



Academy News

March 2023

An amazing month, and an amazing term! We are overwhelmed with how much progress the children have made, which they have all demonstrated in their assemblies and through the parents evenings and mid-year targets and their work. Despite the Spring term being a short one, the children show us that they enjoy the various methods of learning—inside, outside, practical, visual. Everyone learns differently, at their own pace. We all help the children, and with the information that the teachers share, it should enable us to work together to support their conversations and confidence.

Enjoy your 2 weeks and 1 day of holiday and we look forward to welcoming you back for the Summer Term.

Educational Visits

The classes are planning their educational visits for the Summer term. While we appreciate the benefits of these visits, we are also aware of the combined costs, of the transport and the fees for entrance. With this in mind, school are going to pay for the costs of all transport for the Summer Term educational visits (not including swimming). Hopefully this will help lift a financial burden for all families in the coming months.

The Year 2 and 3 children have really enjoyed having the Norwich City Community Sport Foundation teacher in during this term. The activities for the club were brilliant and the teachers had the opportunities for some learning of their own, having their PE lessons observed and support too. Thank you to Miss George and Miss Balls for supporting with this.

Our value this half term is:



School starts at 8:50am and finishes at 3:15 (3:10 for Reception). Please be punctual for both ends of the day.

New Build update

The build is making us all feel quite excited! The roof is on, the insulation is in, the doors and windows are in and today the floor is being screed. Most of the work over the Easter break will be finishing off the outside cladding and putting in the underfloor heating. From that point we won't see much change as all the internal works will be carried out. Still on track to be ready by the end of June.

Attendance

As the term draws to a close we have looked at the attendance for the year so far. 8 children have 100% attendance for the whole year, while 27 have 100% for the Spring Term. Each class has had one child selected for having the best improved attendance too.

While we appreciate some time away from school is inevitable, there are also times when families aren't being honest about their child's absence. The children regularly share with us the plans you make with/for them, and when they are reported in for 'absent due to illness' it indicates that some families aren't being truthful with us.

It is a legal requirement that the children attend school regularly. When it is not a truthful reason for absence, school will likely mark this as unauthorised, and it may lead to a formal meeting, and possibly a fine. This is a Norfolk County Council policy.

Magic Breakfasts

Since the end of January we have not been eligible for the Magic School Breakfast provision. The supply of bagels, porridge, cereal and beans has now ceased.

We have got financial support to continue with our purchasing of breakfast items, but this is no longer routinely offered to all children. We are always able to feed a child if they are hungry, but they are given an opportunity to grab something to eat.

We are very grateful to Magic Breakfasts for the support they have given to us over the last 5 years, including the last 18 months at a reduced cost.

We are also extremely grateful for the financial support we get from a local farmer to provide for the children who may otherwise go hungry.



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As you may know, we regularly celebrate the children's achievements and successes, as well as identifying their progress. We recognise the same with our school staff too. Each week a member of the staff family received an extra 'Thank you' card, handwritten to them, identifying their additional contribution during that week. We also give a 100% attendance award each half term to one of them, selected at random. Well-being is high on the agenda at Carbrooke, and if there are happy staff, then they continue to do their jobs well. Staff are regularly here from 7am and stay until after 6pm, as well as working at home during evenings and weekends. Hopefully they all get a good break over the Easter Holidays.

Cafes and Collective Worship

We are so pleased to invite families in to share the children's learning with them. Each term every class will be taking their own assembly, sharing their learning, and also a Café, where you can come and join in with some activities linked to their topic. We will always try and plan the dates as far in advance as possible, and share on the newsletter and Google Classroom. Many thanks for all who attend. The children are thrilled to see, and talk about it passionately.

A personal note from Mrs Wheeler:

I would like to say thank you to all of you who regularly share your views with us at Carbrooke. We all appreciate positive feedback but also accept that we cannot please everyone all the time. Any issue that can be addressed by the class teacher, please speak or contact them directly. Ms Cooper is the Deputy Head, and myself the headteacher. We aim to meet everyone's expectations, and hope that we can continue to do so. Please take time to read the communications from school so you know what events are happening and what we are celebrating. Best wishes, HW.

Dates for your diary:

Many children have statutory assessments and testing during the Summer Terms—please do not plan holidays during term time.

- 18/04 School Term starts for all
- 18/04 Swimming for Year 4 (weekly until end of May)
- 18/04 New Value—Responsibility
- 01/05 May Day Bank Holiday—School Closed
- 02/05 Kidz Club Collective Worship
- 08/05 Coronation Day Bank Holiday—School Closed
- 09/05 Yr 6 SATS tests—class breakfast from 8:15
- 09/05 Yr 6 Spelling Grammar and Punctuation
- 10/05 Yr 6 Reading
- 11/05 Yr 6 Maths (papers 1 & 2)
- 12/05 Yr 6 Maths (paper 3)
- 15/05 Reception visit to Church Farm
- 26/05—04/06 School closes for Half Term
- 05/06 School Term starts for all
- 05/06 Year 3 visit to Norwich Castle
- 05/06 New Value—Service
- 06/06 Year 6 Attleborough transition
- 06/06 Swimming for Year 3 (weekly until end of term)
- 12-16/06 Times tables checks Year 4
- 12-16/06 Phonics Screening checks Year 1
- 20/06 Year 6 Attleborough transition
- 27/06 Kidz Club Collective Worship
- 03/07 Provisional sports day date**
- 03/07 Art Exhibition**
- 06/07 Year 6 Leavers Visit
- 07/07 Summer Fair**
- 07/07 End of year reports sent out
- 10/07 Year 6 Wayland Transition
- 11/07 Year 6 SATS results published
- 18/07 Year 6 Attleborough Transition
- 20/07 Year 6 Northgate Transition
- 21/07 Year 6 Leavers Service 2pm
- 21/07 End of Term—**After School Club ending at 4:15**

Anything in a bold font means that parents/family are welcome to join in.

Birthdays in March

Happy Birthday!

Name	Age
Lydia	9
Connor	11
Louie	7
Tommy-Jack	5
Brookilyn	3
Ollie	4
Elsie	3
India	6
Tedi	4
Dylan	5
Max	6
Mylo	7
Doli	5
Ethan	7
Molly	5
Bethany	7
Lilianna	9
Millie	5
Drew	8
Myles	3

