



Carfield Newsletter: February 2026

Welcome back! We hope everyone enjoyed a restful February half term and is ready for a lively few weeks ahead. This half term is always one of the most exciting in our calendar, and we have plenty to look forward to. We'll be celebrating World Book Day across the school, marking International Women's Day with activities that highlight and inspire our pupils, and KS2 will also be taking part in their own Sports Day later in the term. Alongside these events, several classes have trips planned to enrich their learning. Thank you for your continued support as we begin a busy and inspiring half term.

Attendance



Thank you to all our families for the effort you put into getting children into school each day- we really value your support. Good attendance has a positive impact on learning, confidence and wellbeing for children.

Our whole-school attendance is currently 93.9% which is just below the national average of 94.5%. With a little collective push, we know we can close that gap. Every day in school helps children build knowledge, routines and friendships that set them up for success.

Why attendance is so important

- Children who attend regularly make stronger academic progress because they don't miss key teaching and explanations.
- Good attendance helps children feel settled and confident in school routines.
- Being in school every day supports social development such as friendships, teamwork and communication skills grow through daily interaction.
- Even small amounts of missed time can add up. Just one day a fortnight equals nearly a full week of lost learning over a term.

Our Attendance Policy at Carfield

At Carfield, we expect all children to attend school every day, unless they are genuinely unwell or an absence is unavoidable. Our policy outlines:

- The importance of punctuality and daily attendance.
- How we monitor attendance and follow up concerns.

- The support available for families experiencing difficulties.
- When absences can be authorised and what evidence may be required.

[Carfield-Attendance-Policy-2025-2026-Final-1.pdf](#)

Our aim is always to work with families to remove barriers and ensure every child can access their education fully and consistently.

If you ever need help with attendance, routines, or anything that might be affecting your child's ability to get into school, please speak to Danielle Butcher, our Attendance Officer. Danielle's role is to support families and work with you to find solutions.

Personal Development



It has been another excellent term for Personal Development at Carfield Primary School. This term, we introduced our *Votes for Schools* programme, where pupils explore relevant topics and vote on a weekly question. Their responses are then compared with thousands of pupils across the country. This has already led to thoughtful and engaging discussions across the school. Year 2 enjoyed an enriching Religious Education visit to the local mosque, further enhancing their understanding of different faiths and cultures. Our whole-school *Dance-a-thon* was a tremendous success, and we would like to extend our sincere thanks to our wonderfully generous community. All funds raised have been donated to Sheffield Children's Hospital, and we are delighted to share that the school will soon receive its very own lion statue in.

Continuing with the theme of dance, every Friday is now known as *Funky Friday*. Large speakers are brought into the playgrounds and music is played for pupil and staff to enjoy together. This is quickly becoming one of the most loved weekly activities at Carfield. Our pupils have also taken part in a wide range of sporting activities, including tenpin bowling, ice skating, cross-country running, and, most recently, the area swimming gala. We are proud to announce that Carfield won the gala and will now progress to the city finals.

This term, we are launching our breakfast club revision sessions, led by Mr Wood, Mrs Saunders and Mrs Gregory. This invite-only group is being trialled with a focus on strengthening spelling and grammar foundations. In addition, Year 5 and Year 6 pupils are beginning their podcasting journey through workshops delivered by Story bomb. We are very excited to hear the final recordings. Our Carfield Champions continue to demonstrate excellent leadership across the school. Our Year 6 sports leaders are launching a lunchtime football tournament and a multi-skills sports club to enhance the experiences of our younger pupils.

Carfield Friends



Tickets are now on sale for the Y1/Y2 disco on Wednesday 18 March! You can buy tickets and volunteer to help at <http://www.pta-events.co.uk/carfieldfriends>

You can also still buy tickets to one of the best nights in the Carfield Friends calendar - the Carfield Quiz Night on Friday 13 March! Tickets are £6 per person and available at <http://www.pta-events.co.uk/carfieldfriends>. There'll be a full bar on the night, and delicious sharing platters can be pre-ordered online.

The committee is also asking for help with the Carfield Friends Access Fund. Since the Fund was launched two years ago, you have generously donated £756.54! Thank you to everyone who has contributed.

This fund is separate to the Friends' fundraising pot and is used to support families who might be struggling with the expense of school activities and events. This includes discos, school trips, and other needs in consultation with the school.

Almost all the fund has now been spent and the Friends would love to raise more so they can continue helping families in this way. If you can contribute, please do so at <https://www.gofundme.com/f/carfield-friends-access-fund>

You can also continue to donate when buying tickets for events on the PTA Events website.

Online Safety



At Carfield, we are always looking to ensure we are keeping children safe in all areas of their lives. We know that the online world plays an increasing part of their lives and that technology is always evolving and creating challenges in keeping the children safe. A crucial part that parents can play in safeguarding their children online is monitoring what their children are accessing on their devices. It is crucial that parents and guardians know what

their children are accessing online - which apps, websites, games and platforms their children are visiting and who they are talking to. We would recommend, where possible, ensuring that children only access any element of their online world when they are in the same room as you, and also ensuring that you very regularly monitor children's devices (phones, tablets, laptops and PCs) to ensure you are aware of what they are doing.

Each week, we share information about online safety in the weekly newsletter. This week's includes information about apps that parents should be aware of. Please do look out for this information and consider when monitoring what is on your children's devices and what your child is accessing online.

Important Events this half term



Reading Cafés

- **Nursery:** Tuesday 3rd March and Thursday 5th March at 14:50
- **Reception:** Wednesday 4th March at 14:30
- **Year 1:** Tuesday 3rd March at 9:00
- **Year 2:** Thursday 5th March at 9:00
- **Year 3:** Friday 6th March at 9:00

Key Dates and Events

- **Tuesday 3rd March - Y6 Crucial Crew Trip** Year 6 will take part in Crucial Crew, learning important life-skills and safety awareness.
- **Thursday 5th March – World Book Day** Children are invited to dress up as a favourite book character. Costumes can be simple or homemade; creativity is encouraged!
- **Friday 6th March – International Women’s Day** Classes will take part in activities celebrating inspirational women and promoting equality.
- **Friday 6th March – Halle Orchestra Visit** Selected children (who have already received a letter) will take part in a special music session with the Halle Orchestra.
- **Friday 13th March – Jeff Rich (Status Quo) Drumming Workshop for Y5/6** Former Status Quo drummer Jeff Rich will deliver an exciting percussion workshop for Years 5 and 6.
- **Friday 20th March – Red Nose Day** Children may wear **something red** in support of Comic Relief. Donations are welcome.
- **Monday 23rd March – KS2 Sports Day** A separate letter has already been sent with full timings and arrangements.
- **Friday 27th March – Y1 Trip** Year 1 will be out on their class trip. Further details have been shared with families.
- **Friday 27th March – Final Day of Term** School closes for the Easter break.