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SEPTEMBER 2026

Dear All

Standing outside on the field at lunchtime today, you would hardly know that Autumn is here! The sun was shining, our Friday Disco was in full swing and outside was full of children playing basketball, football, riding balance bikes, practising their archery skills and playing games. Mrs Hodds seems to have also started an ad hoc dance session recently to add even more joy to the middle of our Fridays!

On the subject of dance, we are delighted that a dance teacher from Benjamin Britten High School will be spending some time with us. Each half-term—starting in Year 3—the children will be learning a carefully choreographed dance routine, which will build each week to a final performance!

We are already looking forward to welcoming you all into school for our upcoming parents' evenings and sharing some of the fantastic learning your children have been busy with. We are very proud of everyone in our school, and so this is a great chance to celebrate the start of what will be a great year.

We hope you enjoy this week's edition and finding out more about all the wonderful things your children are learning. Please don't forget to also follow us on social media for regular updates, news and events! Have a lovely, sunny weekend and look forward to seeing everyone on Monday!

Oz Sparks

Dates for your Diary

SEPTEMBER

29th - Y3 trip - Tide & Time Museum
29th - Y6 Football Tournament
29th - Phonics Workshop - Reception

OCTOBER

7th- 14th - Book Fair
7th - Parents Evening
8th - Parents Evening
13th - Nursery & Reception Open Afternoon
22nd - Roald Dahl Drama Day - Y4
23rd - Be Bright Day
26th - 30th - Half 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.

HAVE YOUR SAY: If you have any ideas/comments/queries or thoughts you would like to share, I am always available on the playground at the start and end of each day. Alternatively, you can send a message to the school at: haveyoursay@carltoncolvilleprimary.co.uk

I wanted to introduce myself to new parents and carers to our school and say hello to those parents and carers who already know me. My name is Mrs Aggreh and from September 2026 I took over the SENCO role from Mrs Carruthers who you may have spotted in Year 3.

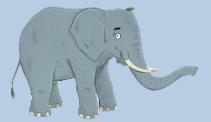
If you have any queries regarding existing SEN needs or you have any new concerns or worries, please get in touch using the email address below and I will get back to you as soon as I can.

send@carltoncolvilleprimary.co.uk



A festive poster for a Christmas Fair. At the top, a string of colorful Christmas lights hangs across the width. Below the lights, the text "Carlton Colville Primary School are excited to host a" is written in a green, slightly curved banner. Below this, a large red banner with white text reads "Christmas Fair!". Underneath the red banner, a green rectangular box contains a calendar icon, the date "Thursday 10th December 2026", a clock icon, and the time "3pm-6pm". Below the green box, a pink banner with red text says "Games, craft stalls and treats!". Under the pink banner, the text "If you're interested in having a stall at our fair please email" is followed by an email icon and the address "fundraising@carltoncolvilleprimary.co.uk". The bottom of the poster features a Christmas tree on the left, a gingerbread man in the center, and a stall with a red and white striped awning on the right. The entire poster is decorated with snowflakes and stars.

Nursery - Elephants



We have had a busy two weeks, the children have continued to blossom and settle very well into Nursery. They have started to gain more confidence in their exploration and abilities, as well as showing great confidence when tackling new situations and challenges. The children have been building relationships with their peers and learning through play using different mark making strategies. There have been bicycle rides to London, brilliant builders fixing our home corner, as well as a pop up cafe. Then we had an amazing puppet show where the puppeteers danced and sang to their audience. A great show to be seen! Well done everyone!



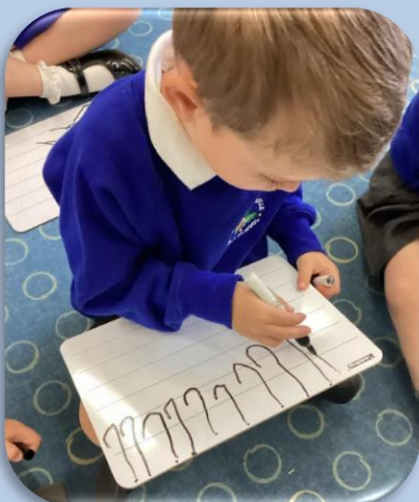


Reception - Bears & Ladybirds



The Reception children are enjoying their current topic 'All About Me'. They have learned about how they grow, their bodies and also their families. Over the next few weeks they will learn about their senses, discuss their favourite things and explore Autumnal objects.

The children have been enjoying the September sunshine and have been very busy learning inside and outdoors. They have shown good focus during their Phonics and Maths sessions and have particularly enjoyed learning some letter sounds. They are looking forward to their Phonics workshop with their parents/carers on Tuesday 29th September.



Year 1 Flamingos



In Science, we became brilliant material detectives! We explored lots of everyday objects and learned how to sort them into groups based on what they are made of. We had so much fun grouping objects made from rubber, metal, wood, plastic and fabric.

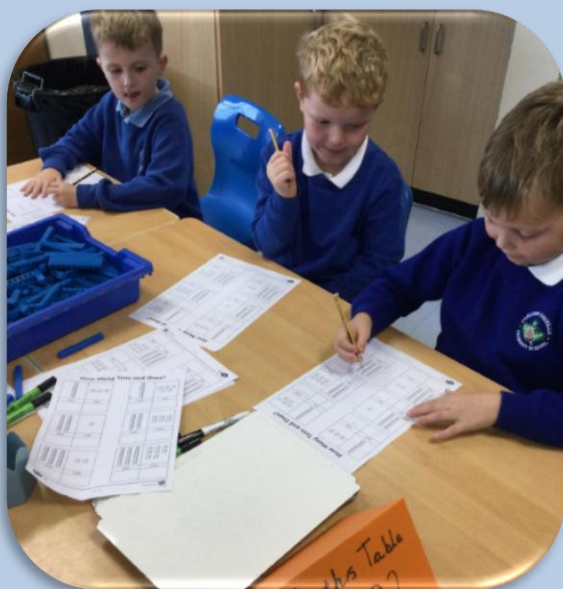


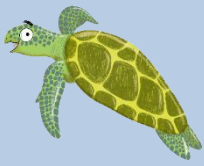


Y2 Dolphins & Koala



The Dolphins and Koalas have been loving the new free flow afternoons, by doing activities that are linked to topics they have been learning about during the week. They are all certainly putting their creativity skills to good use!





Year 3 Turtles

We have a great time in the wildlife area today (a very sunny afternoon!)

We took inspiration from our history topic of 'The Stone Age' and created some artwork using natural resources for paint and for our paint brushes.

Well done for your hard work this afternoon Turtles!



Dance at Carlton

We're really excited to have a Dance Specialist working with us throughout the whole school year! Each year group will have the opportunity to take part in a half-term block of specialist dance sessions, with the dances linked to the topics they are currently learning about in class.

It's a fantastic way to bring their learning to life through movement, creativity and performance, while developing confidence and new skills. We're looking forward to seeing what each year group creates throughout the year!

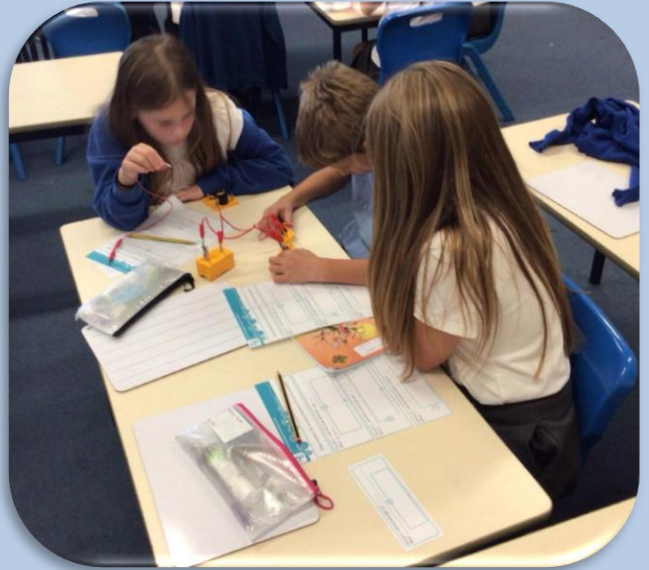
Here are a few photos from our first sessions with Year 3!



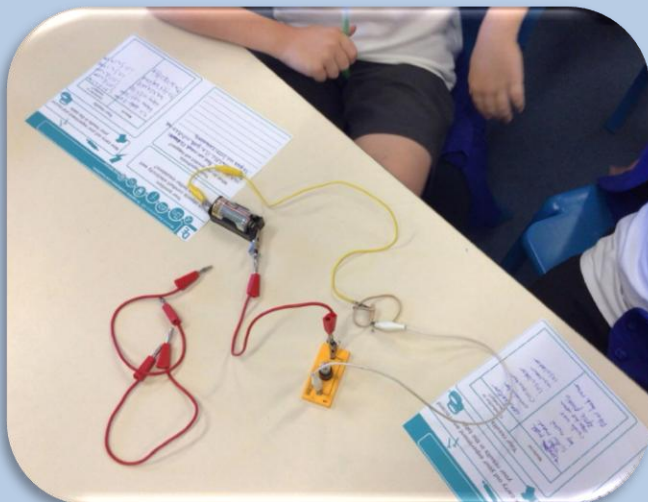
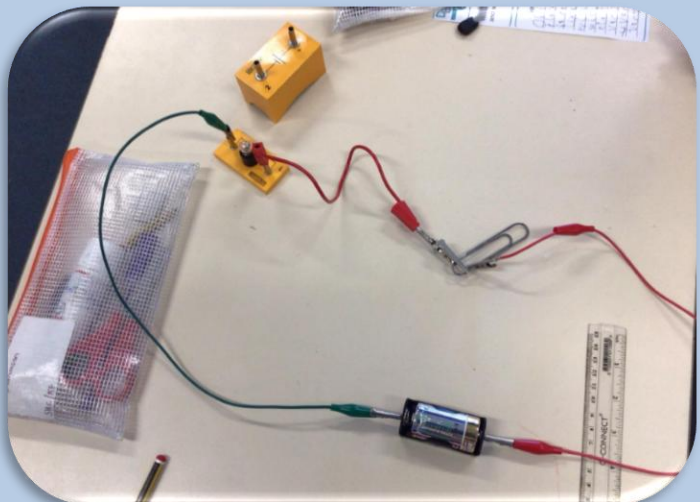
Year 4 Owls



Owls have been busy exploring electrical circuits and their symbols, as with some of us start to explore problem solving circuits too. This was very exciting learning! Not pictured is the sound of 8 buzzers going off around the room as children explore the equipment. This bit was less exciting once the "buzz" wore off!



Then we investigated electrical conductors and insulators and which materials make the best conductors. We also explored using an energy stick which really wowed the children!



Year 4 Tigers



Tigers have been practicing techniques using oil pastels. We used sgraffito, tinting, cross hatching and scumbling. There were some amazing examples of these techniques and everyone was so focused and resilient when having a go.



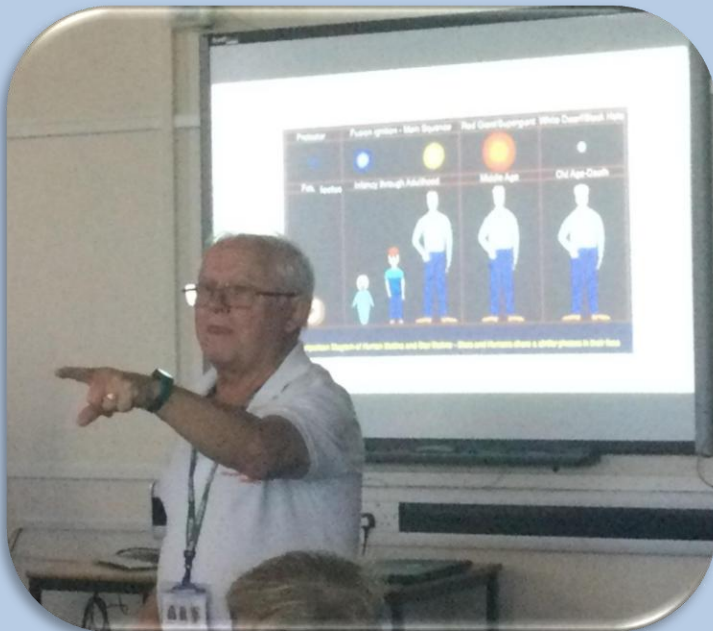


Y5 Wolves & Meerkats



Y5 were pleased to welcome a STEM expert to our school-David Gwynn. He shared his amazing knowledge of stars with us, which links well with the learning we are doing about space in science at the moment. He was also kind enough to answer as many of our questions as he could in the time we had available. Year 5 showed great curiosity, resilience and reflection across the afternoon. Here are just a few of the interesting facts that stood out:

- *We are all made from the stardust that comes from dead and dying stars!
- *Small stars have a very long life (trillions of years) whereas bigger stars have a shorter life (only a few millions of years).
- *You can fit approximately 1 million Earths into our sun.
- *Blue stars are much hotter than red stars.
- *A star is approximately 10 million degrees in the centre.



SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS



Alex was so happy to receive the player of the week award in his football session!



Noah met GB wheelchair tennis player Ruby Bishop (World no. 30) at Lowestoft Town Tennis & Pickleball Club. He got to play some tennis with Ruby and also had a go moving in a sports wheelchair.



Ezra was pleased to get player of the match, scoring 2 goals.



Freddie received player of the week at Dale Smith's soccer school



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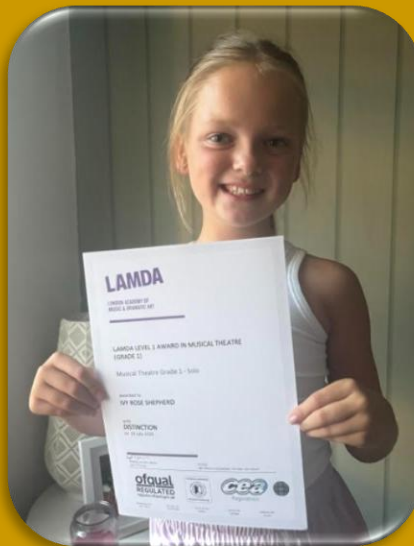
Phoenix did his first ever Lowestoft parkrun 5km on Saturday in 35m43s. On Sunday he played his first match of the season in goal and got Supporters' Player of the Match.



Frankie took part in the Concours de'Elegance class, where he was the only child competitor and was awarded 2nd Highest Placed Lead Rein. He then went on to win 2nd place in Lead Rein / First Ridden, as well as 2nd place in the Veteran class.



Freya achieved her class award in Primary Ballet after carrying out her exam earlier in the year!



Ivy did her first LAMDA Musical theatre exam during the summer holidays & just found out she passed with a distinction!



Willow graded to a green belt in karate



Lincoln got player of the week at his local football training!



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 18th September 2026

 <u>Nursey</u>	<u>Elephants</u>	
	Ezra L	
 <u>Reception</u> 	<u>Bears</u>	<u>Ladybirds</u>
	Ava S Amber C	Kelia C Sophie G
 <u>Year 1</u>	<u>Flamingos</u>	
	Nellie S Iowa T	
 <u>Year 2</u> 	<u>Dolphins</u>	<u>Koalas</u>
	Ronnie S Jaxon T	Adelaroze G Luka O-M
 <u>Year 3</u> 	<u>Turtles</u>	<u>Otters</u>
	Theo H Jasper T	Otis S Charlotte T
 <u>Year 4</u> 	<u>Tigers</u>	<u>Owls</u>
	Charlie-Rae M Darcie M	Amy G Lottie W
 <u>Year 5</u> 	<u>Wolves</u>	<u>Meerkats</u>
	Charlie M Elaina G	Arthur C Ava C
 <u>Year 6</u> 	<u>Bees</u>	<u>Giraffes</u>
	Reuben T Henry W	Cohen A Shane M

The Superstars w/e 25th September 2026

 <u>Nursey</u>	<u>Elephants</u>	
	Aria C-M	
 <u>Reception</u> 	<u>Bears</u>	<u>Ladybirds</u>
	Lola D Brody P	Dolcie-Mai S Dante G
 <u>Year 1</u>	<u>Flamingos</u>	
	Marley S Evangel N	
 <u>Year 2</u> 	<u>Dolphins</u>	<u>Koalas</u>
	Felicity B Oceania L	Jayden L Leon K
 <u>Year 3</u> 	<u>Turtles</u>	<u>Otters</u>
	Jack H Ruby K-C	Reggie K Reeva S
 <u>Year 4</u> 	<u>Tigers</u>	<u>Owls</u>
	Gabriella L Tyrese N	Isla R Havana S
 <u>Year 5</u> 	<u>Wolves</u>	<u>Meerkats</u>
	Maisie M-C Joey L	Letizia-Rose G Austin J
 <u>Year 6</u> 	<u>Bees</u>	<u>Giraffes</u>
	Savannah S Danny M	Maisie R Frankie C

