

Weekly Newsletter: **Friday 3rd October**Current Topic: **'We Are Invaders'** Current Value: **Empathy**

Attendance Award— Classes with the highest attendance this week are:

EYFS— Chicks 98%

KS1— Penguins 98%

LKS2— Owls 98%

UPKS2— Eagles 97%

No stars of the week collection this week.

Tea Party Guests

These children have attended this weeks value tea party:
Esmae (Parrots) Lucy (Robins)
Beatrice T (Robins) Eden
(Penguins) Ava (Parrots) Mason L
(Parrots)

Stars of the Week

EYFS

Chicks: Logan M: For being an enthusiastic writer. Logan tried so hard and didn't give up!

Ducklings: Logan H: For being an excellent friend and being super kind to his friends.

Year 1 and 2

Penguins: Hannah: For her fantastic number work in maths and persevering when it was tricky. Hope: For being an amazing penguin, Hope always leads by example and follows the school rules impeccably

Robins: Liam: For brilliantly explaining his understanding in Maths using greater and less than. Trixie: For always being a class model by being respectful, kind and enthusiastic everyday.

Parrots: Kaleb: For great reasoning and understanding of numbers to 100. Penny: For fantastic homework based on our castles topic.

Year 3 and 4

Owls: Iris: For fantastic contributions during our English lessons all about dragons. Harley: For a beautifully shaded Viking longboat picture.

Kingfishers: Millie R: For excellent enthusiasm and focus in English while writing a description of a dragon. Finley: For showing a fantastic understanding of addition and subtraction in maths and for being an excellent expert helper.

Doves: Indy: For showing real positivity in English when writing a poem about a dragon. Esme: For being really creative in writing similes about a Dragon

Year 5 and 6

Eagles: George: For having a positive attitude to school and running 2 laps of the field in cross-country!

Peacocks: Violet: For sharing fantastic ideas in discussions during our tiger project and creating a beautiful tiger drawing.

Toucans: Josh: For using his place value knowledge to win lots of games in maths

Wraparound Care

Breakfast Club: Albert: For skipping each morning with the biggest smile on your face. We are so proud of you.

After School Club: Ruby: For always being calm, kind and respectful.

An update from Mrs Anstee

We are pleased to be continuing our working relationship with Cambrian Learning Trust as an alliance school this academic year. Cambrian Learning Trust supports a growing number of schools across Oxfordshire and we are able to gain wider educational understanding and networking by working alongside them. We remain a local authority run school, but having this wider working relationship allows us to access training and updated thinking to support our learners at Gateway. You can find out more about Cambrian Learning Trust on their website. <https://www.cambrianlearningtrust.org>



An update from Mrs Gardner

This week, our children had a very important session with the school nurse all about allergies, asthma, and epilepsy. They learned what these conditions are, how they can affect people, and—most importantly—what they can do to help keep themselves and their friends safe.



The children talked about:

- **Allergies & EpiPens** – understanding what an allergic reaction might look like, and knowing that EpiPens should only be used by adults to keep someone safe.
- **Helping a Friend** – if someone is having a reaction, children were reminded to ask “Are you okay?”, stay with their friend, find an adult straight away, and keep them calm.
- **Asthma & Inhalers** – learning that inhalers help people with asthma to breathe more easily.
- **Epilepsy** – understanding that epilepsy is like the brain having a sudden “electrical storm.” The children learned how to help if someone has a seizure: telling an adult immediately, giving the person space, and showing kindness when they recover.

We are very proud of how sensibly and thoughtfully the children engaged with these important topics. Please do take a moment to ask your child what they learned—they may be able to share some great advice about how to look after themselves and others.

An update from Mrs Summers

Astra Bowl on camp are advertising some half term events on their Facebook page including glow in the dark bowling. Another great facility that is family friendly and reasonably priced.

A reminder that the direct number for WAC is 01993 684716, please use this number if you are going to be late to collect as the office is no longer manned at 5.30. Likewise, if you need us in the mornings it is best to use that number too especially if you have missed the gates being open. The WAC gate is locked at 8.25 in order for us to prepare the children to go to their classroom so please try to arrive before then.



EYFS



What is your favourite place in Carterton? The EYFS have been very busy thinking about all of the exciting places that they like to visit - we are huge fans of the milkshake shop! We have been looking closely at buildings and as part of our shape walk we have been looking for triangles, squares, rectangles and circles. Over the weekend perhaps you could do a family shape hunt or even a car journey shape hunt. The children have noticed that shapes are everywhere - let them impress you with their knowledge of what the shapes are called and how we know which is which. We have been developing our fine motor skills as we have manipulated clay to create houses.

This week has been really exciting as we have started our Mastering Number journey, we have been looking at numbers 1-3, how they can be represented and how 3 things can be arranged.

Next week we are looking forward to starting our Phase 2 Phonics, which introduces us to Bug and his sounds which we will be reading and writing.

Year 1 and 2

Its been another busy week in KS1. This week we have been exploring adjectives and nouns in English. The children have been writing descriptive sentences about different parts of a castle. LK wrote, 'The castle walls are so old and rough because they were built a super long time ago, they built them so high to stop the enemies from getting in.'



In Maths, the children have been continuing to explore numbers. With Year 2 looking at numbers to 100 and Year 1 practising counting forwards and backwards to 20.

We have been continuing to explore materials and their properties in science in preparation for our super exciting DT project, which is coming up in a few weeks.

It has been great to see all the amazing homework projects and fantastic reading the children have been doing at home, we look forward to seeing lots more.

Year 3 and 4

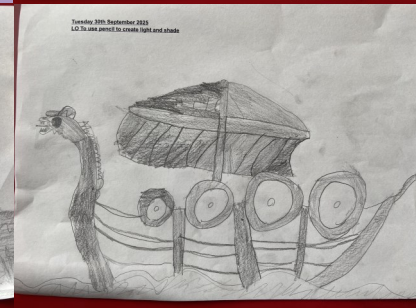
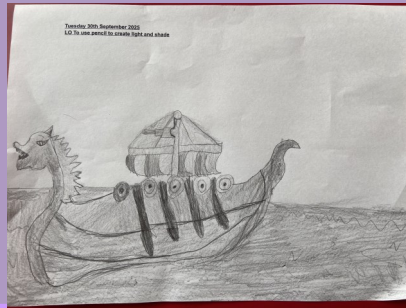
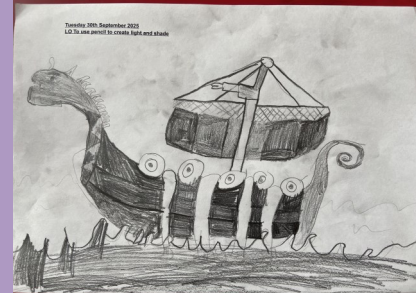
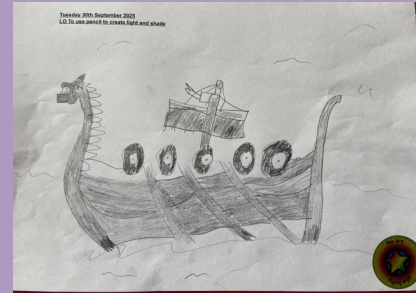
We have had a great week this week, getting prepared for our Viking Day on Friday.

In English we have been exploring the book 'Tell me a dragon' and have created some amazing dragon similes.

In art, we followed a YouTube video to draw a Viking long-boat, we then shaded to show light and shade. The end results were very impressive and unique to each child.

We discussed the zones of regulation in our 'Time to Talk' lessons and we can identify when we might feel different emotions relating to the different zones and how we can help ourselves when we are feeling that way.

Have a great weekend. We are looking forward to telling you all about our Viking day next week.



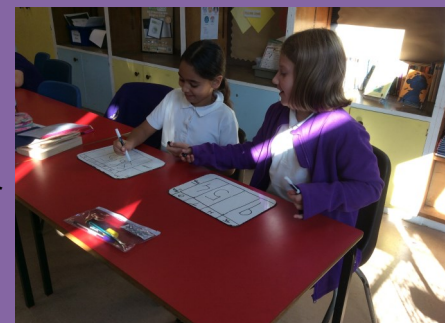
Year 5 and 6

Year 5 have had a lovely week working together. We have used the painting 'Surprised!' by Henri Rousseau and the poem 'The Tyger' by William Blake to inspire a mini-topic about tigers. In English we have written our own poems and stories collaboratively and individually about tigers, in art we have drawn tigers and created a camouflage collage, in music we have composed a soundscape of a tiger surprising its prey in a storm and in computing we have made an information poster about tigers.



In maths we have used games and investigations to practice our place value skills - 'Nice or Nasty' got very lively! In PE we have practised our team work skills and all worked together to play fun team games and tag rugby.

Everyone has missed year 6 but have really enjoyed being one big year 5 group.



Become a Parent Governor – Make a Difference at Our School!

Are you passionate about our children's education and future? Do you want to play an active role in shaping the direction of our school? We are looking for enthusiastic and committed **Parent Governors** to join our Governing Body.

What does a Parent Governor do?

- Support the aims of your school.
- Visit and get to know your school.
- Work in partnership with the Headteacher, senior leadership team and other governors to raise standards and improve outcomes for all children.
- Prepare for meetings by reading papers beforehand.
- Take responsibility for your own learning and development as a governor including attending training.
- Attend full governing body and relevant committee meetings promptly, regularly, and for the full time.
- Read briefings and newsletters for governors.
- Be loyal to the decisions made by the governing body
- Respect the confidentiality of governing body affairs and to sign a legally binding confidentiality agreement.
- Declare an interest and withdraw from any meeting where you, a partner or close relative or associate stands to gain, or where you are so close to a matter discussed it is difficult to be impartial.

Who can apply?

In order to apply for this position you must have a child on the school roll at the time of the election and one of the following must apply:

- Natural parents whether they are married or not;
- Any person who, although not a natural parent, has parental responsibility for a child or young person and;
- Any person who, although not a natural parent, has care of a child or young person.

In addition:

- You must be aged 18 and over.
- You must be living in the UK.
- You must be committed to the role and able to dedicate enough time (see below) to being an active member of the governing body.
- You must not be an elected member of the County Council.
- You should meet the relevant statutory eligibility criteria for school governors as set out in the Regulations and agree to DBS checks as required.
- You will have: an interest in all the children's futures, a desire to make a difference, a willingness to accept responsibility, an ability to work in a team, ask questions, listen and learn.

Why become a Parent Governor?

- Make a real impact on children's education.
- Develop valuable skills in leadership, teamwork, and strategy.
- Gain insight into how schools are run.
- Represent the parent community and ensure every child has the best opportunities to thrive.

If you're interested, please follow the link provided:

<https://view.officeapps.live.com/op/view.aspx?src=https%3A%2F%2Fprimarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com%2Fgateway-primary-school%2FUploadedDocument%2Ff277dc09-26a7-47a6-9cce-479c8c06d4c4%2Fparent-governor-recruitment-pack-oct-2025.docx&wdOrigin=BROWSELINK>

ART PROJECT

As the weather this weekend isn't looking like it's going to be the best, how about a little art project?

Mrs Stone has one for you to try!

Charlie Maynard MP has invited us all to design a Christmas card. All designs will be entered into a competition and the winning design will be used on the front of his official card that he sends to his contacts. This could be local businesses, politicians and even the King!

If you would like to enter this competition please create your design on one side of an A4 sheet of paper. Please use felt pens. The card should be a seasonal design - ideally with UK and Oxfordshire theme- maybe some landmarks or important places? Could RAF Brize Norton feature or maybe your favourite plane?

Your card must not contain any political messages.

Please ask for help with any spellings that you are not sure about - we can not submit entries with incorrect spellings on them.

Do not fold your design - please bring them back into school by 8th October. Hand them in at the school office.

This competition is open to everyone across the school and all designs will be sent to be judged.

Let's see if we can get a Gateway winner this year! Good Luck everyone!

Dates For The Diary

Wednesday 8th October — Flu Vaccination

Friday 10th October — World Mental Health Day

Friday 17th October — Parent Book Looks 8:35am

Friday 24th October — End of Term 1

Monday 3rd November — Start of Term 2

Wednesday 5th November — EYFS Open Day

Friday 7th November — Halloween Disco EYFS/KS1 3:30-4:15pm,
KS2 4:30-5:30pm

Tuesday 11th November — EYFS Walk To Memorial

Friday 14th November — EYFS Nursery Rhyme Event To Parents —
2:30pm — 3:30pm

Friday 14th November — World Diabetes Day

Saturday 15th November — Christmas Market — 10-3pm

Wednesday 19th November — Parent Meetings

Wednesday 26th November — Parent Meetings

Friday 5th December — Christmas Jumper and Christmas Lunch Day

Friday 5th December — GSA Christmas Bingo, Doors Open 7pm

Tuesday 16th December — Whole School Panto

Thursday 12th February — Valentines Break The Rules Day

Friday 27th March — GSA Easter Bingo



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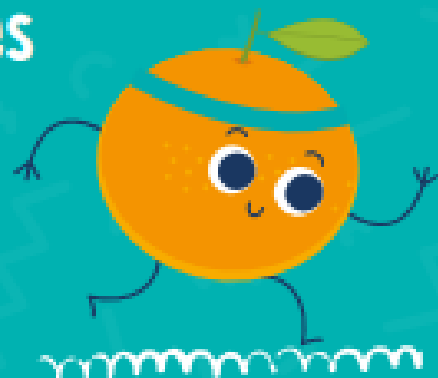
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