



Carfield Newsletter: January 2026

January has certainly made an entrance this year. We kicked off the term with snow that brought plenty of excitement to the playground and beyond. In true school spirit, everyone

bounced back with energy just in time for our Ofsted visit, and we're incredibly proud of how our whole community pulled together.

The month has also been packed with inspiring moments. KS1 were treated to a wonderful visit from author **Beth Woolvin**, whose storytelling sessions sparked imaginations and filled classrooms with creativity. We also celebrated **Times Tables Rock Stars Day**, with pupils and staff alike embracing the fun, the costumes, and the competitive spirit.

Perhaps the highlight of the month was our incredible **Danceathon**, where our children danced their hearts out to raise money for the Children's Hospital and the Pride of Sheffield Lions. Thanks to the generosity and enthusiasm of our families, we raised **over £2,000**, a fantastic achievement that will make a real difference.

We also say a short farewell to Miss Davenport, who will be leaving at half term to have her baby boy. We wish her all the best.

Attendance: 93.9%

ATTENDANCE **WHAT THE NEW RULES MEAN FOR ME**
WITH EFFECT FROM 19 AUGUST 2024

1 **I'm a single parent of one child and we want to go on holiday for a week.**
 Your holiday will not be authorised and you must talk to the school before you book anything. Because your child will miss 5 school days you will be given a penalty notice fine. The fine is £160 but if you pay it in 21 days it will be reduced to £80.

2 **FOR EVERY CHILD A PENALTY IS GIVEN**
 +£160 +£160 +£160 +£160
 4 children & 1 parent = £640
 Reduced to £320 if paid in 21 days

3 **IRREGULAR ATTENDANCE**
10 IN 10
 If your child is absent for 10 or more sessions in 10 weeks and their absences are unauthorised, the school will consider prosecution.
1 DAY = 2 SESSIONS

4 **FOR A FAMILY OF TWO PARENTS**
 +£160 +£160 +£160 +£160
 4 children & 2 parents = £1280
 Reduced to £640 if paid in 21 days

5 **If in any period of not more than 3 years, your child has a 2nd and 3rd leave of absence or pattern of irregular attendance...**

2ND TIME	3RD TIME
2 parents and... 1 child - £320 2 children = £640 3 children = £960 4 children = £1280	A penalty notice fine will not be given. Your case will be taken to court. A magistrate can fine each parent £2500 for each child. 1 parent & 4 children = £10,000 2 parents & 4 children = £20,000

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT [gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance)

Good attendance is vital to every child's learning, progress, and wellbeing. Being in school every day helps children build strong routines, stay connected with their classmates, and make the most of the opportunities each lesson provides. As a school, we are committed to ensuring all pupils have the best possible chance to succeed, and regular attendance plays a

huge part in that. For this reason, **term-time leave cannot be authorised**, except in exceptional circumstances. We kindly ask families to plan holidays and appointments outside the school term to avoid disruption to learning and to help every child reach their full potential.

We will be following our attendance policy and issuing fines where families have taken their children out of school for a term time holiday or where absence is consistently below expected. Here is a link to the attendance policy for further clarification

<https://www.carfieldprimary.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/Carfield-Attendance-Policy-2025-2026-Final-1.pdf>

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AwardPlace

CARFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

has been awarded

The SEND Inclusion Award

A National Standard for Effective and Inclusive Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Provision

Date of issue: 17 DECEMBER 2025

Expires: 17 DECEMBER 2028

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Reynolds'.

Steph Reynolds
Managing Director, Optimus Education



We are delighted to share some fantastic news with our school community — Carfield Primary School has officially achieved the SEND Inclusion Award!

This nationally recognised award celebrates high-quality, inclusive practice for pupils with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). Achieving the award reflects our strong commitment to ensuring that every child is welcomed, supported and able to thrive at Carfield.

The award recognises:

- Inclusive teaching and learning across the school
- Strong support for pupils with additional needs
- Effective partnership working with families and professionals
- A positive, nurturing school culture where every child matters

This achievement is the result of the hard work, dedication, and passion of our staff team as well as the continued support and trust from our parents and carers.

The SEND Inclusion Award is valid until December 2028, and we will continue to build on this success as we strive to improve outcomes and experiences for all our pupils.

Funky Friday



Following the huge success of the Dance-a-thon, where the children had such a fantastic time, we are excited to be introducing “Funky Friday” as a regular feature of our week!

As part of Funky Friday, we will be holding a 10-minute session of music and dancing on each playground. This will be a fun and energetic way for children to get moving, enjoy music, and end the week on a high.

We are mindful that this type of activity can feel overwhelming for some children. A quieter space will always be available for any children who may find the noise or busy environment challenging, and staff will support children to access this if needed.

Carfield Friends

Carfield Friends are ready and raring to go for 2026! Get these dates in your diary - more details coming soon.

13th March - Carfield Friends Quiz Night.

18th March - Y1/Y2 disco.

25th April - Cat Lane Canter.

One of the simplest ways to help the Friends raise money is Easyfundraising. More than £1,600 has been raised through the scheme so far! Find out more and sign up at <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/carfieldfriends/>

The committee is always looking for more people to get involved. You don't need any special skills and can do as much or as little as you like! All help is very welcome. If you'd like to find out more, please email carfieldfriends@outlook.com.

Dates for Your Diary



Tuesday 10th February: Y2 trip to the Mosque

Friday 13th February: Final day of school before Half Term

Monday 23rd February: School Closed INSET Day

Monday 2nd March- Friday 6th March: Reading Cafes

Thursday 5th March: World Book Day (Dress as your Favourite Book Character)

Friday 6th March: International Women's day

Friday 6th March: Halle Orchestra Visit: Selected Children

Friday 20th March: Red Nose Day (Wear something Red)

Friday 27th March Last Day of School Before the Easter Holiday

Monday 13th April: return from Easter Holiday