

Newsletter



We would like to welcome Sarah Mulroy to Carterhatch junior School. Sarah is our new School Office Manager.

Children in Need

Thank you to all those who contributed to our Children in Need fundraiser – we raised £260 to go to good causes.

Accidents and Incidents Update

We have reviewed the way we report accidents/incidents in school. Pupils will only be sent home if there has been a serious accident - head injury from a trip or fall, have a visible broken bone, have vomited or have a high temp.

Winter Holiday Camp 30-31 December 2024

There will be a two day holiday camp at our school on 30 and 31 December from 9am-5pm. There programme is open to those receiving **free school meals only** and there are very limited places so please book as soon possible using this link [Winter Camp 2024 - Digital.pdf](#) . If you are eligible you will have received an email from Enfield that includes a HAF voucher to book. Without the HAF voucher you will not be able to book. If you think you are eligible and haven't received the voucher code, please ask at the school office.

Aladdin Pantomime - Raffle tickets - £1 strip

We have 4 tickets to see Aladdin at The Millfield Theatre on 29 December 2024 at 4.30pm. If you are interested, please raffle tickets will be sold in the playground from 25 November-5 December. The winning raffle ticket will be drawn on Thursday 5 December and the winning person will be contacted to collect the tickets on the Friday 6 December. Good Luck.

Breakfast Morning Club

It has been noticed that parent/carers are not dropping off their children to the office in the mornings. For the safety of your child, children should be brought to the office to a member of staff every morning. Children arriving on their own will no longer be admitted to the club and a phone call home will be made, making them at risk of losing their place in the club. A letter explaining this has been sent out and is on our website.

Winter Sale

Our pupil-led Winter Sale of items they have made during "Money Week" will take place on Thursday 12 December from 1.40-2.40pm. Please come along and support your child/ren.

'The Selfish Giant' Pantomime

We are delighted to announce that we have booked the Image Musical Theatre to perform the pantomime on Monday 16 December. **We ask for a £2 contribution per child to help pay for the show. Please pay through the Arbor app.**

Last day of term – 20 December

It will be Christmas Jumper Day – donations requested to go towards school funds for playground equipment.

School Meals

Please note that all children have nearly one hour for lunch each day, 30 minutes for eating and 20-30 minutes for playing outside. We understand that children all eat at different speeds and this is taken into consideration. Could we please ask that parents at home sit and eat with your children at dinner times and encourage your child/ren to use cutlery correctly.

Could we please remind parent/carers that packed lunches should be healthy. We have seen children with packets of biscuits, cold hamburgers and sausage rolls. This is not healthy and also cold meats can cause food poisoning. We recommend a sandwich with fruit for a healthy lunch.

Enfield Online Safety Launch Event

Come and join us for the Enfield Borough launch of new guidance for supporting parent/carers to keep your children safe online. All welcome - Monday 9 December 4-4.45pm. As part of the presentation the new parent/carer guide will be presented: [Keep Your Child Safe Online Guide 2024 \(1\) \(1\).pdf](#)

KEEP YOUR CHILD SAFE ONLINE

Comprehensive new guidance for families, schools and professionals

We invite all parents, professionals, service providers and interested parties to our **LAUNCH EVENT**


Monday 9th December, 4pm

Carterhatch Junior School
Carterhatch Lane, Enfield. EN1 4JY

Materials created and collated by Dr Becky Mulhall (EPS) and Samantha Hill (SEYIS) with many thanks to the Online Safety Working Party and our colleagues in Enfield.

Once published, the materials will be available here:
[Welcome to The Hub | Enfield Council](#)

Questions to: Samantha.Hill@enfield.gov.uk



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Author of the term



We're also celebrating our new **Author of the Term**: Polly Ho-Yen. Known for her captivating stories, her books are perfect for children in Year 3 to Year 6. As the children visit the library, it'll give them a chance to explore a variety of her titles and dive into her imaginative worlds!

Staff recommended book of the month

This month, our library is spotlighting staff book recommendations! Each teacher has selected a favorite children's book, now labeled with a star and their name. Encourage your child to check it out and ask them which book their teacher has recommended — it's a great way to connect over reading!

Boy in the Tower by Polly Ho-Yen

Perfect for Years 5 and 6, this gripping story blends survival, resilience, and friendship as Ade navigates a mysterious, crumbling world from his high-rise home. Packed with suspense and emotional depth, it's a brilliant read those sparks discussions on courage, and problem-solving. A page-turner that will leave you feeling inspired and eager for more! - Ketsia, Y6 Teacher

Recycling Old Battery

Our Eco Councillors have inspired all the schools in the trust to collect and recycle batteries. As a Trust, we are all collecting batteries and will be recycling them with the company Valpak. If you have any old batteries that need recycling, please send them in with your child, or drop them into the office.



'Look, Say, Sing and Play' Resources for parents

'Look, Say, Sing and Play' are a set of resources which encourage interaction between parents and their babies.

Parents and carers often interact with their babies without realising how these interactions influence brain development. By improving interaction and encouraging parents to be more attentive to their baby's cues, they can better understand and respond to their baby's needs. This strengthens attunement and sensitivity early on, fostering positive behaviour as the child grows.

NSPCC Learning has refreshed its *Look, Say, Sing, Play* early years resources, designed for professionals working with parents and carers. New flashcards, developed in partnership with Project MAMA, have been introduced specifically for refugee and displaced mothers. Each card suggests simple daily activities to promote positive interaction between parents and their babies.

[Look, Say, Sing, Play early years resources to use and share with parents | NSPCC Learning](#)



Congratulations

Success Certificates

Congratulations! The pupils awarded success certificates since our last newsletter are:

Year 3: Hilmi, Amra, Prishika, Victor, Oluwadarasimi, Reniya, Ayyan, Zara, Elizabeth, Victor, Rodin

Year 4: Tawfiq, Emmmanuel, Archie, Arin, Roman

Year 5: Kasey, Kimora, Ameilia, James, Samuel, Ava, Sophia

Year 6: Jaiden, Amariah, Riley, Liam, Savvas, Ceren, Chance, Lilly-Rose, Kamal, Mila, Saffa, Nabila

Always Stars

Our “Always Stars” are awarded an enamel badge to wear to school every day to show that they always work hard and uphold our school values, are a good role model and are proud to be part of our school. They are always a credit to our school and their families. Our pupils have the opportunity to become an ‘Always Star’ once during their time in Years 3 and 4 and once again during Years 5 and 6.

The pupils awarded an “Always Star” badge since our last newsletter are:

Year 3: Taiwo, Derin

Year 4: Shafici

Year 5: Dilvin, Ameila, Erim

Year 6: Dylan, Narin , Emilio, Ada

Congratulations for Best Attendance in November

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| 8 November | Year 3 Ramirez | 99.5% | |
| 15 November | Year 6 Ofili | 99.6% | |
| 22 November | Year 3 Beard | 99.4% | |
| 29 November | Year 3 Olusoga | 100% | This class will receive Golden Time |



Dates for your Diary

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| 6 December | 3-4.30pm | Year 3/4 Disco |
| 9 December | 4pm | Online Safety Lunch Event – parents/carers welcome |
| 19 December | | Class films |
| 20 December | | Christmas Jumper day - £1 donation to school funds |
| 20 December | | Last day 1.30pm finish - No Suffolks Tea-Time Club |
| 6 January | | School re-opens for all pupils |



Term dates

2024

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| 20 December | Last day 1.30pm finish - No Suffolks Tea-Time Club |
| 21 Dec-3 Jan | Christmas Holidays - school closed |

2025

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| 6 January | Pupils return to school |
| 17-21 February | Half Term - school closed |
| 24 February | Inset day - school closed |
| 25 February | Pupils return to school |
| 4 April | Last day 1.30pm finish - No Suffolks Tea-Time Club |
| 7-21 April | Easter Holidays - school closed |
| 22 April | Pupils return to school |
| 2 May | Bank Holiday - school closed |
| 26-30 May | Half term - school closed |
| 2 June | Pupils return to school |
| 18 July | Last day of Summer Term 1.30pm finish - No Suffolks Tea-Time Club |
| 21-22 July | Inset days - school closed |
| 23 July-29 August | Summer Holidays - school closed |

[School term dates for 2025-2026](#) are also on our website

Please note November inset days – staff training days – have changed.