



Weekly Bulletin

Term 1 Week 16: Friday 20th December 2024

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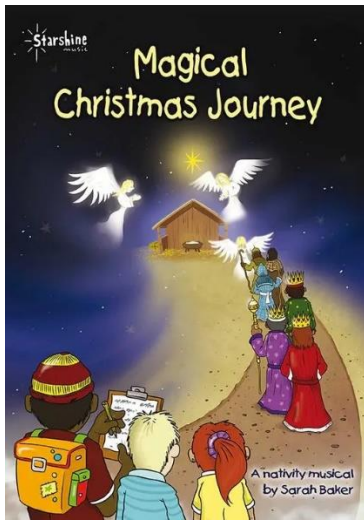
Merry Christmas from Carlton Primary School

Welcome to the final newsletter of the term and of 2024. Christmas time in a primary school is a very special time of year – my team all focus on and enjoy giving the children lots of positive experiences at this festive time. With our Carlton traditions of performances, a whole school panto trip, our Christmas service, Christmas parties and so much more, it really has been a busy, enjoyable and successful end of term, much as the term as a whole.

Sadly, we have a lot of pupil and staff absence this week. Well wishes to all who have not been well. I have been unwell myself and unfortunately missed most of the week as a result. I was particularly disappointed not to see our wonderful Key Stage 1 children perform on Wednesday and was so pleased to hear the wonderful feedback on how well they did.

Reflections on this week:

'Magical Christmas Journey' Alnwick (Reception) Bamburgh (Year 1) and Caernarfon (Year 2) production:



We are very proud of the children in Alnwick, Bamburgh and Caernarfon classes. They did an amazing job on Wednesday afternoon (for the rest of the pupils in school and some families) and evening (for the parents/families).

The children knew their songs and words so well, and for such a young age, in front of big audience, some for the very first time, did superbly well! We are all very proud of them! The singing and confidence from all of the cast was excellent – a real sense of togetherness and collaboration at its best!

Thank you to all of the families who were able to attend and see their children participate – it was a brilliant turn out!

Thanks too for your support with the costumes and all the support you have given your children learning their lines. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.

Thank you to the staff Team (Mrs Smith, Mrs Bramley, & Mrs Chiverton, Miss Marshall & Mrs Whaley Mrs Burton and Mrs Stones,) for their efforts organising, casting and directing! Thanks too to Mrs Burton for covering my usual 'front of house duties' in my absence.

Thanks too to the wider school team for support on the day and of course to Mrs Pierce for kindly taking the photos of the children in their costumes and running the raffle. As a result of her hard work and your generosity raised £468 on the day.



Well done all of the cast and crew for Reception and Key Stage 1! Everyone loved it!

Jack and the Beanstalk Panto trip: We had a magical and enjoyable experience on Monday when we took the whole school to see Jack and the Beanstalk at Cast theatre in Doncaster.

We once again, loved the venue, the show and had an excellent day out for all of the school. As in the past, the feedback from the children and staff has been so incredibly positive.



Thank you to everyone who helped make it happen, especially Friends of Carlton who provided great financial support for every child, as well as drinks and sweets for all the children on the day itself.

It was a brilliant day for the children. I have already pre-booked next year's show! Thank you too to everyone who contributed financially – including the generous people who made additional extra contributions supporting the school.





On Tuesday Miss Gray's Dover class (Year 3) led our assembly about Christmas around the world! *Miss Gray says: Dover Class shared their Christmas assembly with the school on Tuesday. We took a trip around the world to learn all about Christmas traditions in different countries, visiting the UK, Germany, Mexico, Australia and Japan. We finished off with a festive sing song – well done Dover Class!*

Well done Dover class!

Christmas Parties were held and enjoyed on Thursday. We had a lovely surprise visit from Santa too! THANKS to everyone who contributed. The children loved their class gifts!



This morning we have enjoyed a lovely Christmas Carol Service in school . Unfortunately because of access issues and potential hazards we were not able to attend St Mary's C of E Church in Carlton as planned, however Reverend Mark joined us in school instead for this lovely celebration. Thanks to Reverend Mark and very well done to all of our readers.

Today we also will enjoy our school Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day – a lovely way to end the term. Thanks to Mellor's Catering team for their extra effort with the Christmas lunch.

This afternoon we are holding our traditional fun singalong all together in the hall too! Our sit down 12 days of Christmas is always a lot of fun.

Other information:

Out of school achievement.

Freddie (Yr 2) achieved his first grading belt in Martial Arts on Sunday. He's worked very hard and been extremely focused to achieve this. Well done Freddie – excellent determination.



- We sadly say goodbye to two long standing Carlton families today. We wish both families and all of the children well for their respective house and school moves.
- Young voices - one final rehearsal first day back in the new term – Tuesday 7th January 2025 at 3.15-4.00pm
- Swimming Lessons Our Year 5 and Y6 have their swimming lesson on the very first day back – Tuesday 7th January. Lessons will be running each and every Tuesday across Term 2. These lessons are an important part of the National curriculum.

Reminders:

New starters September 2025! Important information: We are approaching the deadline for applications for our **Reception intake for September 2025**. This intake is for children born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021. Our projected numbers are looking strong and we actively encourage everyone one who wants a place to ensure they make their application by 15th January 2025. If you know of anyone who may be interested, please encourage them to get in touch to book a visit.



Please remember to keep all of your plastic bottle tops and lids over the Christmas holidays for our **School Cycled** project!



Personal reflection

As usual I end our calendar year with a pause for thought and reflection. As always, I would like to pass on my sincere thanks to some very important people, without whom our school wouldn't be what it is.

- Thank you to your children for being a wonderful part of our school. They are funny, enthusiastic, caring, curious and so much more!
- Of course, I have to say a huge thank you to the hardworking, enthusiastic and talented staff team I have around me. Their efforts, care and passion help make our school a very special place. I am so lucky to have so many people who give above and beyond and who care so much about the children of our school. Thanks Team!
- Thank you to our ever supportive 'Friends' group who work tirelessly to raise money for the children of our school. It is great to have such good Friends – thank you!
- Thank you to the brilliant Local Governing Board for their dedication and commitment to school, purely on a voluntary basis. The work they do behind the scenes and in supporting the strategic leadership of school is first class.
- Thank you to our CEO Ian Clennan, Beccy Thompson to and all of the Selby Educational Trust (SET) team. On the 2nd January 2024 it will be our 4 year anniversary of Carlton Primary School being part of SET. We have loved the support and collaboration from SET colleagues and know that school is in an even stronger place because of this.
- **Finally thank you all too!** Thank you for engagement and your continued support of our school – it is always appreciated. Let's hope 2025 is a happy one for us all!





Christmas wishes:

Seasons greetings and happiness to you and your loved ones. May your home be filled with love and laughter this Christmas. **On behalf of everyone at Carlton Primary School, we would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas.** We hope you have a very happy, peaceful and relaxing holiday. See you in 2024!

Children return to school on Tuesday 7th January 2025!

Regards and best wishes

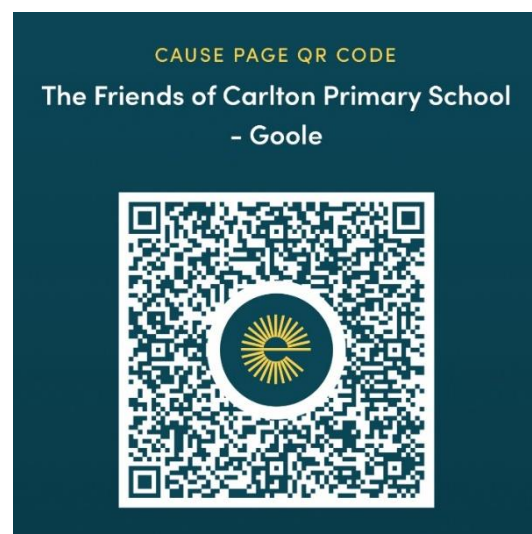
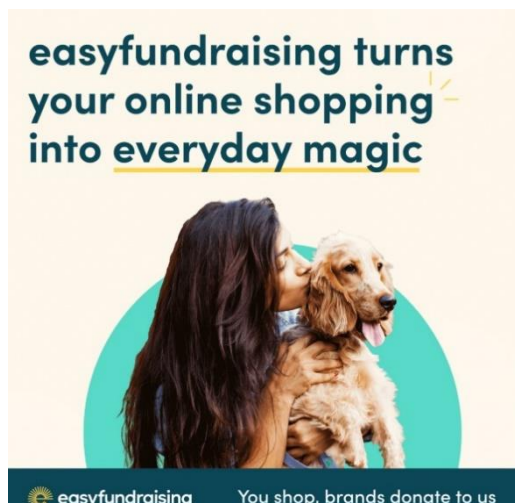
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Developing lively, inquiring and creative minds

Easy fundraising

You can raise FREE donations for The Friends of Carlton Primary School - EVERY time you shop online. Just use #easyfundraising! Over 7,000 brands will donate, including all the big names like John Lewis & Partners, BT, Expedia, Argos, ASOS, Just Eat, Uswitch and many more! Please support us. Such a great way of supporting school with very little effort – especially in the busy spending festive period.



Diary Dates Term2 January 2025 and beyond:

Please see attached copy of school calendar for this year – this also available on our school website: [Term Dates – Carlton Primary \(setschools.uk\)](https://carltonprimary.setschools.uk)

January 2025

Monday 6 th Jan	Staff training and development day
Tuesday 7 th Jan	Children return to school
Tuesday 7 th Jan	Y5 and 6 Swimming starts
Thursday 9 th Jan	Young Voices– Sheffield Arena (day & evening event) Y4, 5 &6
Friday 1 st Jan	Pro PE event (at Holy Family CHS) Outdoor/Forest - Yr 1/2
Friday 14 th March	Pro PE event (at Holy Family CHS) - Multi-sports - Yr 3/4
Friday 9 th May	Pro PE event (at Holy Family CHS) - Girls Football - Yr 5/6
Friday 20 th June	Pro PE event (at Holy Family CHS) - Functional Fitness - Yr ½

The 2025/2026 calendar is available on the website:

<https://carltonprimary.setschools.uk/term-dates/>