoyed both visits with lots of interesting questions for them both and lots of learning about their roles in the community too.

# Y1 Flamingos & Ladybirds

We had a special visit from PC Andrew. He read us a story all about the many jobs of a police officer. We enjoyed finding out about his job and we asked him lots of questions.

Flamingos enjoyed continuing our sculpture unit in Art. We painted our 'Flo of the Somme' sculptures. We created our own paper sculptures by folding and bending paper in different ways. We then enjoyed finishing them off, we think they look great!

# Y2 Dolphinns and Koalas

Koalas & Dolphins have been putting their superhero cars together. They look great!

# Y3 Otters – Outdoor Learning

Otters experienced the wettest and coldest day so far this year in the wildlife area, but this wasn't going to spoil our fun.

We made strings of wonderful found objects which were completely personal to each individual child. Their task was to find something with texture, something of colour, something that smelled, something beautiful and something tiny. This was left to their own individual interpretation of the words. What they found and produced was truly breathtaking. I am sure you'll agree.  The morning group was extra lucky because, although rainy, it meant we had puddles to jump in! What could be better when you're fully waterproofed?!.

## Y3 Turtles – Outdoor Learning

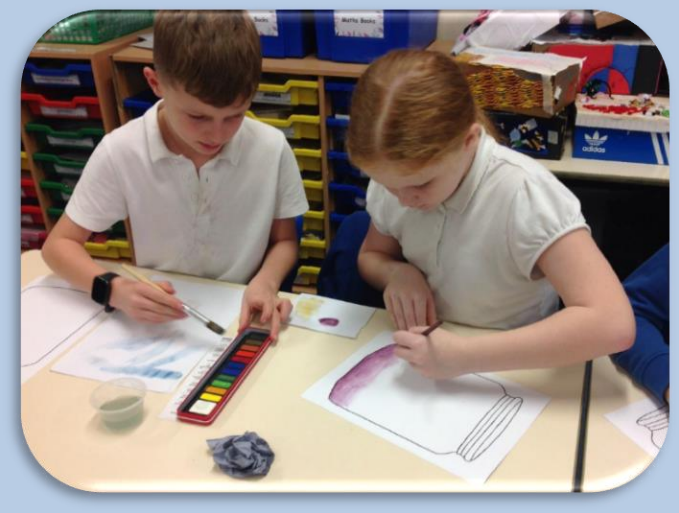
t was beautiful and frosty in the wildlife area this week. Perfect for our last session before Christmas. We learnt about Holly and Ivy, we sang the carol of the same name and we made crowns with the leaves.

As an extra special treat, we had a camp fire where we toasted marshmallows and made smores. We even had hot chocolate made with water boiled over the fire.

Special thanks goes to Mr Sprules for organising the fire for us. We had a wonderful time.

## Y4 – Tigers

We were creating a watercolour background wash in preparation for our Joan Miro inspired dream jars. Everyone took such care and consideration when choosing their colour palette and blending the colours together



# Y6 – Bees & Giraffes

We had an interesting time on our War Boy Walk Yesterday. We enjoying looking at the locations from the book and imagining what it would have been like in war time. We imagined the burning church (hit by bombs) and the beach and sea being patrolled by the navy stationed at Lowestoft.

The 8 Crucial Crew workshops in the afternoon, were all interesting and we all learnt many facts to keep us safe. We professionals from the police, fire service, ST John's Ambulance, local beach life guards, trading standards, NSPCC and a Drugs charity. Hopefully, the children came home and told you want they learnt.

The children were a credit to the school.

## Girls County Final – Needham Market

Our Year 6 girls travelled to Needham Market yesterday to compete in the County Finals after successfully progressing through the local stage. With another eight strong teams in attendance, the girls battled through a tough group stage, followed by a semi-final and an exciting final. They showed incredible effort, teamwork and resilience throughout the day, and we are unbelievably proud of them for reaching the final, only narrowly missing out in the last few minutes.

Second place in the county is an outstanding achievement, and every single one of the girls should be extremely proud of what they've accomplished. 🥈

It was a long day with a late return, so a huge thank you to Mr Hunt and Mrs Francis for their support and for accompanying the team.

Well done girls, you were brilliant! 👏👏

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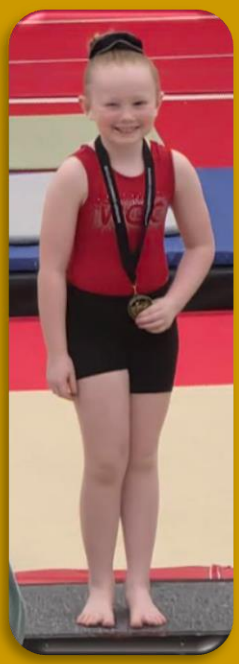
If you are unsure if you have advised us, please ring the School Office. Thank you.

# Sporting Achievements



Rogue won first place within her age group and received a gold medal in her Waveney Gymnastics Championship

Theo was awarded silver in Boy's Years 2 & 3 Waveney Gymnastics Competition.

Henry took part in a District Cubs event where teams had a Mario Kart gaming competition. His team for 1st Carlton Colville Cubs came 2nd overall. Henry also tied for 1st place in the time trial resulting in another race where he came 2nd.

Noah was man of the match for his Sunday team u12's Beccles Wasps.

# Sporting Achievements

Florence enjoyed participating in her first dance show. She loved being on the stage!

Remi passed stage 7 and stage 8 swimming this week

Sophie got a silver medal in the Suffolk Sportshall Championships.

Tess took part in her annual Xmas dance show at Beccles Public Hall. The dance school holds an awards ceremony at this dance show and Tess won a trophy for 'most improved in Modern dance this year'

# Christmas Santa Dash

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**Santa Dash – Fundraising Event**

**Diary Date: Week commencing 1st December (during your child's PE slot)**

Carlton Colville Primary School will be holding a Santa Dash to help raise money for our school!

Children should come to school in their **normal school uniform** as usual. On their PE day that week, they will then get changed into their Christmassy jumpers, hats, headbands and festive accessories for the Santa Dash.
Important: Outdoor shoes are a must to take part in this event. The shoes children run in will need to be brought in a spare bag so they can be put away after the run.

They will take part in a fun run, completing laps around a marked-out course on the school field. Each lap will be counted, and together we will calculate the total miles run by the whole school. Let's see how far Santa can travel from Carlton Colville Primary School!

All money raised will go towards redesigning our sports hall, including vibrant mural paintings and creating a more professional sports environment for all pupils to enjoy.

Thank you for your support – we can't wait to see the children take part and help Santa on his journey!

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# Nursery & Reception

# Open Afternoon

## Thursday 8th January 2026

## 3:30 to 4:30 pm

## Call 01502 572682

## or Scan to Book

## 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 21th November 2025 are:**

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| Reception | Bears | |
| | Oakley B | Evangel N |
| Year 1 | Flamingos | Ladybirds |
| | Ronnie S<br>Felicity B | Tommy M<br>Poppy J |
| Year 2 | Dolphins | Koalas |
| | Charlotte T<br>Jorgie M | Ella G-E<br>Lukas M |
| Year 3 | Turtles | Otters |
| | Amy G<br>Ellis C | Huxley B<br>Wynter-Rose D-B |
| Year 4 | Tigers | Wolves |
| | Quinn H<br>Hayley S | Isla T<br>Jacob H |
| Year 5 | Owls | Meerkats |
| | Harry C<br>Reuben T | Harrison M<br>Lexi F |
| Year 6 | Bees | Giraffes |
| | Evie M<br>Ava H | Jayden E<br>Masie C |

**The Superstars w/e 28th November 2025 are:**

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| Reception | Bears | |
| | Lily G | Axel D |
| Year 1 | Flamingos | Ladybirds |
| | Thea H<br>Cooper A | Tommy D<br>Willow J |
| Year 2 | Dolphins | Koalas |
| | Reggie K<br>Willow H | Ashan S-I<br>Amelia H |
| Year 3 | Turtles | Otters |
| | Richie M<br>AJ- S | Tyrese N<br>Freddie H |
| Year 4 | Tigers | Wolves |
| | Milo B<br>Elijah D-S | Remi L<br>Joey L |
| Year 5 | Owls | Meerkats |
| | Cooper T<br>Dylan R- D | Enzo G<br>Lottie W |
| Year 6 | Bees | Giraffes |
| | Esther N<br>Millie G | Jude B<br>Spencer L |