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CARLTON COLVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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JANUARY 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

A warm welcome back to everyone. New Years are often about fresh starts, and I have spoken to many of you about some of the changes taking place in and around our brilliant school. The strengths that we at Carlton Colville strive to help our children build are exemplified by our consistent high expectations. These apply to everything we do, and it is incredibly exciting to work somewhere so full of opportunity, passion, and care. Onwards and upwards!

Dates for your Diary

JANUARY

19th – Y3/4 Gymnastics Tournament
29th – Firefighters Visit to Nursery and Reception

FEBRUARY

2nd – Y5 Parent Astronomy Workshop 1.45pm
3rd – Y6 Basketball Tournament
4th – LunchtimeCo Parent's Coffee Morning 9.15am
10th –Safer Internet Day
16th -20th – Half Term
27th – Y3 Roman Soldier Day

Already the school is buzzing with excited children (and staff!). One of my favourite parts of each day is walking around the school and discovering the amazing variety of learning taking place. From uncovering the history of Pompeii in Year 3 and fingerprinting in Reception to creating play-dough models of the circulatory system in Year 6, every day brings treats and surprises.

As we settle into the term, it has been wonderful to see how quickly pupils have returned to our routines and challenges of school. Behaviour is a real positive and I am so proud of how polite and kind our children are.

Thank you for your continued trust and enthusiasm. Together, we can make this term a truly memorable one for every child at Carlton Colville.

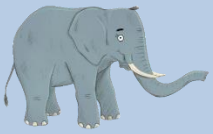
Oz Sparks

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.

Class Weekly Attendance Award-w/e 16th January 2026

1st Place: - Koalas 99.5%
2nd Place: – Wolves 98.9%
3rd Place - Dolphins 98.6%

Whole School Attendance w/e 16th January 2026 – 95.7%



Reception and Nursery

This half term in Nursery and Reception we are learning about people who help us. We enjoyed meeting a nurse and listened carefully to all the things nurses do to help us. We loved exploring the nurse's different equipment and enjoyed using bandages on each other! A big thank you to our visitor for coming in to speak to us.

Nursery

What a fabulous few weeks we have had settling the children back into Nursery. How exciting to return to Nursery after our Christmas break and to be welcomed to a blanket of snow. The children could not wait to get out and explore the lovely, crisp, untouched snow. How wonderful to make snow angels and a snowman on our first day back.

Our 'Helpful Heroes Day' explored the roles of all the heroes around us, who look after us, and support us in everyday life. It was so lovely to see the children dressed up and confident when asked what the role of their 'Helpful Hero' did for us.

Also as part of our topic, we welcomed one of our parents who is a Nurse to be our 'Helpful Hero' visitor. The children were really engaged and engrossed in Nurse Sarah's interactive presentation. The children loved having a go of all the resources/equipment provided, which also brought lots of discussions from the children about their experiences of being in hospital, or going to the Doctors.

A fantastic start to the new term!

Y1 Flamingos

In maths we looked at 2d shapes. We discussed the properties of a range of common 2d shapes. We then used our shape knowledge to go on a shape hunt.

Dolphins and Koalas

Stormy seas dress up day!

How amazing do all of year 2 look in their stormy seas costumes. Great effort made by them all

Y3 Turtles

What a great day Turtles had for their wildlife/forest school session. We started off in the children's kitchen making bird seed cakes to hang in the wildlife area. We mixed vegetable fat and bird seed together to make the cakes - it was quite messy, but rather fun! The afternoon group was able to hang up the morning group's cakes ready for the birds.

We checked the wildlife area for any visible changes and signs of life - there were lots of birds and lots of fresh mole hills!
To keep warm, we learnt a new team game called Capture the Flag, which was a huge hit.

Y4 Wolves & Tigers

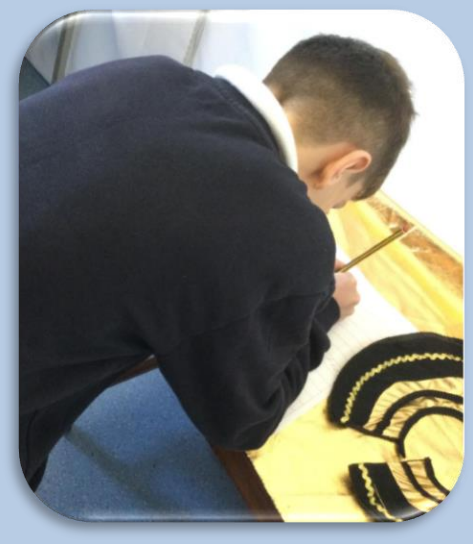
To start our Anglo Saxon topic, year 4 became archaeologists and took part in a dig on the field. We then explored the artefacts and thought about their uses and what this told us about Anglo Saxon life.

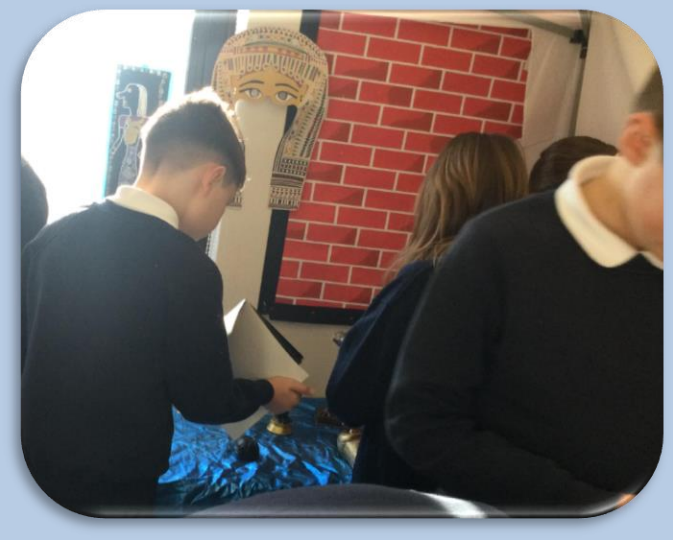
Y5 Owls

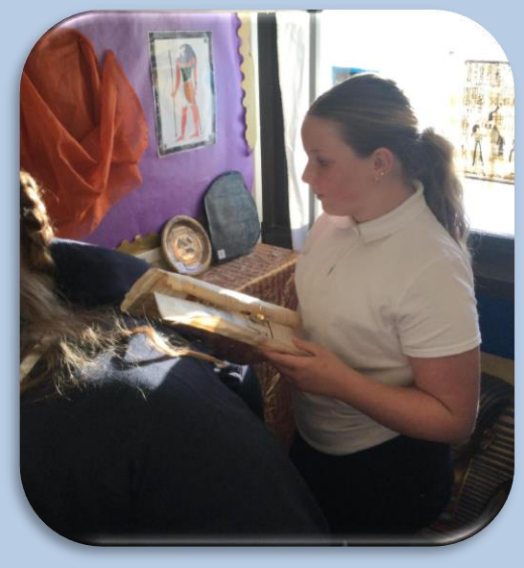
Our sparkling start for the new topic. This term, we are going to be exploring the question "Who's the boss?". We start this by investigating life in Ancient Greece and start to think about who was in charge and what were their lives like. It is a lovely start to the term as the children complete a carousel of activities: using an atlas to identify Greece and some of their neighbouring seas and countries; creating their own Greek monster inspired by Ancient Greek gods, goddesses and monsters; creating their own pottery designs inspired by Ancient Greek pottery; and looking through sources of evidence to see what life was like for Ancient Greek boys, girls, men and women.

Y6 Bees and Giraffes

Year 6 have enjoyed an Egyptian themed day. In groups we've had great fun trying to escape the 'Egyptian escape room!' We've worked in pairs to complete an Egyptian research quiz, designed our own tombs and made clay canopic jars.







Fundraising

We would like to encourage as many of you as possible to support our school by using easyfundraiser. When you shop online with participating retailers, they'll donate part of what you spend to our school. Whether you shop on your phone, laptop or tablet, you can earn free cashback donations for the school. The retailer just needs to know you are an easyfundraiser to give a donation and they know this if you visit them from the earlyfundraiser website, app or Donation Reminder. Please see the link below

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/cause/focarltcolvps/

Another way you can support the school is through the School Lottery.

Your School Lottery is an exciting weekly online lottery for parents who want to get involved and support the school's fundraising efforts. A lottery is also perfect for all-year-round fundraising! Whether it's additional funds needed for extra resources or to run extracurricular activities such as music lessons or school trips, every £1 donated helps to achieve the school's fundraising goals. And, by giving and supporting the educational needs of all students, parents also have a chance to win and be rewarded.

How to get involved and play the lottery

Tickets for the school lottery cost just £1 per week. When you buy tickets to play the lottery and support your school, you'll automatically be entered into a guaranteed weekly cash prize for one supporter at your school as well as a chance to win the top Jackpot prize of £25,000! Because of how the £1 is split, the odds are better than any other online school or parent lottery which is why Your School Lottery is the most rewarding way to raise money for schools. Supporters will also love our monthly bonus Super Draw prizes. A new and exciting bonus prize - to the value of £1,000 - is on offer

What supporters can win:

Prize tier	Prize
Guaranteed weekly prize*	25% of ticket sales
Jackpot - Match all 6 numbers**	£25,000
Super Draw	Exciting bonus prizes

https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/play

Sporting Achievements

Phoenix got Parents' Player of the match for Kirkley and Pakefield U9 Dragons, for his solid defending and excellent tackles.

Autumn did amazingly well in the Beccles Panto Snow White at Christmas and loved every show!

Noah achieved his One star award for skiing just before Christmas at Norfolk Snowsports Club. This shows he can control his speed, link turns and stop with control and balance.

Molly has been working hard at acrobatics and has passed her pink level

Eva achieved a Merit for her Primary Tap Exam with just a couple of marks off a distinction

On a very wet and rainy night at Dales Smiths Football Academy, George got stuck in, he showed great team work and received the trophy this week.

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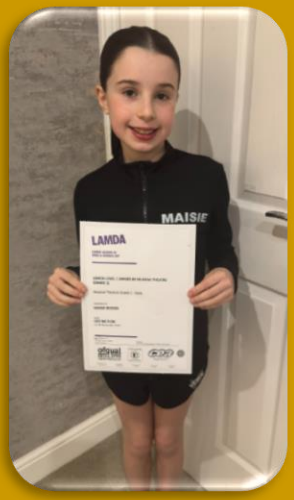

Maisie Reeder took her second LAMDA (London Academy of Music & Dramatic Arts) musical theatre grade 1 solo exam

Cooper played a match for Ipswich Town FC Foundation, Cooper scored the first goal in their win and two assists.

Luke and Dylan have reached the milestone of 250 appearances for the Lil Kickers football Academy.

Ivy received her 5 metres swimming certificate.

Boccia – Year 5/6 Competition

An outstanding performance from our Year 5/6 Boccia teams today! We entered two teams into a highly competitive tournament featuring 14 teams in total.

Team 1 finished an excellent 3rd place

Team 2 were crowned overall winners, finishing 1st place

This is a massive achievement and a real credit to the pupils' teamwork, focus, and determination throughout the competition. They represented the school brilliantly and should be extremely proud of their efforts.

Well done to everyone involved! 👏🏆

COFFEE MORNING

FOR PARENTS

Wednesday 4th February 9.15am – 10.15am

Come along for a coffee (or tea), piece of cake (or 2!) and a chat with your school lunch caterers.

An opportunity to talk about your child's school lunch and ask any questions you might have

Or

Just enjoy a free cuppa and cake!

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DESIGN AND COLOURING COMPETITION

Carlton Colville Primary School

Can you design & colour a poster to advertise our salad, healthy eating bar.....

When all designs are completed, prizes will be given as 1st, 2nd & 3rd place winners!

Let's great creative!!

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OUT OF THIS WORLD

WEDNESDAY 4TH FEBRUARY

Rocket Booster Chicken Nuggets

Or

Meteorite Vegetable Nuggets

Served with

Chipped Potatoes &

Saturn Spaghetti Rings

Followed by

Cosmic Ice Cream or Star Dust Sponge

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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 9th January 2026 are:

Reception	Bears	
	Reuben H	Oakley C
Year 1	Flamingos	Ladybirds
	Everleigh G Oliver K-A	Arabella H Jayden L
Year 2	Dolphins	Koalas
	Alice C Jasper T	Jackson-Jai P Olivia B
Year 3	Turtles	Otters
	Oscar H Evie S	Diyon R-M Campbell H
Year 4	Tigers	Wolves
	Oscar S Fletcher G	Amelia E Grayson L
Year 5	Owls	Meerkats
	Erin P Maisie P	Woody H Reggie M
Year 6	Bees	Giraffes
	Olivia D Lily B	Brody H Spencer L

The Superstars w/e 16th January 2026 are:

Reception	Bears	
	Maggie R	Frankie B
Year 1	Flamingos	Ladybirds
	Alfie M Freddie C	Molly P Edison D
Year 2	Dolphins	Koalas
	Madison D Ruby C	Theodore H Jacob M
Year 3	Turtles	Otters
	Olivia G Summer L	Ruby S Evelyn T
Year 4	Tigers	Wolves
	Austin J Elijah D-S	Grayson T Ivy S
Year 5	Owls	Meerkats
	Xavier M Luke W-K	Elliot J Connie D
Year 6	Bees	Giraffes
	Ava H Pearl S	Francesca F-F Blake B