



# Carr Junior School

AIM HIGH, SHINE BRIGHT!

W/C 20TH JANUARY 2025 WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



## A Message from our Principal

Hello!

Week 3 of our Spring term has been such a busy one. On Wednesday, our Year 6 Carr Stars were so lucky to have had a brilliant experience by taking part in a Forensic Science workshop. The whole year group had to work together to investigate an incident and use the evidence to find out which Year 6 teacher was responsible for the misdemeanour! The children absolutely loved it and showed themselves to be excellent investigators. We may have some budding Forensic Scientists of the future! We would like to say a huge thank you to one of our parents who gave up their time to deliver the training - we are so grateful.

Thank you also to all of the parents who attended the Y6 SATs information event on Tuesday. It was extremely well attended. If any parents missed the briefing, you can find a link to the information shared on the Y6 pages of the school website. Unfortunately, we needed to postpone our Music information event due to staff absence this week. Please see the dates list for a new date for this.

In this week's newsletter you will find information about:

Y5 Kingswood Update - **Great news!**

Y5 contact details - **new this week**

Tooth brushing and dental checks - **new this week**

Inhalers

Become a Trustee

Spring parental engagement dates

PE Kit timetable

Reminders about coats, water in water bottles and contacting the school office

Enjoy the weekend and we look forward to seeing all of our Carr Stars again next week.

Miss Kerr

## Tweet of the Week!



**Carr Junior School** @CarrJuniorYork · Jan 22  
Something has been stolen from the staff room! Year 6 prepare to enter the crime scene as part of our forensic science morning.



**Carr Junior School** @CarrJuniorYork · Jan 22  
The plot thickens as Y6 search for clues



### Y5 Kingswood Update

We have great news! PGL have responded to our query and have managed to find us an alternative venue on exactly the same dates as we had originally booked. The only difference to the visit will be the venue which is now the Dearne Valley Kingswood site near Doncaster. We have contacted our coach company to see if the change of venue will effect our booking but we are hoping that it won't as the two centres are similar distance from York and both South Yorkshire. We will keep you updated about that but for now we can all breathe a sigh of relief that we have an alternative! Thank you for your patience and support this week.

### Spring Parental Engagement dates

See for the opportunities to join us in school for a range of activities during the Spring term.

*Dates for your diary*  
**SPRING TERM**

**17/1** Coffee & Cake with Miss Harrison  
9.45-10.45am

**23/1** Music info for parents - 3.30pm

**29/1** SEND parent Q&A - 9-10am

**7/3** Coffee & Cake with Miss Harrison  
9.45-10.45am

**7/3** Science afternoon

**26/3** World Maths Day parent drop-in -  
3.15pm

**27/3** Landing Event (pm)



### School and Home working together!

- Please be aware when contacting the school office at the end of the school day that it is extremely busy. This means that we aren't always able to answer phone calls immediately as we are seeing children out, sorting after school clubs / provisions and dealing with parent queries. If parents / carers need a message passing to their children, please endeavour to contact us by 3pm so that we have time to get the message to classes. We understand that there will be exceptions and emergencies where this can't be done but please could we try this in most cases. Thank you.
- Please make sure children are bringing a coat to school. The children will need their coats to be able to play outside as it continues to get colder and wetter. Thanks.
- We ask that children only bring water in the water bottles they keep in their classrooms. They are allowed to bring juice to have with a packed lunch but not to have in their classrooms.

Thank you in advance for your support. I believe that families and schools that work together, succeed together, and so I am looking forward to the year ahead.

## PE Timetable for the Week

Timetable for week 4 - If your child will be doing outdoor PE, please ensure they are wearing warm enough clothes. This can be tracksuit bottoms or leggings with their school cardigan or jumper.

Monday 27th January	Tuesday 28th January	Wednesday 29th January	Thursday 30th January	Friday 31st January
Y3 PE	3H extra PE session	Y6 PE	Sparks Class PE	Y4 PE
Y4 Swimming	4K extra PE session		Y3 PE	Y5 PE
3H Forest School	5H extra PE session			
	Y5 PE			
	Y6 PE			
	Lunch time mile for all years			

### School Lunches

Please note, from 31st March 2025, the cost of school lunches will be increasing to £2.88 a day, £14.40 a week.

### Y5 Contact details

We are sending home the contact details which we hold for each child in Y5. Please can we ask that parents check these carefully and return to school with any handwritten changes so that we can update our records. Thank you.

### Tooth brushing and Fluoride varnish programme

We are going to be taking part in the NHS programme named above. As part of this, school will get a visit from a dentist / therapist who can check children's teeth and apply fluoride every six months. Please see the letter to parents which will be sent home alongside our newsletter and complete the consent form so that your child can take part, a paper copy of the consent form will be sent home with your child next week. We know of some other local schools who have also signed up to this scheme and it has been really successful. Thank you for your support.

### Inhalers

Please could any parents of children needing inhalers, please ensure the inhalers are being sent into school. We require an inhaler which can be kept with your child in their classroom so that it is on hand quickly in case it is needed. Children are able to take these inhalers with them to PE lessons and take them after break times etc. Please ensure you send one to school which can be left here and also please can you make sure that they are in date. Thank you for your support with this important matter.



## Dates for your diaries!

Date/s	Event	Year groups
Thursday 23rd January 3.30pm - <b>POSTPONED</b>	Music information session for parents	All - Parents
Tuesday 28th January	Young Voices trip	Y4 only
Wednesday 29th January 9-10am	SEND parent Q & A session	All - Parents
Friday 14th February 3.15pm	School closes for Half Term holiday	All
Monday 24th February 8.40am	School Opens	All
w/c Monday 3rd March	STEM week	All
Tuesday 4th March and Wednesday 5th March	Spring term Parents Evenings	All - Parents
Friday 7th March 9.45am  PM	Coffee with Miss Harrison  Science afternoon - parents invited	All - Parents  All - Parents
Wednesday 26th March  3.15pm	World Maths Day  Maths Parent drop in	All  All - Parents
Thursday 27th March PM	Portal to the Past - Big Idea landing event	All - Parents
Monday 31st March 3.20pm	Easter Fair at Carr Infant School	All - Parents
Friday 4th April 3.15pm	School closes for Easter holidays	All

### Health & Safety and Safeguarding

- If you would like to contact our Pastoral / Family Lead, Miss Daniella Harrison, please select Option 3 to be directed to the correct office.
- Please take care and be considerate of residents when parking cars at drop off and pick up time  
Thank you



SPARKS - KAILUM M  
3A - BEN S  
3H - DIMITRIS K  
4CG - EDITH H  
4K - JAMES R  
5H - ROWAN S  
5M - ANYA L  
6F - GRACE S-F  
6J - JOSEPH J  
6MW - PHOEBE S

SPARKS - JACOB G  
3A - LEO L  
3H - MACY C  
4CG - LEO H  
4K - FOLAUHOLA T  
5H - JESS P  
5M - LILLY M  
6F - CALLUM DE  
6J - JUBAL M  
6MW - LIAM S



4K DAISY T  
4K JACK HUN  
4K GRACE M  
4K JOSEPH P  
4K ESME C  
5H MEGAN H

## Attendance

3A - 95.00%  
3H - 93.33%  
4CG - 98.57%  
4K - 95.48%  
5H - 91.61%  
5M - 91.67%  
6F - 94.81%  
6J - 94.44%  
6MW - 96.92%



### Attend to Achieve!

Attendance at school is crucial to success. Attending school, on time, is the most important action children take in order to make excellent progress and achieve their full potential.

Attendance matters and every day counts. Our school target for attendance is 96%. If you need to report an absence or need support with your child's attendance, please contact our school office. We have an Attendance Officer (Miss Annetts) in our admin team and a Pastoral Lead (Miss Harrison) who can support you with your concerns alongside the class teachers.

There is a new scheme called Pharmacy First which allows parents to take children to the pharmacy with some illnesses rather than booking or waiting for an appointment at the GP. Please let us know if you make use of this service and if it was useful.

### Trustee Information

Please see the letter which was sent out with last week's newsletter giving information on how you can become a Trustee and find out more about the role.

## CREATIVE WRITING COMPETITION



In February, it is 'National Storytelling Week'. The theme is 'reimagine your world'.

Ahead of this, we're running a creative writing competition across our seven schools.

The winner from each age category will win a £20 Waterstones voucher and will have the chance for their writing to be shared across the Trust!

To participate, you need to:

- Write a piece of creative writing on the theme of 'reimagine your world';
- This should be no more than 300 words long;
- Submit to **your teacher** by Monday 27th January

Winners will be announced Friday 31st January 2025!



**Category One:**  
Year 3 and Year 4

**Category Two:**  
Year 5 and Year 6

**Category Three:**  
Year 7 to Year 9

Week Kids' Art Open Studios

# YorKAOS

## KIDS' ART EXHIBITION

February Half Term @ SPARK\*

Are you 5 to 11 years old?  
Do you like creating art?

Join us at YorKAOS!

1. Create one amazing drawing, painting, collage, computer art, photo or video!
2. Take your art to an explore library at York Centre, Acomb, Clifton or Tang Hall during the last two weeks of January
3. Bring your friends and family to see your amazing art at SPARK\*

Learn more at our website!  
**www.yorkaos.art**

ORGANISED BY KIDS FOR KIDS!

The Retreat Clinics Pave the Way Families

## FREE SIGNPOSTING EVENT FOR SUPPORT SERVICES, LOCAL FAMILIES, PARENTS & CARERS.

Join us at York St Johns Creative Centre where local support services will be available to give advice and information on mental health, neurodiversity, legal support, parents who are finding their early parenting journey a challenge, financial or health concerns, women's refuges, family abuse support, and much more.

Attending services include:  
HomeStart, York Integrated Care Board, Citizens Advice, Big Future Foundations, IDAS, York SENDIASS, The Retreat Clinics, SJPLAW, York Maternity Voices Partnership, Raise York / FIS, Foundation Positive Choices Services...

**4TH FEBRUARY**  
**DROP IN FROM 2PM - 6PM**

**AT YORK ST JOHN CREATIVE CENTRE**  
Lord Mayor's Walk, York, YO31 7EX  
what3words: ///panic.fish.pages

**BOOK NOW**

For more information email: [Ewarren@theretreatclinics.org.uk](mailto:Ewarren@theretreatclinics.org.uk)

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### Coffee Mornings

**Thursday 23 January 2025**  
10.30 - 12.30 am  
Acomb Explore

**Monday 27 January 2025**  
10.30 - 12.30 am  
YHA Clifton

Meet other parents and carers who share your lived experience. Swap tips, offload, get updates or share without judgement.

The first hot drink is on us as a thank you for allowing us to use your experience to inform our work with education, health and social care on parent carer voice.

We'll be easy to recognise with the table top sign. All are very welcome but if it's your first time and you would like to meet someone first, email Mary: [connect@pcforyork.co.uk](mailto:connect@pcforyork.co.uk)

### Listening Event

**SEND Strategy with Maxine Squire**

**Wednesday 29 January 2025**  
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm  
Online

This online event is a conversation with Maxine Squire, Assistant Director, Education and Skills. Maxine would like to consult with parent carers, using their lived experience to inform the SEND strategy for York. Email Mary: [connect@pcforyork.co.uk](mailto:connect@pcforyork.co.uk) for the meeting link.

### Save the Date

PCF York Annual Conference 2025

**Wednesday 26 February 2025**  
10 am - 2 pm  
Delta Hotels Marriott York

Booking and further details via Eventbrite will be available soon.

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### YORK sendiass

Our aim for the beginning of 2025 is to ask parents and carers, young people and professionals what they would like us to offer, so we can focus on what is important to local families and see how we can accommodate people's needs in response to feedback.

Some of our ideas for improving our services include:

- Monthly drop-in clinics at locations across the city.
- Virtual drop-ins, so people can meet online.
- These would be specifically for parents and carers, potentially with a separate session for young people.
- A virtual session for professionals or anyone supporting a family with SEND.

We need your help to understand what would benefit parents and carers with children and young people with SEND, given we are such a small team regarding offering information, advice, and support. Please follow our new Facebook page, [York SEND Information Advice and Support Service](#), to stay updated with our service and to be notified of opportunities to help us shape our service.

Thank you for all your support for this new year ahead.  
Best wishes from,  
Melanie, Elizabeth and Sarah  
**YORK SENDIASS**

### York Carers Centre

Free Support for Unpaid Carers

### LOVE January Mindfulness

**Tuesday 28 January 2025**  
10.30 - 12.30am  
Friends Meeting House, Friargate

Join us for a relaxing morning dedicated to self-care. Learn simple, practical techniques that you can easily incorporate into your daily routine to improve your well-being. No prior experience is needed. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy a mindful, peaceful morning. Mindfulness for carers is facilitated by All Gear, Mindfulness Association.

To book please contact [York Carers Centre](#): [enquires@yorkcarerscentre.co.uk](mailto:enquires@yorkcarerscentre.co.uk) 01904 715 490.

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