



THE ACORN



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OCTOBER 2026

Dear All

The last couple of weeks of any half-term are always a fantastic time to see just how much is happening around our school. As this issue of *The Acorn* shows, from dancing to drama, every day is full of exciting experiences and opportunities for our children. It's always a pleasure to see them getting involved, trying new things and taking pride in what they do.

Next half-term, we'll be launching a new initiative to give our children an even greater voice in school life. Our first project group will bring together pupils from across the school to help us take the next steps in developing our new school library. I'm looking forward to seeing the ideas they bring and the part they play in shaping this exciting project.

As you know, we're always looking for ways to improve what we do. With this in mind, we'd really appreciate your feedback on our recent Parents' Evenings. Please take a moment to complete our short survey and help us make these events as useful and informative for you as possible: [Parents' Evening Survey](#). The survey will remain open until 9 November. As ever, if you have any other ideas, comments or queries you would like to share, please drop us a message via haveyoursay@carltoncolvilleprimary.co.uk.

As always, thank you for your continued support in making Carlton such a fantastic place for our children to learn and thrive. I wish you all a very enjoyable half-term break and look forward to welcoming everyone back on **Tuesday 3 November**.

With peace and respect,

Oz Sparks

Dates for your Diary

OCTOBER

26th - 30th - Half Term

NOVEMBER

2nd - PD Day

11th - Parents Nursery Reading Cafe

17th - Y6 Warboys Walk & Crucial Crew trip

13th - Children in Need

DECEMBER

7th - Rock Steady Concert - 9.15 - Parents

8th - Christmas Church Services

10th - Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day

10th - Christmas Fair 3.00pm - 6.00pm

14th - 17th Christmas Performance Week -
dates tbc

18th - Christmas Party Day and last day of term

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

Families visiting their local Morrisons Café can enjoy a free 'Kellogg's Breakfast' across EVERY school holiday in 2026. Simply visit a local Morrisons café and ask for a 'Kellogg's Breakfast'



Dress in spotty or
stripy clothes for

Pudsey!

Friday 13th

November 2026

Bring £1 for Pudsey and
help us raise money for
Children in Need.



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.

Reception Open Morning

Please see details below of an Opening Morning for children due to start in our Reception in September 2027. Please share this information with anyone you know who may be interested.

To Book a place please follow this link: <https://www.carltoncolvilleprimary.co.uk/open-morning/>





We're having an Open Morning

**Tuesday 24th
November, 10–11am**

Come and see us

See the whole school in action. Children are very welcome.

Starting school in September 2027? Come and see our classrooms, our pool and our grounds, meet our teachers, and get a feel for the school on a normal morning.

Visit - <https://www.carltoncolvilleprimary.co.uk/open-morning/>

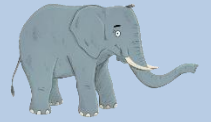
Gisleham Road, Carlton Colville, Lowestoft, NR33 8DG - Tel: 01502 572682

Wildlife Wardens

To round off our Autumn season in the allotment the wildlife wardens got to carve a pumpkin for Halloween. There were some really spooky faces. It has been a difficult year on the allotment with the extremely dry weather. We have spent a lot of time watering but thanks to our volunteers we have managed to harvest some [produce including tomatoes, cucumbers, strawberries, potatoes and pears. We are looking forward to next Spring when we can start planting again.



Nursery - Elephants



As a very busy half term comes to an end, it has been an absolute pleasure watching the children gain so much confidence as they have become part of our Nursery family.

We have experienced so much learning, through play, routines, creativity, music and movement. Of course, we love our learning to be sparked from in the moment interests and interactions within our day. Making sure we have a rapidly changing and fluid curriculum for example we have enjoyed being chef's, builders, doctors, nurses, office workers and so much more. We absolutely love being outside in all weather conditions in our nursery garden or underneath the shelter.

The children have developed lovely friendships, showing great care and concern for each other. What a great start to the Nursery year. Well done everybody. Have a fabulous half term.





Reception - Bears & Ladybirds



The 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!



The Reception children enjoyed going to our Wildlife Area this week. They all enjoyed looking for signs of Autumn and they discussed what they could see and hear in the different areas of the Wildlife Area. The children enjoyed picking up some Autumn leaves and they created beautiful pictures. All the children loved this activity!





The children have enjoyed learning more about Autumn and nocturnal animals this week. The children enjoyed creating their own 'Leaf Person' after reading the story 'Leaf Man'. They used natural resources for their creation. The children have loved exploring pumpkins and found investigating the inside of a pumpkin very interesting. They used some great descriptive language such as "slippery", "smooth", "slimy", "sticky" and "smelly"!





Year 1 Flamingos



Year 1 had a fantastic visit from Paul from the Mental Health Support Team in Lowestoft! He spoke to us about understanding our emotions and managing our worries. We learned some brilliant strategies to support ourselves, including different types of calm breathing and the importance of speaking to a trusted adult whenever we need a helping hand.



In Science, we investigated the best material for an umbrella. We tested which materials were absorbent and which were waterproof.



Year 2 Koalas



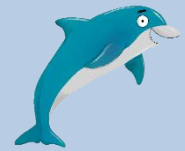
The Koalas have had great time in science this week using melted chocolate, raisins and a biscuit to recreate their own version of a road.



Having made their chocolate roads, we then tested their strength today. The Koalas used weights to see how much weight the chocolate roads could hold and discussed why the roads were so successful. The Koalas showed curiosity, resilience and reflection when completing this activity. It was a joy to see them engaging so actively with their learning and using scientific vocabulary too. Superb work Koalas!



Year 2 Dolphins



The Dolphins too had a great time in science this week using melted chocolate, raisins and a biscuit to recreate their own version of a road.

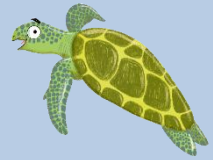


The Dolphins have had lots of determination and produced some lovely superhero logos so far! What talents the children have!





Y3 Otters & Turtles



Year 3 were very pleased to receive their own dictionaries from the Rotary Club this morning. We are looking forward to using them in school.



Year 4 Owls



Another successful PE lesson with Mr Hunt.



It has been a fantastic and busy day today as year 4 took part in a range of activities inspired by Roald Dahl. The children acted, took part in careful listening skills, and used body language to express their ideas. Everyone was absolutely hooked into each activity which was such a pleasure to see.



Year 4 Tigers



We have spent time learning all about Roald Dahl and the events in his life. We were taking on well known Roald Dahl characters and creating freeze frames from some of his most famous books. Everyone had a fantastic time and we have learnt lots.





Year 6 Bees & Giraffes



We Bees had fun exploring how different acids reacted with bicarbonate of soda. Lemon juice was the strong winner. We all learnt how the chemicals mix together to create the gas carbon dioxide. The effervescence was fun to watch!



Giraffe class had fun exploring how different acids reacted with bicarbonate of soda. Lemon juice and vinegar were definite 'winners' in providing the biggest chemical reactions whereas Fanta did not react at all (to which we were surprised by) Great curiosity and enthusiasm was shown all round!



SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS



Tough match Sunday against really strong opponents. Phoenix made 15 amazing saves and got Coaches' Player of the Match. The parents also thought that he deserved their trophy too!



Daisy took part in East Coast gymnastics 4 piece on Sunday and achieved 2nd place overall with a Gold on Beam, Bronze on both Vault and Bars, 5th place on floor.



William was awarded the U10's club championship shield for combined high scores at the club athletics competition



Savannah has completed her second summer of NIPPERS training as part of the Waveney Surf Life Saving Club on Lowestoft beach.



Otis has also enjoyed his first summer of NIPPERS training in the sea and they are both now looking forward to returning to the indoor pool for the winter lifesaving sessions.



Finlay completed his stage 5 swimming



SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS



Amy was gymnast of the month for September at Waveney Gymnastics Club.



Lukas received player of the weekend at Dale Smith Soccer School for great defence skills.



Axel got player of the week at Dale Smiths soccer school in horrible wet conditions



Reuben was super proud to be player of the week at Dale Smith's soccer school on Saturday.



Isla passed her NICAS climbing Level 1 and has now moved on to independent belaying.



Willow-Rose participated in Pure Victory Dance Competition at the weekend,
1st in Acro Solo
1st in Group modern
1st in Group Lyrical
3rd in Ballet Solo



Amelia has completed her stage 3 swimming and is enjoying stage 4



Jack was awarded player of the week at Dale Smiths soccer school this week!



Niamh achieved her Level 3 intermediate award at EA Gymnastics. She skipped level 1 and 2!

Phoebe achieved her Level 3 advanced award at EA Gymnastics.



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 16th October 2026

 <u>Nursey</u>	<u>Elephants</u>	
	Lilith L	
 <u>Reception</u> 	<u>Bears</u>	<u>Ladybirds</u>
	Hugo D Theo B	Naomi P Raven L
 <u>Year 1</u>	<u>Flamingos</u>	
	Frankie B Harper T	
 <u>Year 2</u> 	<u>Dolphins</u>	<u>Koalas</u>
	Freddie C Alfie M	Tristan S Seb M
 <u>Year 3</u> 	<u>Turtles</u>	<u>Otters</u>
	Rosie F Theodore H	Amelia H Arlo W
 <u>Year 4</u> 	<u>Tigers</u>	<u>Owls</u>
	Vinnie S Eva J	Conor G Darcie P
 <u>Year 5</u> 	<u>Wolves</u>	<u>Meerkats</u>
	Grayson L Lena K	Erin F Harvey T
 <u>Year 6</u> 	<u>Bees</u>	<u>Giraffes</u>
	Charlie T Henry W	Elliot J Ela P

The Superstars w/e 23rd October 2026

 <u>Nursey</u>	<u>Elephants</u>	
	Jaiden L	
 <u>Reception</u> 	<u>Bears</u>	<u>Ladybirds</u>
	Jack H Freddie N	Luca T Eden G
 <u>Year 1</u>	<u>Flamingos</u>	
	Arnie L Maggie R	
 <u>Year 2</u> 	<u>Dolphins</u>	<u>Koalas</u>
	Lily K Ariella B	Molly P Adelrose G
 <u>Year 3</u> 	<u>Turtles</u>	<u>Otters</u>
	Madison D Emilia B	Leo M Alex G-A
 <u>Year 4</u> 	<u>Tigers</u>	<u>Owls</u>
	Maya B Lily K-A	Kaysher-Leigh S Nathaniel H
 <u>Year 5</u> 	<u>Wolves</u>	<u>Meerkats</u>
	Ezra W Izabella M	Noah L Hayley S
 <u>Year 6</u> 	<u>Bees</u>	<u>Giraffes</u>
	Oliver B Presley T	George C Rosie O

