

Newsletter



We would like to welcome our new Thunberg class teacher, Ruby.



After working at Carterhatch Junior School for almost 23 years, Sharon, the School Business Manager will be retiring at the end of this half-term. We would like to thank her for all her hard work and dedication and we wish her all the best. She will be greatly missed by all.

Kitchen update

We are pleased to inform you that our kitchen will be providing hot meals from Monday 30 September. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Smartphone free - childhood campaign

You may have read about the campaign which has been started by concerned parents/carers around the UK. They are campaigning for smart phones to be banned for under 14-year olds because of concerns about children's exposure to online dangers, mental health issues and addiction to phones – all affecting family life. We hope you are interested, to find out more and register on this link: [Smart Phone Free - Childhood Campaign](#)

Secondary school application deadline - 31 October 2024

Applications for secondary schools must be made online at www.eadmissions.org.uk by midnight on 31 October 2024. 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.



Black History Month

October is Black History Month. Our theme is "Unsung Heroes." Each year group will learn about Black British individuals from different times in history whose important contributions have often been overlooked. By exploring their stories, we aim to celebrate their achievements and ensure their legacies are recognised and valued.

Year 3: Windrush

Year 4: Tudors

Year 5: Victorian

Year 6: WWI

Year 2 parent/carer meeting

We would like to invite the parents and carers of the current year 2 pupils to a meeting on 22 October 2024, 9-9.45am. We will give a tour and information for their start in Year 3 in September 2025. We look forward to seeing you then.

Year 5 parent/carer meeting

Thanks to those who attended the meeting about the four day school journey to Magdalen Farm next September. If you were unable to attend please see the [presentation here](#). If you would like more information face, please talk to Shelly, our Year 6 Assistant Headteacher. A deposit of £40.00 to secure a place needs to be received, via Arbor, by mid November 2024. Further information will follow.

Year 3 parent/carer meeting

Year 3 parent/carers are invited to a meeting next Friday 4 October at 9am to find out about online homework and keeping your child safe online.

Parent consultations - Monday 14 and Tuesday 15 October

14 October 3.15pm - 6.30pm & 15 October 3.15pm - 5.30pm

Please book using the Arbor App. These meetings will focus on how your child/ren has/have settled into their new class. Please arrive 5 minutes early if you would like to look at your child/ren's books. **Bookings open on Arbor at 4pm on Friday 27 September.**

Attendance Expectations

If you have not received this email can you please let the Attendance Officer know as soon as possible and provide an up to date email address to the school. It is important that each parent/carer who has parental responsibility receives this communication.

Uniform

We have age 7-8 fleeces for sale. They are £10 and you will be able to purchase on the Arbor app. They will be sent home with your child at the end of the day once payment has been received.

Harvest Festival - Food Bank

We will be having a whole school assembly next week 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, by **Friday 18 October**.

The food bank currently needs mixed beans, pasta sauce, tinned fish, tinned fruit, noodles, jam, tinned veg, tinned soups, packet ready meals, sweet and savoury snacks. No fresh items such as bread or milk please.

Trips and local visits

Due to changes in Department for Education guidance, we will no longer be requesting written consent from parents for pupils to take part in the majority of off-site activities organised by the school.

Most of the planned off-site activities take place during school hours and are a normal part of a child's education. However, parents/carers will continue to be informed of any upcoming trips and of any extra safety measures required. Parental consent will still be requested for certain trips which are not part of the normal school day e.g. the Year 6 residential trip when pupils stay overnight.

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. From September 2024 all payments for clubs and trips will be 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.**

Easyfundraising



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Since starting this in November 2023 we have raised £249.18.

When you shop online it couldn't be easier! You'll find big name retailers here like John Lewis, Amazon, Tesco, Currys, Asda, Iceland, eBay and Apple, all ready to help you raise more for our school when you shop with them. Simply click on the categories to browse our list of retail partners; or if you already know where you want to shop, use the A-Z search. Order through this app and the school receives a small donation for FREE. These donations will help so much, so please sign up to support us, it doesn't take long.

Sign up here by scanning the QR code on your mobile phone on the left

Congratulations

Success Certificates

Congratulations! The pupils awarded success certificates since our last newsletter are:

Year 3: Jasvir, Ariba, Hazal, Eva

Year 4: Chase, Tom, Adam

Year 5: Mikolaj, Iljon, Tasnim, Onyx

Year 6: Emilio, Michael, Toby

Congratulations for Best Attendance in September

3 September 6 Goldworthy 97.9%

10 September 5 Vaughan 100%

17 September 5 Turing 99.2%

24 September 6 Ofili 98.8%



Dates for your Diary

3 October	9-9.15am	Year 5 Lovelace class assembly – parents/carers welcome
10 October	9-9.15am	Year 4 Attenborough class assembly – parents/carers welcome
14-15 October	9-9.15am	Parent consultations
22 October	9-9.45am	Year 2 Parent/carers meeting and tour
24 October	9-9.15am	Year 5 Turing class assembly – parents/carers welcome
28 Oct-1 Nov		Half term – school closed
8 November		World Science Day for Peace and Development
14 November	9-9.15am	Year 4 Maathai class assembly – parents/carers welcome
21 November	9-9.15am	Year 5 Vaughan class assembly – parents/carers welcome
28 November	9-9.15am	Year 4 Thunberg class assembly – parents/carers welcome



Term dates

2024

28 Oct-1 Nov	Half Term - school closed
4 November	Inset day - school closed
5 November	Pupils return to school
18 November	Inset day - school closed
20 December	Last day 1.30pm finish - No Suffolks Tea-Time Club
21 Dec-3 Jan	Christmas Holidays - school closed

2025

6 January	Pupils return to school
17-21 February	Half Term - school closed
24 February	Inset day - school closed
25 February	Pupils return to school
4 April	Last day 1.30pm finish - No Suffolks Tea-Time Club
7-21 April	Easter Holidays - school closed
22 April	Pupils return to school
2 May	Bank Holiday - school closed
26-30 May	Half term - school closed
2 June	Pupils return to school
18 July	Last day of Summer Term 1.30pm finish - No Suffolks Tea-Time Club
21-22 July	Inset days - school closed
23 July-29 August	Summer Holidays - school closed

[School term dates for 2025-2026](#) are also on our website