

Weekly Newsletter: **Friday 17th July**

Current Topic: **'Goodbye'** Current Value: **Teamwork**



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

EYFS — Chicks 100%

KS1 — Parrots 98%

LKS2 — Owls 95%

UPKS2 — Toucans 99%

End of Year House points totals:

Spitfire — 1207

Lancaster — 1352

Hurricane — 1370

Wellington — 1546

Tea Party Guests

These children have attended this weeks value tea party:

Eadie (Parrots) Maia (Parrots) Mil-lie (Toucans) Daisy (Parrots) Eva (Parrots) Kaleb (Parrots) Liam (Peacocks) Jordan (Toucans)

Stars of the Week



An update from Mrs Anstee

As we come to the end of another successful school year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank every member of our school community for your hard work, commitment and support throughout the year.



Our pupils continue to make us incredibly proud. Whether through their achievements in the classroom, their participation in the many wider opportunities our school offers, or the way they represent our school in the local community, they have demonstrated resilience, enthusiasm and kindness. It has been a pleasure to see them grow in confidence, develop new skills and celebrate so many successes together.

None of this would be possible without the dedication of our staff, the encouragement of our families, and the strong partnerships that make our school such a special place. Thank you for everything you do to support our children and to help create a positive, caring and ambitious school community.

We are immensely proud of our school and of all that has been achieved this year. As we look ahead, we do so with excitement and confidence, knowing that together we can continue to help every child thrive.

I hope that everyone has the opportunity to enjoy a well-earned rest over the summer break. We wish all our families a happy, safe and relaxing holiday, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in the new school year, refreshed and ready for another exciting year of learning.

Have a wonderful summer!

An update from Mrs Gardner

If you're looking for activities to keep your child busy over the summer holidays, there are lots of inclusive opportunities available across Oxfordshire for children and young people with SEND.



From sports and outdoor adventures to arts, crafts, sensory sessions and family events, there is something to suit a wide range of interests and needs.

The following websites are great places to start your search:

- Oxfordshire SEND Local Offer – Information about SEND services, holiday activities, short breaks and support available across the county. Visit: [Oxfordshire SEND Local Offer](#)
- Oxfordshire Family Information Service (OxonFIS) – Search for holiday clubs, inclusive activities, childcare and family events taking place throughout the summer. Visit: [Oxfordshire Family Information Service](#)
- Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme – Eligible children can access funded holiday clubs during the school holidays, with many providers offering SEND support. Details can be found through the [Oxfordshire Family Information Service](#) and [Local Offer](#) websites.

Many activities require advance booking, so we encourage families to have a look as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

We hope you all have a fantastic summer filled with fun, friendship and new experiences!

An update from Mrs Summers

What a busy year for movement in our school this year! We have said hello to 26 new children and their families. Sadly, we have said goodbye to 33 children who have moved due to postings or relocating. It has been a pleasure to support these movements and I am always extremely grateful for the support from the whole Gateway Community.



I am looking forward to returning in September to welcome all of the new families heading our way and know that they will be made to feel welcomed by everyone.

I hope you all have a wonderful summer and I look forward to seeing you all in the next academic year.

EYFS

This week Chicks and Ducklings have been enjoying their last week in EYFS. We made cards to remember the best parts of our first year at 'big school'.

We thought of lots of questions to ask our new teachers to find out about being a Year 1 and we even got to go and have break times on the big playground with our new friends. We have spent transition days being a Robin, Parrot or Penguin. It was great fun. We came back very excited and with lots of news to share in a circle time.

We got to show the Year 6 children the portraits that we made of them in the special leavers assembly. We also went to the iRock concert. It was awesome and very loud. We loved hearing the different bands and all the instruments.



We have spent some time using the litter pickers and brushes and brooms to tidy up our garden and leave everything spick and span for the new little Chicks and Ducklings in September.

Year 1 and 2

As we reach the end of another wonderful school year, we have been reflecting on everything we have achieved together. It's amazing how much has happened, yet it only feels like yesterday that we were welcoming everyone back at the start of the year. The children have been fantastic during the transition days, whether they have been welcoming new classmates into their classes or showing their new teachers what fabulous Year 3 children they are. We have been so proud of how they have embraced these changes with kindness, confidence and enthusiasm. It was also lovely to see the children so eager to write to the England team, sharing how proud they were of the way they played and the values they demonstrated throughout their matches. Their thoughtful words reflected the same respect, resilience and teamwork that we encourage every day in school.

We would also like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you for all the support we have received throughout the year. We are especially grateful to Mrs Rathbone, Mrs Bryant, Mrs Huxtable and Mrs Randal, whose care, dedication and support have been invaluable to our phase.

Finally, we would like to wish all of our families a safe, relaxing and, hopefully, slightly cooler summer break! We hope you enjoy making wonderful memories together, and we look forward to all the exciting adventures that September will bring.

With our very best wishes,

Mrs Barnes, Mrs James and Mrs Scovell



Year 3 and 4

We have had a very busy final week. We have been finishing off our time to talk lessons about money, discussing the idea of saving and making smart choices around spending and what a budget looks like. We have also been looking at negative numbers in maths and designed board games to practise these skills. In music, we have been listening to music from different composers from different countries and have selected our favourites in a World Cup themed tournament. Owls winners were a Spanish composer. Whilst thinking about the changes for next year we have prioritised reflecting on how we have grown and what we want from next year. As a result of this we have created some positive affirmation art-work which children will take home with them to remember just how amazing they

all are. We are also very proud of how the children have applied themselves in their transition mornings, whether that was remaining with us and supporting the year 2s, or meeting a new teacher in a new classroom. We have thoroughly enjoyed working with your children this year and wish them and you a restful summer.



Year 5 and 6

It's our final week and we've had another super week in UKS2.

In English, we have been writing letters to our new teachers and the Year 6 children have been writing letters to the new children starting in EYFS. They have included some lovely memories, activities the children will do and the trips and experiences they will have at their time here at Gateway. We have also planned our news report all about the Titanic, focusing on key journalistic phrases and vocabulary, quotes including direct and reported speech.

In Maths, we have been learning about Mean Average and the questions have been based around shoe sizes and how many pages children are reading over a week to ten days. These real-life questions have involved mental addition and division to find the mean average.

In Geography, the children have been creating posters based on everything they have learned about why people migrate with the focus being around Ireland and the United States of America in 1912. In History, Toucans have been completing their waterfall booklets about the Titanic and they look really effective.

We have also met our new children for September this week and the Year 5s – who will be year 6 – really stepped up and were super role models. Art and poetry activities were completed as well as team building activities, which created a real buzz in the classes.

To end our week, we said our Goodbyes to Year 6. They have been an excellent year group and have achieved many wonderful things due to their hard work and effort throughout the year. The assembly was a real triumph and quite emotional. We wish them all every success as they embark on their next chapter of education. Well done Year 6.



Dates For The Diary

Wednesday 2nd September — Return to School

Wednesday 16th September — Mingle In The Mess 8:30am

Monday 21st September — Year 3/4 Trip—Coleshill

Tuesday 22nd September — Year 3/4 Trip—Coleshill

Monday 28th September — Friday 2nd October — Year 6 Yenworthy

Wednesday 14th October — Mingle In The Mess 8:30am

Friday 16th October — Parent Book Look 8:30 — 9:00am

Wednesday 21st October — EYFS Open Day

Friday 23rd October — Inset Day—School Closed

Monday 26th — Friday 30th October — October Half Term

Monday 2nd November — Start of Term 2

Wednesday 11th November — Parents Evening

Monday 16th November — Year 5/6 Space Museum

Wednesday 18th November — Parents Evening

Thursday 3rd December — EYFS Nativity to CHICKS Parents

Friday 4th December — EYFS Nativity to DUCKLINGS Parents

Friday 18th December — End of Term 2 — 1:30pm Finish

Monday 4th January — Inset Day

Tuesday 5th January — Start of Term 3



Catch up with
school friends
or meet new
friends!

HARTIST Art Club!

Experiment
Have Fun!
Be Yourself

Summer Holiday Art Sessions

Windrush Place and Bradwell Village Hall
for ages 5-11 and 10-16

Summer Dates

20th July
23rd July
24th July

3rd August
4th August
7th August



Join us this Summer

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Visit our website for more information on our summer workshops activities.

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Staff hold DBS certificates and are fully insured.



Carterton Library: Summer Events Calendar

Fun with Fossils with the Oxford University Museum
of Natural History

Friday 31st July at 11am to 12pm

Travels with the Sweet Zombie Horse

Monday 3rd August at 2pm to 3pm

Abingdon & District Model Railway Display

Friday 7th and Saturday 8th

Francesca Gibbons Author Visit

Monday 10th August at 11am to 12pm*

Read to the Beat: Creative Writing Workshop with
Juli Frances Taylor

Thursday 13th August at 10:30am to 11:30am*

Witney Model & Collectors Club

Saturday 22nd August at 9:30am to 12pm

Lego Robots with RAF STEM Ambassadors

Tuesday 25th August at 10am to 12pm*

***Please note these sessions require booking. Call
01865 815125 or pop in to book.**

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The
Library

Carterton



READ to the BEAT



...with a **FREE** children's reading challenge
at your local Oxfordshire library!

4 July to 5 September 2026

The Summer Reading Challenge 2026: **Read to the Beat** celebrates the joy of reading with a theme inspired by music. Children can discover how books spark creativity and imagination.



**Finish the challenge and get
your own medal and certificate!**

**Look out for fantastic new
books and activities at your
library!**

www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/libraries
www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk



CARTERTON CELEBRATES

A WEEK OF
EVENTS &
ACTIVITIES
SHOWCASING
EVERYTHING
CARTERTON
HAS TO OFFER!

SAT 18TH – SUN 26TH JULY

SAT 18TH JULY

Local Pop Up Market
10am - 3pm, Market Square

Secondhand Book Sale
10am - 3pm, Town Hall

TUES 21ST JULY

History of Carterton Talk
6pm, Carterton Library, £2pp
(Please book your place via the Library)

WED 22ND JULY

Meet Your Councillor
4.30pm - 6.30pm, Town Hall

SAT 25TH JULY

Driveway Sales

10am - 4pm, Sales all over town!
(Free map available from any sale on the day including 20 Milestone Rd)

Car Boot Sale

9am - 12noon, Recreation Grd

SUN 26TH JULY

Volunteer Fayre & Live Music On The Rec

12noon - 3pm, Recreation Grd

**Plus lots more
exciting events!**



Nominate a local hero from our community
using our online nomination form here!

For more info & a full timetable of events visit:
@CartertonCelebrates or CartertonCelebrates.com

CARTERTON CELEBRATES

★ THIS WEEK! ★



MEGA GAMES DAY!

FUN FOR ALL AGES – COME ALONG & JOIN THE FUN!

 BOARD GAMES

 CONNECT FOUR

 PUZZLES

 CARD GAMES

 AND MORE!

 **FRIDAY**
24TH JULY 2026 10am–1pm

♥ Let's celebrate our community – see you there! ♥

EVERYONE
Welcome!



This event is part of Carterton Celebrates Week 2026
For a full programme of events visit:
[@CartertonCelebrates](#) or [CartertonCelebrates.com](#)

The Bounce Park

**26 July
to
30 August**

The Bounce Park Tour **Reading Newbury** **Didcot Winchester**



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26 July-30 August 2026 • Reading • Didcot • Winchester • Newbury

The Bounce Park

The Bounce Park Tour

26 July - 30 August



26th - 31st
and
1st - 2nd

July - August 2026

Reading

Livermead Leisure
Centre, RG1 8EQ

1st - 2nd
and
29th - 30th

July - August 2026

Didcot

Willowbrook Leisure
Centre, OX11 7AF

7th - 9th
and
14th - 16th

August 2026

Winchester

King's School,
SO22 5PN

14th - 16th
and
20th - 22nd

August 2026

Newbury

St Bartholomew
School, RG14 6JP

**Don't miss The Play Parks! Soft play centres
designed for younger adventurers!**

The Play Park: Romsey
Unit 3, Romsey Industrial
Estate, Greatbridge Rd,
Romsey SO51 0HR

**The Play Park:
(Kids2Day)**
Renown Ct,
Chandler's Ford,
Eastleigh SO53 4HZ

Scan Me!



To plan your softplay session, visit: www.ThePlayPark.com





CHILDREN & FAMILY ACTIVITY SCHEDULE Summer 2026

All activities 10am-1pm and 1.30-3.30pm

Tuesday 28 July - Peg People - fairies, knights & witches

Wednesday 29 July - Swords, wands & witch trees

Thursday 30 July - Frames - views of the world

Tuesday 4 August - Clay - make a mythological creature

Wednesday 5 August - Junk modelling

Thursday 6 August - Dream catchers and wool wrapping

Tuesday 11 August - Dragon painting & Dragon eggs

Wednesday 12 August - Garden on a plate

Thursday 13 August - Peg people - fairies, knights & witches

Tuesday 18 August - Dream catchers & wool wrapping

Wednesday 19 August - Swords, wands & crowns

Thursday 20 August - Clay Dragons

Tuesday 25 August - Amulets & Charms

Wednesday 26 August - Junk modelling

Thursday 27 August - Celebration of activities!



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All activities take place at the OM. No need to book - just come along. We do not charge for activities but donations are gratefully received.



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Join weekly lessons with Better Swim School or boost your child's swimming with weekday holiday courses.

Simply enter code **GETSAFE15** at checkout to claim **£15 off** your first payment before 31st July 2026.



WHENEVER YOU ARE AROUND WATER

STOP AND THINK



Take time to assess your surroundings.
Look for the dangers and always research local signs and advice.

STAY TOGETHER



When around water always go with friends or family.
Swim at a lifeguarded venue.

IN AN EMERGENCY

CALL 999



Ask for the Fire and Rescue Service when inland and the Coastguard if at the coast.
Don't enter the water to rescue.

FLOAT



Fail in or become tired – stay calm, float on your back and call for help.
Throw something that floats to somebody that has fallen in.



BETTER

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