

Newsletter

Message from the Executive Head

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a great privilege to join the Carterhatch Junior School community.

It was lovely to see so many of you at the coffee mornings and at the school gate over these first few weeks. Pupils, parents and staff have been incredibly welcoming and there is a lovely atmosphere throughout the school that I've felt from day one.

It has been great working with Amy in her new role as Head of School and with Claire, our Deputy Head. Their dedication and leadership are evident in everything they do and I'm excited about what we'll achieve together. I can already see how committed the staff throughout the school are to ensuring all pupils at Carterhatch Juniors achieve their potential.

The results children achieve, the calm and purposeful atmosphere in the classrooms, and the children's behaviour throughout the school all demonstrate that Carterhatch Juniors is a very good school. I will be working with the staff to see how we can make it even better, building on these strong foundations.

Something we have already implemented is reducing the cost of the clubs that the school provides, so that all children have the opportunity to take part in extra-curricular activities. We believe every child should be able to explore their interests and develop new skills, regardless of their family's circumstances.

I look forward to getting to know you all better in the coming weeks and months. Please do come and say hello when you see me at the gate – I'd love to hear your thoughts about our wonderful school.

Kind Regards

David Wilson
Executive Headteacher

Welcome back!

Thanks to all who attended our recent Culture Day as part of our Be Proud week. We loved seeing our pupils celebrate their heritage and hobbies through their outfits. Thank you to the parents and carers who came along and made the morning so special for the kids.

During the day, the pupils took part in an assembly linked to Cultural Diversity, were able to share stories about their cultures and identities as well as continued to learn about our school value of the term 'Respect'. Pupils continued to learn about 'Race and Racism' during PSHE lessons as part of our Anti-Racism curriculum.

We have lots more great experiences planned for this term – so please read on.

Secondary school application deadline - 31 October 2026

Thanks to those who were able to attend our recent SATs and secondary school presentation.

Applications for secondary schools must be made online at www.eadmissions.org.uk by midnight on 31 October 2026. You will require an email address.

Please continue to refer to the links on our website for further details of [open evenings](#) and the [Secondary Transfer Brochure](#), which contains all the information and guidance you will need to make an application. You may nominate up to six schools in order of preference. Applying for only one school will not improve your chances of getting a place at that school so always make six choices.

[SATs dates and CJS briefing powerpoint](#)

[Secondary Information and briefing powerpoint](#)

Felix Foodbank in the playground every Tuesday

Just a reminder that we have a free foodbank (e.g. vegetables, fruit) in the playground, every Tuesday at 2.45pm. Just bring along 1 bag per family to collect it.

Milo and Bree

Our new school dogs (Milo & Bree) are settling in wonderfully! We have begun slowly introducing them to different classes and meeting pupils across the school. Our students have been fantastic—demonstrating great patience and carefully following all instructions to keep the environment calm and positive. Over the coming weeks and months, we will gradually increase these interactions while ensuring that the wellbeing and comfort of both our pupils and the dogs remain our highest priority.

As a reminder, we are a "no dogs on site" for personal pets. Our official school dogs are fully risk-assessed, have specialist insurance and are being carefully integrated into our school community.

If you would prefer your child not to interact with the dogs, or if your child is nervous around dogs, please contact the school office so we can support them appropriately.

Thank you to everyone for supporting this positive start!

Class assemblies

These are starting soon and take place on Thursdays 9.00-9.15am. Dates for all class assemblies are listed below at the end of the newsletter.

Year 5 parent/carers meeting – Friday 3 October – 9.00-9.45am

Year 5 parents/carers are invited to a meeting to find out about the four-day school journey to Magdalen Farm next September. If you are unable to attend, please go to our website to see the presentation which will be updated after the meeting. If you would like more information, please talk to Louise Draper in Year 6. A £40.00 deposit, paid via Arbor by mid November 2025, is needed to secure your child's place.

Parent/carers consultations - Monday 5 October- 3.15-5.30pm and Tuesday 6 October 3.15-6.30pm

These meetings will focus on how your child has settled into their new class. Please arrive 5 minutes early if you would like to look at your child's books. **Bookings opened on 23 September on Arbor at 6pm.**

Aspens

Aspens, our school meal provider will be onsite during our parent/carers consultation evening on Monday 5 October. This is an opportunity for you to sample the lunches on offer at school for our pupils.

Flu Vaccinations

Enfield Nursing Team will be visiting us on 8 October to deliver their annual flu vaccination programme. Pupils will be offered a nasal spray or a gelatine-free injectable vaccine. Consent can be given [here](#). Queries should be directed to the Nursing Team, not the school, on 020 8150 7505.

Year 2 Parent/Carer Meeting - Thursday 15 October, 9.00-10.00am

We would like to invite the parents and carers of the current Year 2 pupils to a meeting at Carterhatch Junior School. We will give a tour and information about applying for a place at our school. We look forward to seeing you then.

Wear Red – Show Racism the Red Card – Friday 16 October

Pupils are asked to Wear Red on to Show Racism the Red Card. There will be lessons about how to fight racism during that day.

Harvest Festival – Enfield North Food Bank

We will be having a whole school assembly on 5 October about harvest festival and sharing. We will talk about the role of the foodbank in our local community. Please send donations into their class in a carrier bag from Tuesday 29 September.

Black History Month - October

As we mark the start of Black History Month this October, our school is proud to celebrate this year's national theme, "Honouring Our Communities." This theme highlights the everyday, often unseen contributions of Black individuals who shape British society—from NHS nurses and teachers to community leaders, volunteers and carers. To kick off the celebrations, our students will take part in a national live assembly hosted by the Sanctuary Foundation. Led by BAFTA-nominated CBBC presenter Gemma Hunt and Dr Krish Kandiah, this special broadcast will spotlight iconic historical figures like Rosa Parks alongside modern-day role models and lesser-known local heroes. Throughout October, every year group will learn about an influential figure from London's history, furthering our commitment to a diverse curriculum that reflects our vibrant Enfield community and the rich history of migration across London. Children are also warmly encouraged to research their own Black history figures at home to share with their classes during the month.

Arbor App

You should have all now downloaded the Arbor App. It's really important that you have this app as this is the way school will communicate with parents and carers. All payments for clubs and trips are made on Arbor.



If you do not have the Arbor App you will not be able to sign your child up to any of the after school clubs or book parent/carers consultation appointments.



Any Wellies?

Our outdoor learning days will be happening before half-term and we desperately need more wellies for our pupils to wear when out on the field. Any sizes are welcome; so please feel free to send in any spare wellies that your child/ren have grown out of – we will make good use of them. Just put them in a bag and hand to your class teacher or the school office.

Enfield Online Parenting Programmes

Enfield is once again offering free [SFSC online parenting programmes](#). The start of a new school year can bring fresh challenges, from managing homework and routines, to supporting young people through social pressures, negative behaviours or the challenges of co-parenting. For many parents, these stresses can lead to tension at home, which directly impacts children's wellbeing and ability to learn. The six-week courses are flexible, inclusive, and provide practical strategies to strengthen family relationships and help children thrive both at home and at school; including courses for parents of teenagers.

Congratulations

Congratulations for Top Attendance in September

11 September 3 Wiltshire 100%
18 September 6 Attenborough 99.2%
25 September 5 Ramirez 99.2%

Dates for your Diary

28 September	9.00-9.45	Year 3 parent/carer meeting – homework and keeping safe
2 October	9.00-9.45	Year 5 parent/carer meeting – September 2026 residential
5 October	3.15-5.30	Parent/carer consultations – Aspens Food Taster Session
6 October	3.15-6.30	Parent/carer consultations
15 October	9.00-10.00	Year 2 parent/carer meeting and tours
16 October		Wear Red – Celebrating Differences and overcoming Adversity
26 October-30 October		Half term – school closed
16 November		Odd sock day
20 November		Children In Need - More information to follow
14 December		Doctor Dolittle Show for pupils
15 December		Christmas concert

Class Assemblies - 9:00 - 9:15 Parents/carers welcome

8 October	Year 5 Beard class
22 October	Year 4 Derbyshire
26 November	Year 3 Picasso
28 January	Year 5 Olusoga
11 February	Year 4 Mozart
4 March	Year 5 Ramirez
18 March	Year 3 Hepworth
29 April	Year 4 Thompson
20 May	Year 3 Wiltshire