



# Carlisle Infant School

## Newsletter

16th April 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a restful spring break.

Happy Solar New Year to our families who may be celebrating the Solar New Year this week.



This upcoming term is a long one but always promises lots of lovely, exciting events, and everything's always better when the sun shines! This week Year 2 began their swimming sessions at Hampton Pool, an important feature of our curriculum given our proximity to the river. They returned today with lots of smiles but we're hoping the weather picks up a bit in the coming weeks.

Reception are going on their first coach journey tomorrow, as they head off to Bockett's Farm. I hope the pupils are as excited as our staff!

I'd also like to give you an early heads-up about our next Dig Day on Sunday 17th May 2026, 10.00am–1.00pm. We'd love as many of you to join us as possible to tidy the school grounds and help set up a mini-allotment in the Jubilee Garden (many hands make light work!).



We've been really impressed with the entries for the Spring Photography Competition. We'll showcase them in assembly next week and every entrant will receive a certificate. If you haven't yet sent in your child's photo, please do so by the end of the day tomorrow, as Miss Burnett and I will be judging entries early next week.

Finally, on behalf of all the staff and families, a huge congratulations to Miss Burnett (teacher of Turtle Class), who is getting married at the weekend and will return as Mrs Mareš – we wish her and Mr Mareš a wonderful day and many happy years together!

Mr David Wells

Head of School

### MHST—Coffee Morning—Friday 1st May

Our SEND Coffee morning will be on Friday 1st May at 9am at Carlisle in the hall with the MHST who will be supporting Year 2 and Year 6 parents for transition. The workshop is called "Supporting my child with transition to a new school." All parents are welcome but mainly aimed at Year 2 and Year 6.



### Dig Day-Sunday 17th May

We will be holding a 'Dig Day' here on Sunday 17th May from 10am until 1pm. Everybody is welcome to come and help weed/paint/cut back and tidy our amazing out door areas in the big garden tidy up! Your children are welcome to come but will be your responsibility. We look forward to seeing you. Please bring your own tools if you have them. Tea ,coffee & squash will be provided.



## **News/Information**

### **Diary Dates**

**Friday 17th—Year Reception—Bocketts Farm**

**Friday 17th—Deadline for Entries for the photography challenge competition –see flyer below**

**Monday 20th—Afterschool Clubs commence**

**Wednesday 22nd –Second Hand Uniform Sale 3pm**

**Thursday 22nd –until 21st May –Y2 Swimming**

### **May**

**Friday 1st –Coffee Morning at Carlisle School Hall-9am-10.30am**

**Saturday 2nd—CSA Quiz Night—Adults Only**

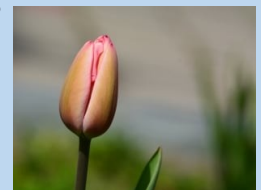
**Monday 4th—Bank Holiday—School Closed**

**Wednesday 13th—Class Photographs –Full School Uniform-(No PE Kit)**

**Sunday 17th—Dig Day-Helpers Required**

### **Spring Photography Competition**

**Thank you to all parents who have submitted their child's entries for the Spring Photo Competition. The closing date is tomorrow to submit any more entries. Miss Burnett has been amazed by the response. The winner will be announced soon. Well done to everyone.**



### **Extra Curricular Clubs—Summer Term.**

**Please note in order for all clubs to have 11 sessions, Art club commenced on Monday 13th April and Football & Coding will start tomorrow, 17th April. All other clubs will commence from Tuesday 21st April 2026.**

**Please see the attached link for your information. [Carlisle Infant School | Extra Curricular Provision](#)**

**The only clubs open to reception children are Boundless Drama, Boundless Dance and Playball.**

### **Important re Packed Lunches & Afterschool Club Snacks!**

**Please can we remind all parents not to put chocolate snacks into lunch boxes. Also if your child is bringing in a snack to have before an afterschool club, please give them something small and no chocolate or nuts please. Thank you.**

## **News/Information/Reminders**

### **Child Pick Up Arrangements from Afterschool Clubs-Important**

If your child is attending an afterschool club and is going home with someone else, please can you let the club know directly via email and copy in the school office email on

[info@carlisle.richmond.sch.uk](mailto:info@carlisle.richmond.sch.uk) **Please can all parents ensure they are collecting their children on time from afterschool clubs. All clubs finish at 3.15pm with the exception of baking club which finishes at 4.30pm. Thank you.**

### **Vomiting/Diarrhoea/Temperature**

Reminder-Please remember if your child has had **vomiting and/or diarrhoea** then your child must remain off school for **48 hours**, from either the last episode of vomiting or diarrhoea. Due to updated advice from Public Health England, regarding high temperatures, if your child is well and no longer has a high temperature (without needing Calpol/ibuprofen medication), they are welcome to return to school.

### **New Lunch Menu**

The new lunch menu has now commenced which will run until October half term. **Please can all parents remember to add your child's lunch choices even if your child is bringing a packed lunch from home. If your child receives a special diet, please do not complete unless your child is bringing in a packed lunch from home. Any choices not made, your child will be given the vegetarian option for the day.**

**There is a copy of the menu below for your information.**

### **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](http://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.***

### **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.

## Luna-Therapy Dog

Please see the message from Claire, regarding her dog Luna who is a therapy dog who comes into school.

If you would like to support this fund raising, please follow the link below.

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/please-help-luna-fight-tetanus>

We are all hoping Luna gets better soon.

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Luna regularly visits local schools and care homes, so many of you may have already met her. She truly is the kindest, sweetest dog, and even during this incredibly difficult time, she has shown absolutely no aggression.

She is currently in ICU with a very rare case of tetanus. This condition attacks the nervous system, and the rapid decline in Luna's health has been heartbreaking to witness.

We do have insurance and some funds to help cover the cost of her treatment, but we have been given a very high estimate. The vets have advised us to set up a GoFundMe to help support her care.

Please, If you're able to donate or even just share this post, it would mean the absolute world to us.

We are hopeful that after two weeks of intensive care and around six weeks of recovery, Luna will be back doing what she loves most—bringing comfort and joy to children at Buckingham and Carlisle Primary School through her therapy visits.

Thank you so much for your support ❤️

<https://gofund.me/ca7701203>



## **Borough News/Information**

### **Places available on two parenting groups starting next term in Kingston**

There are places available on free parenting groups which will be starting soon, next term in the Kingston borough.

**Teen Life** for parents and carers of children aged 10-16 years with a diagnosis of Autism, 6 week course held on Thursday evenings in Chessington term time only.

**The Parenting Puzzle**, for parents and carers of children up to 12 years of age, 10 week course held on Tuesday mornings in Chessington term time only with a creche available.

Please see attached posters for more information about each group. **Please contact Karen Williams** for further information.

### **E-bikes and e-scooters are London's fastest growing fire risk**

The London Fire Brigade's ChargeSafe campaign raises awareness of the fire risks linked to e-bikes and e-scooters, particularly those using lithium batteries. With incidents in London now happening on average every two days, these fires can start suddenly, spread quickly, and pose serious risks to life.

Many fires occur while batteries are charging, especially when using incompatible chargers, modified devices, or low-quality products. Conversion kits and second-hand batteries can also increase the risk if they do not meet safety standards.

The campaign encourages safer habits, including using approved chargers, buying from reputable suppliers, and avoiding charging batteries near exits or leaving them unattended. It also highlights warning signs of battery failure, such as overheating, unusual smells, or smoke.

We encourage you to share this guidance with young people, who are among the most frequent users of e-bikes and e-scooters, to help raise awareness and promote safer behaviours.

ChargeSafe aims to help Londoners reduce risk and stay safe while using e-bikes and e-scooters.

**Poster here.**

### **New reuse and repair hub, The Fixery has officially opened**

The Fixery is a community repair and reuse hub, welcoming residents to repair, reuse and swap items, helping them reduce waste, save money and strengthen community connections.

You can:

- Repair it – Repair bicycles, clothing or small electrical items
- Swap it – Swap clothes and refresh your wardrobe
- Refill it – Refill your empty household cleaning and laundry products
- Purchase pre-loved teddy bears or small craft materials – Fabrics, buttons, ribbons and more
- Connect with others – Sit and relax at our on-site café with delicious coffee available for purchase

Please note that these are expected services but not guaranteed every day.

Opening times:

Open Fridays and Saturdays, 11am to 4pm. All services will incur a small fee or expected donation.

The Fixery is located at Grove Gardens Chapel, Grove Gardens Chapel, Lower Grove Road, Richmond upon Thames, TW10 6HP. **Read more here.**

# Carlisle Infant School Presents...



## The Great Spring Photography Challenge



- 🌻 Please email photos to the school office with your child's name and class in the subject line
- 🌸 Deadline is Friday 17th April 2026
- 🌺 No more than one photo entry per child please
- 🌻 Photos can be anything linked to Springtime. We can't wait to see the children's creations!

## 📷 Carlisle Infant School Presents...

### The Great Spring Photography Challenge!

We want to see the world through your eyes! This is a special chance for you to grab a camera, a tablet or borrow a camera phone and capture the magic of spring in order to win your very own camera!

Not sure where to start? Ask your little photographer:

- **Can you find a "new beginning"?** Maybe a tiny green bud on a branch, a seedling peeking through the soil, or a nest waiting for eggs?
- **Where is the colour?** Can you find the brightest yellow daffodil or the softest pink blossom?
- **Can you catch the light?** How do the raindrops look on a leaf after a spring shower, or how does the sun peek through the trees?
- **The Theme:** Anything linked to **Springtime** or **New Beginnings**.
- **The Deadline:** Entries must be in by **Friday, 17th April 2026**.

**The Announcement:** Winners will be revealed the following week!

Please email your entries to the school office at [info@carlisle.richmond.sch.uk](mailto:info@carlisle.richmond.sch.uk)

- **Subject Line:** The Great Spring Photography Challenge - [Child's Name] - [Class]

**Entry Limit:** 1 photo per child.

### The Golden Rules ★

1. **Child-Led:** The photo must be taken by the child. We want to see *their* perspective!

**Keep it Real:** Basic editing (like cropping or brightness) is fine, but **no AI-generated images**, please!

We can't wait to see the world through their lenses. **Happy snapping!**

Thank you, Miss Burnett Art/DT Lead Carlisle Infant School

# Making Sense of Big Feelings

## Workshop for parents and carers

Dealing with big emotions and challenging behaviour is part of parenting, whether your children are toddlers or teenagers.

Come along to our workshop for parents and carers to learn practical strategies and help you understand the science behind it all.

You'll learn why your child sometimes makes those unexpected irrational choices, how to use your own calm to de-escalate meltdowns better than shouting, and get simple tips on helping your child feel heard and validated and recognise when they are overwhelmed and help guide them back to a calm state.

There will also be an opportunity to speak to the Richmond parenting lead about your children and any worries you may have about their emotions, feelings and behaviour.

Our courses are neuro-inclusive, relaxed, and pressure-free, so you are always welcome to move, doodle, or just listen. Please let us know if you have any sensory needs or worries so we can make sure you feel completely comfortable.

Please note we are unable to provide a creche for this workshop, so attendees will have to make their own childcare arrangements if required.



**The White House Family Hub**  
**45 The Avenue, Hampton**  
Monday 11 May, 10am - 12pm  
(No creche)

**Barnes Children's Centre**  
**67b Lower Richmond Road,**  
**Mortlake**  
Friday 15 May, 10am - 12pm  
(Creche TBC)

**An online evening version of this workshop will be run at a date TBC**

To find out more or to book your place on this course, please contact Tom Maybey, Richmond Parenting Lead

Email: [tom.maybey@achievingforchildren.org.uk](mailto:tom.maybey@achievingforchildren.org.uk)

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## -K-POP THEMED MAY HALF TERM EVENT-

Our Half Term event is based on the ever popular K-POP DEMON HUNTERS  
*This event includes Acting, Dancing & Singing workshops with a sharing of work on the final day.*

*Your child can choose attend 1 day, 2 days or the full 3 days.*

**DATES:** Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2026

**TIME:** 10am – 2pm\* (*doors open at 9.50am*)

*\*Early drop off from 9am, and late pick up is available at 3pm or 4pm*

**AGES:** 4 - 14 years of age

*(Split into 3 groups depending on age)*

**VENUE:** Teddington Methodist Church, Stanley Road,  
Teddington, TW11 8TP

**PRICE:** 1Day - £35, 2-Days- £55 or 3Days- £75

**TO SIGN UP:** Visit [www.boundlessarts.co.uk](http://www.boundlessarts.co.uk) and click on the 'Holiday Events' page.

EVERY STUDENT EXPERIENCES AN HOUR OF ACTING, DANCING AND SINGING THROUGHOUT THE DAY, AS WELL AS AN ENSEMBLE PIECE. ALL DISCIPLINES WILL BE DELIVERED BY PROFESSIONAL WEST END PERFORMERS WHO WILL BE WORKING WITH THE CHILDREN TO CREATE FUN, DYNAMIC AND ENJOYABLE PERFORMANCE PIECES. MORE DETAILS ONLINE.

WHETHER YOUR CHILD IS NEW TO THE ARTS OR HAS PLENTY OF EXPERIENCE PLEASE SIGN THEM UP FOR A FUN AND ENJOYABLE TIME WITH BOUNDLESS. PLEASE VISIT THE WEBSITE BELOW FOR MORE DETAILS.

TO SEE A FULL LISTING OF CLASSES & THE WORKSHOPS WE DELIVER PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE.

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baby and children's  
items including  
clothes, toys,  
books and much  
more!



# Sunday 26th April

## 2-3.30pm

Early entry at 1.45pm for NCT members

Buy and sell clothes, books and equipment etc  
for children of all ages plus maternity items

Entry £2 per person (children free)  
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## **Carlisle & Hampton Hill Federation**

### **Wrap Around Care**

## **THE HUB**

After School Care

For children who attend Hampton Hill Junior School and Carlisle Infant School  
Children attending from CIS will be collected and walked to HHJS by The Hub team.  
Phone number 028 9744 6345 (3-6pm)



After School Care

For children who attend Carlisle Infant School  
Phone number 020 8016 8887 (3-6PM)

Our after school clubs are open from the end of the school day until 6pm Monday – Friday during term time only. (Excluding Bank Holidays and School Inset Days)  
Children attending clubs may join us from 4.15/4.30pm

Light snacks are provided, sandwiches, picnic treats, vegetable sticks, yoghurt and fruit.  
We offer Arts & Crafts, Icing Biscuits, Sports, End of term Parties, Talent shows & Star of the month.

## **Breakfast Club**

Breakfast club is based at both CIS for the Carlisle children or at HHJS for both Carlisle and Hampton Hill children.  
Our Breakfast clubs are open from 7.30 - 8.40am Monday – Friday during term time only. (Excluding Bank Holidays and School Inset Days)  
Children attending Breakfast club should arrive and be seated by 8.10 for Breakfast to be served.

**If you would like your child to attend any of our wraparound settings please pre-book the sessions on the Arbor portal in advance of the 3pm cut off period the day before the required session.**

Simply Log into your Arbor account / Click on Orange Tab 'Quick Actions' / Click 'Clubs' / Scroll to section (Your Child Name) can be registered for these clubs (Academic Year 2025/2026) / Click which club, ie Breakfast, Treehouse or The Hub / Click green tab-'Register for this club'/ Follow prompts, ie club/next/time/days etc

We accept childcare vouchers from a wide range of providers. If you will be paying via childcare vouchers, please send us an email with the reference number and provider for your child. Children will be expected to be collected by 6.00pm prompt. Any parent arriving after 6.00pm (for whatever reason) will be charged a flat £10 fee, and £5 for every 15 mins, or part of. Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis – the system will tell you if there are no places available.

Please note that on the last day of each term when school finishes at 1.30pm/1.45pm the costs for afterschool per child rise to £26.10 in order to allow for the extended hours of the session.

If you have any questions please email [wraparoundcare@carlisleandhamptonhillfed.richmond.sch.uk](mailto:wraparoundcare@carlisleandhamptonhillfed.richmond.sch.uk)

For CIS Breakfast club based at Carlisle please email [info@carlisle.richmond.sch.uk](mailto:info@carlisle.richmond.sch.uk)

[www.cihhf.school](http://www.cihhf.school)



# SPRING SUMMER MENU 2026 – Carlisle Infant School



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	MENU KEY:
<b>WEEK ONE</b> 13/04/2026 04/05/2026 01/06/2026 22/06/2026 13/07/2026 07/09/2026 28/09/2026 19/10/2026	<b>Option One</b> Macaroni Cheese  <b>Option Two</b> Tomato Pasta  <b>Sides</b> Vegetables of the Day  <b>Dessert</b> Peaches & Ice Cream	Phat Pasty Park Sausage Roll with New Potatoes & Rainbow Slaw  Mexican Bean Roll with New Potatoes & Rainbow Slaw  Vegetables of the Day  Orange Drizzle Cake	Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy  Roasted Quorn, Roast Potatoes, & Gravy  Vegetables of the Day  Fruit Platter	Greek Chicken Pitta with Herby Rice, Tzatziki & Salad  Greek Spinach & Cheese Whirl with Herby Rice, Tzatziki & Salad Sauce  Vegetables of the Day  Apple Flapjack	Fishfingers or Salmon Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce  <b>NEW</b> Cheesy Broccoli Frittata with Chips  Vegetables of the Day  Strawberry Jelly with Mandarins	Whole grain  Plant based  Added plant protein  Chef's Special
<b>WEEK TWO</b> 20/04/2026 11/05/2026 08/06/2026 29/06/2026 20/07/2026 14/09/2026 05/10/2026	<b>Option One</b> Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Summer Mixed Salad  <b>Option Two</b> Rainbow Pizza with Summer Mixed Salad  <b>Sides</b> Vegetables of the Day  <b>Dessert</b> Iced Vanilla Sponge	Beef Chilli with Rice & Sweetcorn & Cucumber Salsa  Mild Mexican Chilli with Rice Sweetcorn & Cucumber Salsa  Vegetables of the Day  Chocolate Brownie	Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy  Veg Wellington, Roasted Potatoes & Gravy  Vegetables of the Day  Freshly Chopped Fruit Salad	Spaghetti Bolognese  Spaghetti & Vegan Balls in a Tomato Sauce  Vegetables of the Day  Jam & Coconut Sponge with Custard	Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce  Cowboy Sausage and Bean Hotpot  Vegetables of the Day  Oaty Cookie	
<b>WEEK THREE</b> 27/04/2026 18/05/2026 15/06/2026 06/07/2026 31/08/2026 21/09/2026 12/10/2026	<b>Option One</b> <b>NEW</b> Chinese Vegetable Noodles  <b>Option Two</b> Lentil & Sweet Potato Curry with Rice  <b>Sides</b> Vegetables of the Day  <b>Dessert</b> Cheese & Crackers	Beef Burger with Wedges & Tomato Sauce  Smokey Bean Burger with Wedges & Tomato Sauce  Vegetables of the Day  <b>NEW</b> Banana Mousse	Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy  Vegetable Loaf with Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy  Vegetables of the Day  Fruit Medley	Chef Shilpa's Chicken Karma with Rice  Chickpea Spinach Curry with Rice  Vegetables of the Day  Strawberry and Apple Crumble with Custard	Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce  Cheese & Bean Pasty with Chips & Tomato Sauce  Vegetables of the Day  Vanilla Shortbread	
<b>AVAILABLE DAILY:</b>	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of fillings, Salad Bar, Freshly Baked Bread, Fresh Fruit, Yoghurt					

If you would like to know about particular allergens in foods, please ask a member of the catering team for information. If your child has a school lunch and has a food allergy or intolerance you will be asked to complete a form to ensure we have the necessary information to cater for your child. We use a large variety of ingredients in the preparation of our meals and due to the nature of our kitchens it is not possible to completely remove the risk of allergen cross contact.