



Carlisle Infant School

Newsletter

2nd October 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

October brings with it an important celebration - Black History Month. Throughout our school, we will be conducting lessons and assemblies that highlight the lives and achievements of significant black individuals, providing our pupils with valuable learning opportunities and occasions to celebrate the diversity that makes our school such a wonderful place.

I would like to take this opportunity to highlight our dedicated Phase Leaders who play such a crucial role in supporting our pupils' educational journey and support me so much in the running of the school.

Miss Brown leads our Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) provision. As an experienced Reception teacher, she has already made significant improvements to our Reception environment. Her vision for developing the outdoor area focuses on creating a space that is natural and driven by children's interests. If you have any questions about your child's Reception experience, I encourage you to first speak with your child's class teacher or directly with Miss Brown.



Miss Lewis, our Key Stage 1 Leader, brings extensive experience to her role. Having taught across both Year 1 and Year 2, she possesses a comprehensive understanding of this key stage. Her leadership is committed to ensuring a consistent and high quality educational experience across all Key Stage 1 classes.

Should you have any queries about your child's learning in Years 1 and 2, we recommend first consulting your child's class teacher. If you require further guidance, Miss Lewis is available to support you.



Together, we remain dedicated to providing an outstanding educational experience for all our pupils.

We kindly remind you that children should not bring toys or trading cards (such as Football, Pokémon, or similar items) to school. These items can be a distraction during learning time and may sometimes cause disagreements or distress if they are lost, damaged or taken home by other children.

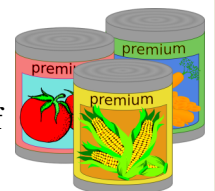
To ensure a positive and focused learning environment for all pupils, we ask for your support in reinforcing this rule at home.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. **David Wells Head of School**

Harvest Festival

There will be a Harvest Festival assembly for the children taking place this month. We will be collecting donations for 'The Upper Room' charity which provides a broad range of services for homeless, vulnerable and socially disadvantaged people in West London. For further information about the work of the charity, please click on the link below.

www.theupperroom.org.uk A donation wish list is attached further down in this newsletter. A table will be set up at the front of school. **All donations will be welcome from Monday 6th October until Monday 13th October when items will be collected at 9am! Thank you.**



Individual and Sibling Photographs-Tuesday 7th October

Fraser Portraits will be attending Carlisle Infant School to take individual photographs of your child/ren. All orders must be done online by the parent/carers. Details will follow.

All Year Reception children to come in full school uniform please—no PE kit required. Please note sibling photographs will only be for siblings currently attending Carlisle.



Notices/Reminders

Naming Clothes-Important!

Please can we remind parents to ensure that all items of clothing are named. Printed labels are preferred as pen washes off, unless you use a laundry marker pen. A member of staff has just collected 10 fleeces and put in them in the lost property box and not one of them had a name! Any items found around the school at the end of the day will be put in the lost property box which is located at the front of school.

Diary Dates

October

Monday 6th—Harvest Donations-Please drop off at front of school-All items will be collected at 9am Monday 13th Oct—Donation Wish list further down in newsletter

Tuesday 7th —Individual School Photographs-**NO PE KIT PLEASE**

Saturday 11th—Carlisle & HHJS –Open Morning for Prospective Parents-Drop in 10am-12pm—No need to book

Friday 17th—Show Racism the Red Card-Children can wear an item of red clothing

Autumn Half Term Monday 27th October-Friday 31st October

November

Please note Parent/Teacher consultations will be held at school-face to face this term. Please see the dates below—details will follow regarding booking a slot

Tuesday 4th—Year Reception-Parent/Teacher Consultations

Wednesday 5th—Year 2 Parent/Teacher Consultations

Thursday 6th—Dancing with Don –Whole School—**Pick up YR will be at 3.15pm**

Friday 7th—Year 1 Parent/Teacher Consultations—At School

Afterschool Clubs-Extra Curricular

Please remember all clubs finish at 4.15pm with the exception of Baking club which finishes at 4.30pm. Please ensure you are here to collect your child promptly.

If your child is interested in joining an afterschool club, please contact the club directly. For your information the Y1 Lego club is now full.

[Carlisle Infant School | Extra Curricular Provision](#)

Please note that after school extra curricular clubs are only open to children in Year 1 & Year 2. Some clubs will offer Year Reception places from the Spring Term onwards.

Notices/Reminders Cont.....

School Meals-Important

Thank you to all those parents who have registered their child's lunch choices via Arbor. It would be helpful to remind your child each day what meal they will be having for lunch.

If your child is a vegetarian then you must request the vegetarian option.

The current menu will continue until October half term so please remember to add your child's lunch choices. If your child is bringing a packed lunch from home we still require you to add this in the system. **Your child will be given the vegetarian if you do not allocate a choice of meal for them.**

Remember your child must not bring any nut products or any food containing nuts to school. This also includes sesame /homous.

There will be a new menu from the 3rd November.

If your child receives a specially prepared meal due to allergies then **we will submit their meal code for them. Only submit 'packed lunch' if they will not be having a meal.**



PE Days—Y1 & Y2

Please remember the PE days for your child. On your child's PE day, please ensure your child comes to school wearing full PE kit and trainers. The PE kit consists of a green school logo PE t shirt, black/dark colour tracksuit bottoms or leggings or black shorts. **They must wear their school fleece /sweatshirt on top.** Can we please request that any children coming in trainers with laces are able to tie their own shoe laces!

Year 2—Monday & Wednesday

Year 1—Monday & Thursday

Year Reception—Tuesday Only

Nits!

We have had a number of cases of Nits. Please can we remind all parents to check your child's hair regularly and treat if necessary.

The NHS recommend wet combing on days 1, 5, 9 and 13 to catch any newly hatched head lice and to check again that everyone in the family is free of lice on day 17. Some treatments need to be repeated after a week to kill any newly hatched lice.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

Thank you for your cooperation.

Safeguarding concern? Are you concerned about the safety or welfare of a child? Please contact the SPA (Single Point of Access):

Phone 020 8547 5008 [You can make an online referral here.](#)

If you think a child is in immediate danger you should call 999.

School Absence-Important Procedures

Please could all parent/carers ensure they let the office know every day that their child is unwell and the nature of the illness. Medical evidence may be required for absences longer than 5 days and when attendance falls below 90%.

Please also provide written proof of any appointments and advise whether your child will be requiring a school meal.

May we also remind you that if your child has vomiting and/or diarrhoea, you must wait 48 hours from the last episode before bringing your child back to school.

School Attendance—Reminder-School Day Start/Finish Times

Please note the times for the school day. At Carlisle the gates will open at 8.40am and your child must be in school by 8.45am ready to start their learning.

Y1 & Y2 to be ready and awaiting class teacher by 8.45am in the playground.

Finish time is 3.05pm for Reception and 3.15pm for Y1 & Y2.

At HHJS the playground gate will be open from 8.30am to allow parents to drop children there before coming to Carlisle.

Please remember afterschool clubs finish at 4.15pm, with the exception of Baking Club which finishes at 4.30pm. Please arrive on time to collect your child and make sure that if your child has brought a bike or scooter to school that it is left at the front of the school.

Please note it is very disruptive for all members of staff when your child arrives late to school, especially the class teacher who has already explained the lesson to the children. Please assist us by ensuring your child is here on time.

We would also like to remind all parents that you must call the school office each day to report your child's absence. If we do not hear from you, it will be noted on our attendance register as unauthorised absence. Please note this forms part of our safeguarding procedure.



Cool Milk—Reception Children-IMPORTANT INFO

Please remember that all children under the age of 5 will receive free Government funded milk. **When your child turns 5, or if they are already over the age of 5, you have the option to pay for their milk directly through Cool Milk.**

If you would like your child to receive milk, then please visit www.coolmilk.com and select "register your child for milk here" then follow the on-screen instructions to register and pay.

Please be aware the cut off date is Tuesday for milk orders to commence the following week. All parent/carers must contact cool milk if they have any problems.

Important If your child is no longer wishing to have the milk that you are paying for, please log into your account with Coolmilk.com and cancel.



The Upper Room

Harvest Donations Wishlist 2025

NOTES – PLEASE READ!

- The list below shows the main items that we need.
- We prefer items with plenty of time left before their use-by date as we cannot use anything where the date has expired.
- We do not require fresh food or breakfast cereals.
- Priority items are in bold.
- We welcome tea and pasta but usually receive far more than we need. Rice and instant coffee could be ideal substitutes.

BASIC INGREDIENTS

- sugar
- vegetable stock cubes
- mustard powder
- paprika
- **curry powder or paste**
- **garlic powder or paste**
- mixed herbs
- ground black and white pepper
- bouillon powder
- salt
- tomato puree

BOTTLES AND JARS

- olive oil
- **sunflower or vegetable oil**
- chilli sauce
- chutneys and pickles
- jam
- honey
- mayonnaise
- Marmite
- tomato ketchup
- vinegar
- Worcestershire sauce
- jarred pasta sauces

TINS

- **chopped tomatoes**
- coconut milk
- baked beans
- fish (salmon or tuna)
- lentils, chick peas, beans
- sweetcorn
- vegetable soup
- vegetables, especially peas

DRIED GOODS

- **spices – cumin, turmeric, chilli powder, chicken seasoning, garam masala**
- **rice (preferably basmati)**
- pasta (preferably penne)
- bulgar
- couscous
- flour
- lentils
- onion powder



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SNACKS AND DRINKS

- biscuits
- instant coffee
- tea bags (not loose tea)
- long life milk (1 litre cartons)
- long life squashes and juices

NON-FOOD ITEMS

- bleach
- toilet rolls
- washing up liquid
- paper napkins (small)
- tin foil and cling-film (catering size preferably)
- anti-bacterial all-purpose cleaning spray
- disinfectant
- eco friendly disposable cutlery
- kitchen rolls (catering size preferably)
- oven cleaner
- rubber gloves, latex/hygiene gloves (large or medium size)
- sponges for kitchen (large)
- strong black garbage and bin liner sacks (large)
- toilet cleaner, toilet bowl rim blocks, toilet cistern blocks

OTHER USEFUL ITEMS

- sleeping bags
- men's underwear
- deodorant
- shampoo
- shower gel
- hand sanitiser
- shaving foam or gel
- soap
- toothbrushes and toothpaste
- body lotion
- disposable razors
- nail-clippers
- pocket tissues
- socks (for men and ladies)
- backpacks

OTHER WAYS TO DONATE

- Gift vouchers from food stores (Sainsbury's, Tesco, Waitrose, etc). Please indicate the value of the voucher.
- Direct donations of money. Please visit <https://theupperroom.org.uk/donate/> or contact us on 020 8740 5688 for further information.
- Select items from the [UR4Meals Amazon Wishlist](#) or the [UR4Driving Amazon Wishlist](#).



Be a Chorister for a Day

AT HAMPTON COURT PALACE

If you are a boy aged 7 to 9, come and join us on
Saturday 4th October 2025 at 2pm
to see what life is like as a Chorister of His Majesty's Chapel Royal,
Hampton Court Palace.



The experience includes a choral workshop, a performance in the Chapel Royal and tea with the choristers.

For a place, please complete the application form overleaf.
No previous experience is required. Places are strictly limited
and only pre-registered candidates may attend on the day.

All enquiries to Sophie Baylis 020 3166 6515 or choristeropenday@hrp.org.uk

Chorister Open Day

Saturday 4th October 2025

Please complete the following details and return the form together with a passport sized photograph to Sophie Baylis at:

**The Chapel Royal
Hampton Court Palace
East Molesey
KT8 9AU**



Full name of boy:

Date of birth:

School:

School year as at 1st September 2025:

Parent/Guardian names:

Address:

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Email:

Telephone number: Mobile number:

Dietary requirements:

Access requirements:

Deadline for applications: 12pm on Friday 3rd October 2025

Thank you. We will contact you upon receipt of application.

FAMILY FUN AT THE EXCHANGE



THE BUBBLE SHOW

11th October

14.00



COMEDY CLUB 4 KIDS

12th October

14.30



HALF TERM - FAMILY FILM CLUB:

JUMANJI 1 & 2 DOUBLE BILL

28th October

12.00 & 14.15



BEAUTY AND THE BEAST THE PANTOMIME

18th - 21st December
various timings



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OR CALL THE BOX OFFICE ON 020 8240 2399