



Carnarvon Primary School

Weekly Newsletter 2



Friday 11th September 2026

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STAR OF THE WEEK

Today's 'Stars of the Week' are:

RE - Seren	RLR - Esme
1CS - Max	1S - Bonnie
2B - Delphi	2HW - Violet C
3CN - Darcey	3BC - Connie
4A - Eli	4S - Siya
5A - Hugo	5L - Jacob
6C - Isaiah	6H - Drex



Well done to you all!

SCHOOL PHOTOS

On Tuesday, we have Saul Isaac Photography in school taking individual and sibling photos. If your child/ren have a sibling who is not in school and would like a group photo, please queue from 8 am at the school hall door, next to Mr Board's office.

As it is PE day for some children, Reception needs to come to school in their uniform and will remain in uniform for PE. Year 4 need to come in uniform and bring their PE kit with them.

Thank you.



Week commencing 14th September 2026

Diary

- Tue** Individual and sibling photos
- Fri** Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 to see a production of 'The Wonderful Wizard Of Oz' - in school

School meals

- Mon** Impossibly golden nuggets with cheesy mash, sweetcorn and tomato ketchup.
Little pot of caramel.
- Tue** Big beefy burger with potato balls and vegetable sticks.
The great British Bakewell with custard.
- Wed** Gammon with Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes, parsnips, broccoli and gravy.
Very berry muffin.
- Thu** Cosy chicken sausage casserole with meatballs with mashed potato and green beans.
Chocolate Krispie.
- Fri** Ocean crunch fish bites with oven chips, peas and curry sauce.
Pancake with a raspberry splash.



M & M PRODUCTION OF THE WONDERFUL WIZARD OF OZ

Next Friday, all children in Years 3, 4 5 and 6 will be watching a performance by M & M Productions of 'The Wonderful Wizard Of Oz'.

The show features audience participation, songs, and favourite characters like Dorothy, the Scarecrow, the Tin Man, and the Cowardly Lion.

There is no charge for this as we are covering the cost from our school fund.

CAN YOU HELP?

We are looking for a few donations to help us develop our Hub garden and create an exciting role-play restaurant for the children.

If you have any spare flower bulbs (any variety), play food, plastic plates/cups, menus, aprons or other suitable items that you no longer need, we would be very grateful for your donations.

These resources will help us create fun, hands-on opportunities for the children to learn, explore and develop their imaginative play.
Thank you.



KS2 PLANNER

Thank you to all the parents who have already paid for their child's new planner. If you haven't already done so, please log into ParentPay and contribute £4 per child. All Children in Years 3 - 6 have been given a planner for 2026 - 2027. These help the children grow in independence and are a great vehicle for parents/carers to know what their child is doing, and also help with communication between home and school. Your child's planner also has the log-in details of all the different learning portals we use in school. Thank you.



Christmas Card Competition

The Jan Parnham Trust

Theme 'Nature at Christmas'

Entries need to be:

A4 in colour. Anything related to nature.

On back of your picture please put your age and school plus a code for your name given to you by your teacher to retain confidentiality.



CLOSING DATE:

9th October

Four age groups will each have a winner who will receive an art prize. The winning card in each age group will be printed for sale. Sales of cards will go to Jan Parnham Trust a Registered Charity No.1213033

Contact:

JAN PARNHAM 07426 462 419
TONY PLAYER 07984 468 411

LONG ACRE ARTS CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

Long Acre Arts are holding a Christmas Card Competition with the theme of 'Nature at Christmas'.

If your child would like to take part, they need to create a piece of art on A4 paper or card, and bring this to the school office by 9th October. Please do not add a name on the back, as we will attach a reference code instead.

The winning card from each age group will have their artwork printed onto Christmas cards, which will then go on sale. All funds raised will go to the Jan Parnham Trust.



YEAR 2 REPRESENTING OBJECTS

Year 2 have been learning about place value. They had a go at representing numbers to 100 using different objects such as dienes and place value counters. In Art, they explored mixing primary colours to create secondary colours to produce a colour wheel.



SCHOOL TRIPS AND EVENTS

YEAR 4 ANGLO-SAXON DAY

As part of Year 4s history topic about the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings this term, we have a special visitor coming to spend the day with Year 4 to conduct an 'Anglo-Saxon Day'. The children will get to experience artefact handling, find out about Saxon games, test out some weapons and battle formations and much more! The date for this event is Thursday 24th September. Dressing up in Saxon/Viking age attire for the day is encouraged but not mandatory (any children not dressing up will come to school in full uniform as usual). The cost for this experience is £12.50, please pay via ParentPay.

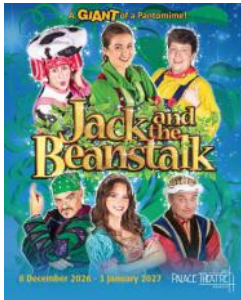


YEAR 5 ICE SKATING

Year 5 will be taking part in an ice skating programme run by Nottingham Ice Centre. The dates for all Year 5s are: 13th, 20th, 27th November, and the 4th, 11th and 18th of December.

Children will have an early lunch on these days and depart school at 12.15pm, returning around 3.30pm. The cost is £60 per child, including return transport. You can pay either pay this in full or, pay £10 a week for the next 6 weeks.

The 1-hour activity includes a 40-minute lesson and 20-minute free skate. These are fully supervised, and the cost includes skate hire. Please pay via ParentPay.



YEAR 1 AND 2 PANTOMIME VISIT

Year 1 and 2 will visit Newark Theatre to watch the pantomime Jack and the Beanstalk on Tuesday 8th December. The coach will depart at 12.30pm, so children will have an early lunch. The approximate return time at school is 4pm - 4.15pm.

The cost is £17.50 per child, payable via ParentPay. All children must wear normal school uniform

We will need a limited number of parent helpers. If you would like to be a parent helper, please speak to the school office.

The cost for parent helpers will be £10, this will be charged via ParentPay. A consent form will be sent home nearer the time.

Dates for your Autumn Term Diary 2026

Individual and sibling photos	Tue 15 th Sept
M&M Production of The Wonderful Wizard Of Oz (for Years 3-6)	Fri 18 th Sept
Year 4 Anglo-Saxon Day	Thu 24 th Sept
Year 5 Camp	Thu 1 st Oct
Year 3 Camp	Fri 9 th Oct
Phonics Information meeting for Reception parents	Wed 14 th Oct 2.30pm (Coffee and cake from 2pm)
Half-term	Mon 19 th Oct - Fri 30 th Oct
Year 5 ice-skating begins	Fri 13 th Nov
Parents' Evenings	Tue 17 th Nov and Thu 19 th Nov
Mathematics Information meeting for Reception Parents	Wed 25 th Nov 2.30pm
Carnarvon Christmas Fair	Fri 4 th Dec 4.30pm-7.30pm
Years 1 & 2 Pantomime Visit	Tue 8 th Dec
Christmas Jumper Day	Thu 10 th Dec
Reception Christmas sing-a-long	Thu 10 th Dec
Last Day of Term	Fri 18 th Dec
School Resumes	Mon 4 th Jan 2027



More events will be happening in school. Once they are confirmed, we will send information home as needed. You can also check the calendar on our school website to see if new things have been added. Please visit:

www.carnarvon.notts.sch.uk - Parents - Calendar.

Aadvik from 1CS was awarded certificates for participating in outdoor cricket games by Bingham Cricket Club. He was also given a special award for doing everything with a smile. His parents and brother Aayan are very proud of him!
Well done Aadvik!



Out-of-school achievements



Scarlett from 3CN passed her stage 4 Swimming and has gone up to stage 5! Well done Scarlett, your family are really proud!



Sienna from 1S has worked really hard over the summer on her swimming - pushing through her nerves and achieving her 5 Metre Badge, moving into Stage 3 and being 'Swimmer of the Month!' Her family are so proud of her perseverance.
Well done Sienna!



Billy from 4S passed Stage 5 at swimming this week. Impressive swimming Billy, your family are very proud, well done, onto stage 6!



Lily from 6H won 'Best Player of the Match' (a special award from the referee) for excellent saves and great kicking.
Well done Lily!



Toby from 5A received the 'Kwik Player of the Year' award from Bingham Cricket Club. He's had a great season with one highlight being playing on the outfield of Trent Bridge before a 20/20 match. Well done Toby!

Mason from 2HW was awarded 'Player of the Day' at football this week.
Well done Mason!



Free school meals are expanding

**From
September
2026**

What's changing?



Current eligibility

Most families receiving Universal Credit qualify for income-based free school meals (FSM) only if their annual earned income is £7,400 or less (excluding benefits).



From September 2026

All children in households receiving Universal Credit will become eligible for free school meals.

Free school meals categories



Targeted free school meals - Available to families who:

- Receive Universal Credit and earn **£7,400 or less per year** (excluding benefits), or
- Receive certain qualifying benefits, including:
 - Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
 - Pension Credit (Guarantee Credit)
 - Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999



Expanded free school meals - Available to:

- All other families receiving Universal Credit, regardless of earnings.

This means all children in Universal Credit households will be eligible for free school meals from September 2026.

Important dates



Applications open:
1 August 2026



Expanded eligibility starts:
1 September 2026

Please note: Applications can be submitted from 1 August 2026, but meals under the expanded scheme cannot begin before 1 September 2026.



What does this mean?

Targeted free school meals children:

- ✓ Free school meals at school in term time
- ✓ Funded Holiday Activities (HAF)
- ✓ Pupil Premium for child's school

Expanded free school meals

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- ✗ Funded Holiday Activities (HAF)

Who will benefit?



More families receiving Universal Credit



More students accessing a healthy meal during the school day



Reduced pressure on household budgets



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When & Where



Date: Tuesday 3rd November



Time: 10am – 1pm



Place: The Well, Hospital Rd,
Retford, DN22 7BD

WHAT THE WORKSHOP WILL COVER:

- ✓ What LEGO®-Based Therapy is
- ✓ How it supports communication and social skills
- ✓ Ideas to try at home with your child
- ✓ Hands-on LEGO® activities
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FREE to attend • All resources provided

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Mindfulness



Time to
recharge



Guided Relaxation



Reiki



Massage



Light lunch and
refreshments

To book a place, email:
enquiries@nottspcf.org

FREE

Wed 14th Oct, 10am-2pm
Ashwood Centre, Portland Street,
Kirkby in Ashfield, NG17 7AB

ROCKLEY MUSIC

TASTER DRUM LESSONS

**A LIMITED NUMBER OF SPACES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR
GROUP DRUM TUITION FOR YEAR 1 AND UPWARDS**

**LESSONS ARE 20-25 MINUTES AND ARE HELD
WEEKLY DURING SCHOOL HOURS.**

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