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CARLTON COLVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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FEBRUARY 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

As we reach the halfway point in the year (already!), there is so much to reflect on and be proud of. Our school continues to be a wonderful hive of activity, and every single day the calm, purposeful atmosphere here stands as a testament to our whole community.

At this point in the year, I want to take a moment to share my appreciation for all the adults who work here. So much effort and energy goes unseen and often unmentioned. We are not a school that believes 'good enough is good enough'; we keep improving because we have a team who work together to make Carlton Colville the very best it can be. The best learning happens when everyone is excited and engaged, and I am grateful to every member of staff for helping to make that happen.

I hope you all enjoy a well-deserved half-term break, and I look forward to seeing everyone soon for another fantastic half-term of learning.

Oz Sparks

Dates for your Diary

FEBRUARY

16th -20th – Half Term
27th – Y3 Roman Soldier Day

MARCH

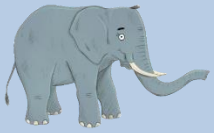
5th – World Book Day
10th – Y5/6This Girls Can Festival
11th – 17th March – Book Fair
11th March – Y4 tip to Norwich Castle
11th March – Parents Evening
12th March – Parents Evening
23rd March Rock Steady Concert – 9.15 – parents
24th – Y2 Maritime Museum/Archives Visit
25th – Y5 trip to Lincoln Castle
27th – Last day of term

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 13th February 2026

1st Place: - Owls 99.3%
2nd Place: – Koalas 98.2%
3rd Place - Otters 97.2%

Whole School Attendance
w/e 13th February 2026 – 95.5%



Nursery

The Nursery children have continued to be excited by all their new adventures and learning opportunities. They loved receiving letters from Goldilocks and The Three Bears, resulting in the children having delicious porridge for snack and then bringing your teddy to school to celebrate a 'Teddy Bears Picnic' Mmmm!

The children were also invited to meet the local farmers and their big tractor with the reception children. A great experience to understand 'farm to fork,' especially holding a heavy sugar beet. Of course the most awaited part was to actually go inside the tractor. The children could not quite believe how big it was in real life! And yes they absolutely loved it.

As part of celebrating Chinese New Year, the children have enjoyed listening to the choices of the animals in the story of 'The Great Race'. This raised lots of questions about kindness and feelings. In PE the children took part in 'The Great Race'. Thankfully there was no cheating from the Rat! The children also made their own 'Dragon' to take part in Chinese New Year music and celebrations. Too much fun and excitement!!! Never in the life of a nursery child.

Nursery also invited their parents/carers to join them for a 'Reading Cafe'. A chance for all to come together to enjoy a story and activities linked to the story. I am glad to say this Gingerbread man was not eaten by the fox, he was eaten by the children.

Reception

As part of their Helpful Heroes topic the Reception children have been learning about postal workers. They created a picture and then they put it in an envelope ready to send. They enjoyed walking to the local post box to post their letters. Hopefully they won't take long to arrive! They discussed how postal workers collect the post from the post box and then deliver it.

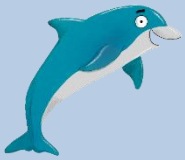
The children also enjoyed learning about Chinese New Year. They watched videos to learn about the dragon dance and listened to a song. The children enjoyed looking at red envelopes and chopsticks. They also loved tasting prawn crackers and said they were delicious!

Y1 Flamingos

This afternoon we enjoyed using the percussion instruments. We know that the pulse is the heartbeat of the music. We had to use our instruments to play sound patterns in time with the pulse.

Y1 Ladybirds

Today the Ladybirds are exploring the term algorithm and giving their partner specific instructions about how to build a specific Mr Potato Head. They were very patient and listened carefully.



Y2 Dolphins & Koalas

Year 2 have been thoroughly enjoying themselves in their gymnastics lesson this week!

Y3 Otters

It was a lovely morning and afternoon spent in the Wildlife area with the Otters on Wednesday 4th February. We went in search of signs of life - lots of things were found including mole hills, worm casts, a ladybird, some scurfy Twiglet fungi (see photo), new plant shoots, primroses, catkins and plenty of birdsong. We could even see that our bird seed cakes had well and truly been feasted upon.

We were able to identify the birdsong we heard using the Merlin Bird ID app - which is well worth downloading if you are interested in identifying birds by their appearance and by their songs/calls. Visiting our wildlife area and the fields next door were our resident robins, great tits, blue tits, a song thrush, a white wagtail, a magpie, a rook, and a skylark. The children are beginning to recognise the sound of the robins, which is great!

After this, we tried identifying trees by their buds - which is trickier than identifying them by leaves. The children did a really good job and identified beech, horse chestnut, field maple, hawthorn, blackthorn, hazel and cherry. After this we thought about hedgehogs and our journey towards becoming a hedgehog friendly school. We finished off with a game of 'Squirrels and Mice' which was lots of fun.

Y3 Turtles

Yes, it WAS soggy, but we had a great time looking for signs of life in the wildlife area today. We found such an array of different fungi it was quite astounding. I will endeavour to share a separate post about this on the school story. There were many birds to hear today - robin, song thrush, green finch, chaffinch, jackdaw, carrion crow, skylark, blue tit and goldfinch! these were identified using the Merlin Bird ID app - which is a great free app for identifying birds from their songs and calls.

We spent some time looking at the new buds on the trees and seeing if we could identify the type of tree from their buds. This was tricky, bud we did a good job!

A wonderful surprise was finding a small patch of dog violets starting flower. Spring is just around the corner...

Y4 Tigers

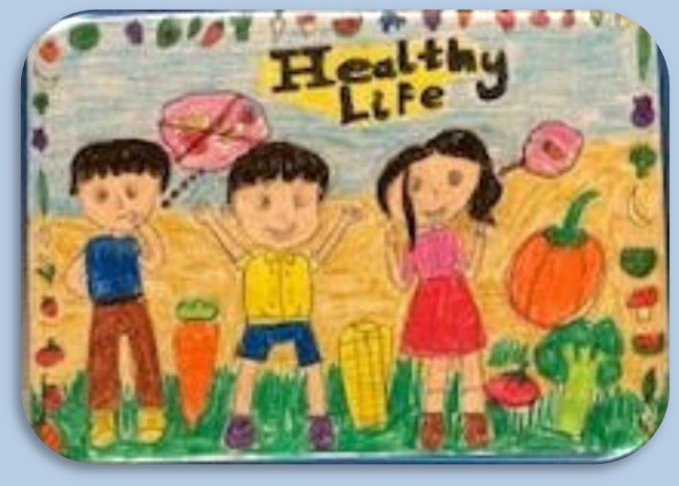
The Tigers were using a decibel meter app to measure the volume of different sounds this afternoon. We were measuring the amplitude of a tap running, someone clapping, general classroom noise, playground noise, singing, a warning siren and walking around the room. We then thought about which sounds were more damaging for our ears and why.

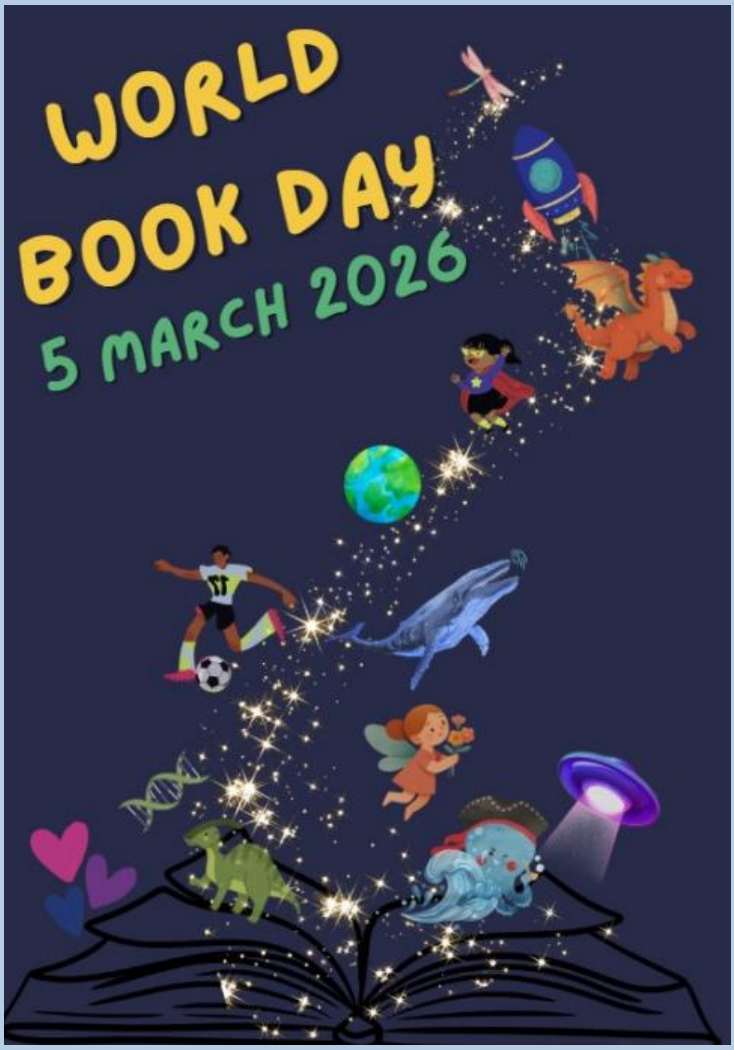
Y5 Owls & Meerkats

Year 5 held an Astronomy workshop for parents/carers which was a great success. The children had a fantastic time sharing their learning, and both David and Chris were thrilled with all the questions being asked. Their exhibits were fascinating and I could hear lots of scientific conversations happening around the room. Space is such a fantastic topic and it is great to see all the children engaged with it and talking passionately.

LUNCHTIME Co

Lunchtime Co recently hosted a special Space themed lunch and held a colouring competition with prizes for the winner in each year group. We are pleased to advise that Akenya won overall and they were so impressed with her design they are going to reproduce it as a poster across all their settings. Well done Akenya.





WORLD BOOK DAY
5 MARCH 2026

Cosy up with a good book this World Book Day!

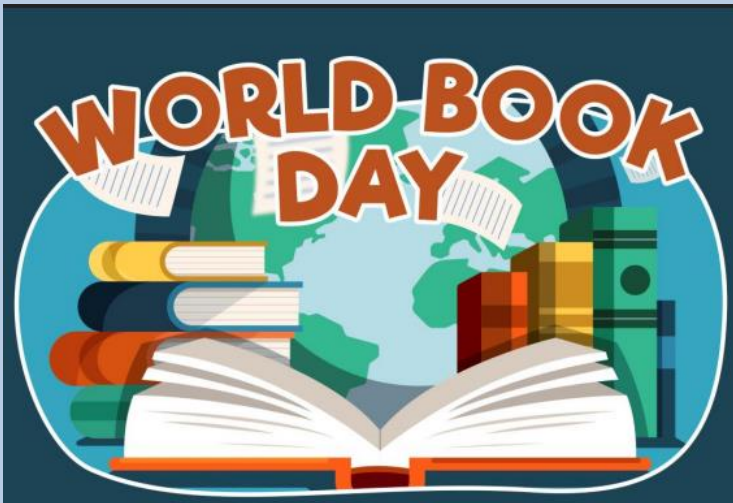
This year our theme is *Cosy up with a good book.*

Children are invited to come to school in PJs, Onsies and comfy clothes or as a book character if they wish.

During the day we will focus on taking time to enjoy a good book with lots of different activities throughout the day.

Competition!

THERE WILL BE COMPETITION TRAILS FOR EYFS, KS1 AND KS2 THROUGHOUT SCHOOL ALL DAY



THURSDAY 5TH MARCH 2026

Hagrid's Chicken in a Bun served with Potatoes Wands & Magic Beans

Matilda's Magic Macaroni Cheese served with Miss Honeys Garden Veggies

Paddington's Picnic Sandwich

Followed by dessert

Charlie & the Chocolate Cake

Or Fresh Fruit pot

LUNCHTIME CO

Fundraising

We would like to encourage as many of you as possible to support our school by using easyfundraiser. When y online with participating retailers, they'll donate part of what you spend to our school. Whether you shop on laptop or tablet, you can earn free cashback donations for the school. The retailer just needs to know you ar easyfundraiser to give a donation and they know this if you visit them from the earlyfundraiser website, app 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 fundraising efforts. A lottery is also perfect for all-year-round fundraising! Whether it's additional funds ne extra resources or to run extracurricular activities such as music lessons or school trips, every £1 donated h achieve the school's fundraising goals. And, by giving and supporting the educational needs of all students, par 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 yo school, you'll automatically be entered into a guaranteed weekly cash prize for one supporter at your school a 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 wh School Lottery is the most rewarding way to raise money for schools. Supporters will also love our monthly bo 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

Jasper won man of the match for the second week in a row. This week was for an excellent chip which scored a goal in the first half.

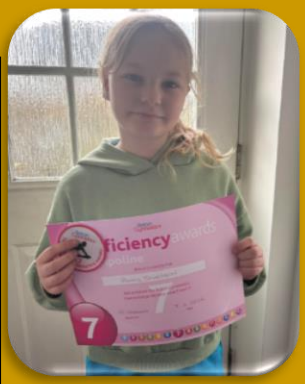
Linda competed in the east regional trampolining competition and came 7th out of 18.

Phoebe has completed her intermediate level 2 badge at her gymnastics club

Jasper was invited to trial for Suffolk County Tennis last weekend, a very professional afternoon and the standard was amazing!

Sophie and Pixie were selected to represent Suffolk at the regional sportshall athletics competition, performing brilliantly in their events.

Elis has received his British Gymnastics trampoline award level 7.



Poppy has achieved her level 7 trampolining badge at Waveney gymnastics trampoline club

Amy participated in a trampoline competition and she managed to secure a place at the finals in April.

Sporting Achievements

Jude came 4th for 50m, 4th for 100m and 3rd for 200m breast stroke for Norfolk County swimming in the 10/11 year old age group

Teddy completed Stage 6 swimming certificate, earned his 50m and 100m awards

Patrick gained his level 7 trampolining award from Waveney Gymnastics

Havana has passed her Level 4 Intermediate Award in Gymnastics and received player of the week at Dale Smith's Soccer School

Freddie has completed his stage 1 and 2 swimming awards

Lola completed her first dance exam – grade 1 modern and received a merit.

Emmie and Livvie have both achieved their 15 metres certificate

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 06th February 2026 are:

Reception	Bears	
	Honey C	Ava-Louise C
Year 1	Flamingos	Ladybirds
	Thea H Cohen M	Georgia W Molly P
Year 2	Dolphins	Koalas
	Jorgie M Willow H	Theo H Ariana H
Year 3	Turtles	Otters
	Conor G Kaysher-Leigh S	Sienna B Freddie H
Year 4	Tigers	Wolves
	Jasper K-C Quinn H	Maisie M-C Niamh A
Year 5	Owls	Meerkats
	Oscar C Charlotte G	Cohen A Chloe T
Year 6	Bees	Giraffes
	Lacey B Henrie W	Riley J Ted R

The Superstars w/e 13th February 2026 are:

Reception	Bears	
	Jonah G	Ivy C
Year 1	Flamingos	Ladybirds
	Ronnie S Cooper A	Poppy J Tommy H
Year 2	Dolphins	Koalas
	Alfie L Millie C	Finn H Lukas W
Year 3	Turtles	Otters
	Olivia B Willow S	Wynter-Rose D-B Eva J
Year 4	Tigers	Wolves
	Amelia K Zachary H	Izabella M Zachary P
Year 5	Owls	Meerkats
	Theodore F Maisie P	Louis C Alexa P
Year 6	Bees	Giraffes
	Alicia W Ella W	Jude C Lily E-G