Carswell Times

20th November 2026

Sharing reading!

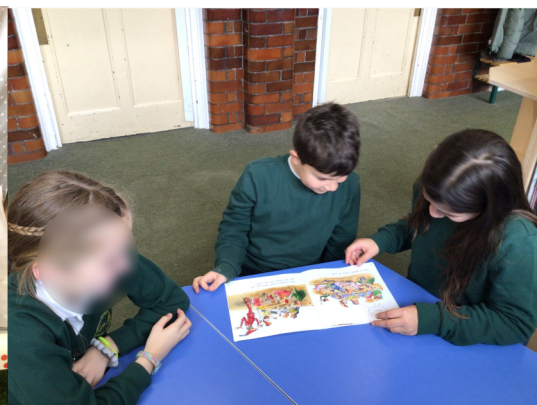
We love books and reading here at Carswell and love to share our passion for it. Year 5 Purple Emperor have been visiting Year 2 Tortoisehell class to read with them and share their expertise. What a great way to learn!





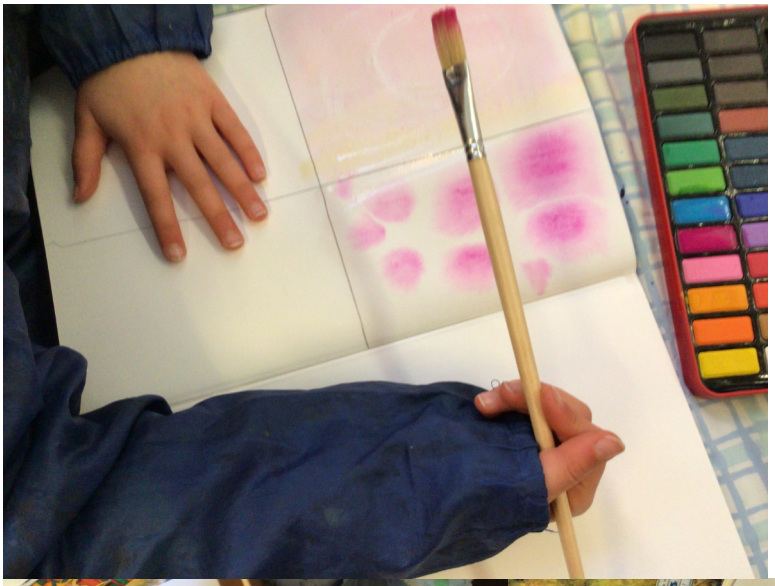






Watercolour techniques!

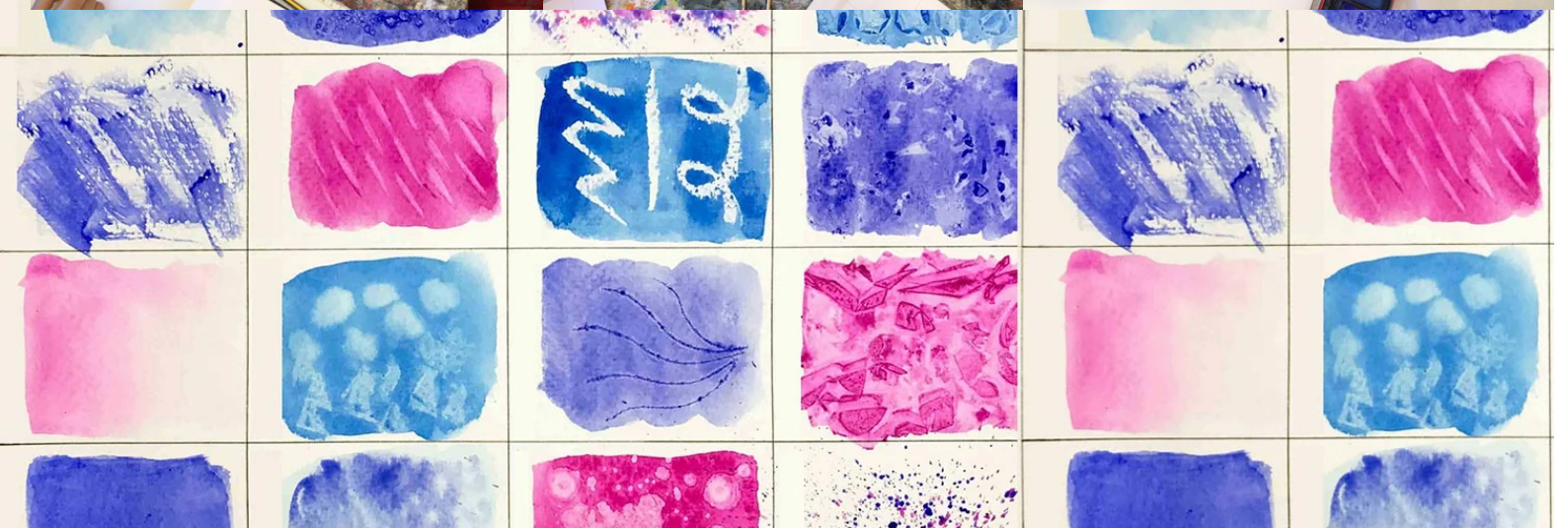
Years 3 and 4 were learning how to use watercolour properly this week. From how to hold the brush and create washes to how to clean the brushes and make sure the paint was ready for the next person they showed great artistic control over the medium!





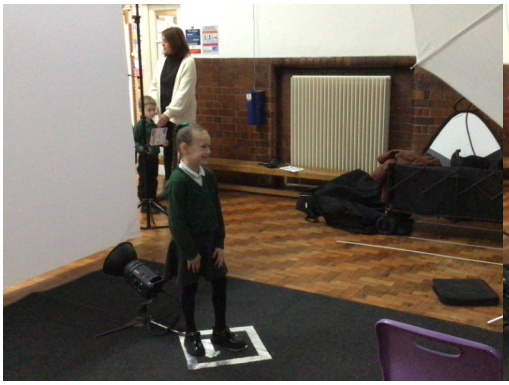






Out and About!

Photograph day!





Non-school uniform day!








Year 3's cello and violin lesson!





FRIENDS OF CARSWELL SCHOOL PRESENT

Jingle Ball Disco

&

Parent & Carer Christmas Social

FRIDAY 27 NOVEMBER 2026

5:45-7:30

Main Hall & Dining Hall

KS1 Disco & KS2 Festive activities 5:45-6:30

KS2 Disco 6:30-7:30

Tickets £4 which includes a snack.

Hot Dogs available for pre-order, please book and order using QR code below.

Children to bring water bottles.

DEADLINE FOR PURCHASING TICKETS IS 24 NOVEMBER-WE WILL BE UNABLE TO ACCOMODATE REQUESTS AFTER THIS DATE.

Grown ups, please join us for a festive evening in the dining hall. All funds raised to go towards school in association with FOCS.

Hot Food, Drinks, Tombola, Music

Staff to supervise discos and activities, KS1 to be collected by parents at 6:30 and are welcome to join in the dining hall for the final hour.

Friends of Carswell School FOCS Parents, Carers, School & Community

FRIENDS OF CARSWELL SCHOOL PTA ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE OUR ANNUAL.....

Christmas Tree Sale

NORDMANN FIR PREMIUM CUT TREES AT DISCOUNTED PRICES!

100% OF THE PROFITS GO TO CARSWELL COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND HOW TO PRE-ORDER

Please email
focs.pta.abingdon@gmail.com
with any queries



KEY INFORMATION

TREES OFFERED ARE NORDMANN FIR PREMIUM CUT TREES - THE FULLEST TREES AVAILABLE, WITH MINIMAL GAPPING AND EXCELLENT NEEDLE RETENTION. THE TREES ARE GROWN IN THE UK AND CHECKED REGULARY BY OUR SUPPLIER.

PLEASE ORDER NO LATER THAN 8TH NOVEMBER - THE EARLIER THE BETTER!

FULL PAYMENT TO BE MADE ON ORDER (DETAILS BELOW) . COLLECTION OF THE TREES WILL BE AT SCHOOL EITHER ON FRIDAY 4TH DECEMBER BETWEEN 3.15PM - 3.30PM OR SATURDAY 5TH DECEMBER BETWEEN 9.00AM - 9.30AM.

Size in feet	Total price £ inc. VAT & delivery	Quantity
3'-4'	33	
4'-5'	39	
5'-6'	45	
6'-7'	50	
7'-8'	60	

TO ORDER PLEASE EITHER:

USE THE QR CODE AND PAY VIA TRANSFER

OR IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PAY BY CASH, FILL IN THIS FORM WITH QUANTITY AND CONTACT DETAILS AND RETURN TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE/LETTERBOX IN A SEALED ENVELOPE MARKED "CHRISTMAS TREES".

NAME:
CONTACT NUMBER:
EMAIL ADDRESS:

I CONSENT TO MY DATA BEING STORED AND USED FOR FUTURE CONTACT FROM FOCS MEMBERS. I UNDERSTAND THAT I CAN OPT OUT AT ANYTIME BY CONTACTING FOCS.PTA.ABINGDON@GMAIL.COM
PLEASE CIRCLE BELOW:
YES
NO

FRIENDS OF CARSWELL SCHOOL (FOCS) IS A CHARITY (NUMBER 1066920) RUN BY VOLUNTEERS TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE SCHOOL.

FOCS Christmas Raffle

TICKET
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– we need your help 🙏

We are challenging each class to source **at least 2 prizes** for our Christmas raffle.

For each prize, you will get **one free entry** into the raffle.



Do you have a contact who could persuade their employer to donate?

Do you know someone who owns their own business and would like some **free advertising**? The prize doesn't need to be related to the business.



Please drop prizes into the office and let the **FOCS** team know what you've been able to get!

Many thanks for your help! ☺

We have started a Carswell Book Wish List for those who would like to support the school. If you'd like to donate please click on the blue link below. Thank you!



https://shop.scholastic.co.uk/wishlists/5828150

Dates for the Year

Autumn Term 1 starts	Thursday 3rd September 2026 8.45 am	School open
FOCS AGM	Tuesday 29th September 7 – 8 pm	School dining hall
Year 6 Swimming	Tuesday 16th September for 10 weeks	White Horse Leisure Centre
Music flood week	21st September—25th September 2026	School and market square
FOCS coffee and second-hand uniform sale	22nd October 2026 8.45—9.15 am	Dining hall
Harvest festival	22nd October 2026 9.15—10.00 am	Trinity Church
INSET day	Friday 23rd October 2026	SCHOOL CLOSED
HALF TERM	26th—30th October 2026	SCHOOL CLOSED
Autumn Term 2 starts	Monday 2nd November 8.45 am	School open
Children in Need Day	Friday 13th November 2026	Whole school
Individual photos	Tuesday 17th November 2026	Carswell School
Learning reviews	Tuesday 17th November 2pm—7 pm	Carswell School
Learning reviews	Wednesday 18th November 2pm—6 pm	Dalton Barracks
Pantomime	Wednesday 25th November 2026 1pm	School hall
Xmas decorations morning	Friday 11th December 2026 9 -10 am	In classes
FOCS Jingle Ball	Friday 27th November 2026	School hall/ dining room
Yenworthy week—Year 6	30th Nov—4th Dec 2026	Yenworthy outdoor centre
EYFS/KS1 Nativity	Thurs 10th December 2026 9.30—10.30 am	Trinity Church
XMAS dinner and jumper day	Wednesday 16th December 2026	Carswell School
KS2 Carol Concert	18th December 2026 9.15 –10.00 am	Trinity Church
Last day of term	Friday 18th December 1.15 pm	SCHOOL CLOSED at 1.15pm
INSET day	Monday 4th January 2027	SCHOOL CLOSED
Spring term 3 starts	Tuesday 5th January 2027	School open
Year 5 Swimming	Tuesday 12th January 2027 for 10 weeks	WHLTC

Year 6 Bikeability	18th –22nd January 2027	Carswell School
International day	Friday 12th February 2027	Whole school
HALF TERM	15th February—19th February 2027	SCHOOL CLOSED at 3.15 pm
Spring term 4 starts	Monday 22nd February 2027	School open
Red nose / Lots of Socks day	Friday 19th March 2027	Whole school

Learning reviews	Tuesday 23rd March 2 pm—7 pm	Carswell School
Learning reviews	Wednesday 24th March 2 pm—6 pm	Dalton Barracks
Last day of term	Thursday 25th March 1.15 pm	SCHOOL CLOSED at 1.15 pm
BANK HOLIDAY	Friday 26th March 2027	SCHOOL CLOSED
EASTER HOLIDAYS	29th April—9th May 2027	SCHOOL CLOSED
Summer term 5 starts	Monday 12th April 2027	School open
Wear Purple Day (for military children)	Wednesday 14th April 2027	Carswell School
BANK HOLIDAY	Monday 3th May 2027	SCHOOL CLOSED
Year 6 SATs week	10th—13th May 2027	Year 6
Year 6 SATs breakfast club	10th—13th May 2027	School dining room
Hill end week	17th—20th May 2027	Hill End outdoors centre
HALF TERM	31st—4th June 2027	SCHOOL CLOSED
INSET day	Monday 7th June 2027	SCHOOL CLOSED
Summer term 6 starts	Tuesday 8th June 2027	SCHOOL OPEN
CAMO day	Friday 25th June 2027	School playground
Sports Day for yrs 1 to 6	TBC	Tilsley Park
EYFS Sports Day	TBC	School pitch

FOCS Summer Festival	Saturday 3rd July 2027 11- 2 pm	School playground
Year 6 performance	Tuesday 20th July 2027 6- 7.30 pm	Amey theatre
Year 6 Leavers service	Tuesday 21st July 9.30—10.30 am	Trinity Church
Summer term ends	Wednesday 21st July 2027 1.15 pm	SCHOOL CLOSED at 1.15 pm
SUMMER HOLIDAYS	22nd July—2nd September 2027	SCHOOL CLOSED
INSET day	Friday 3rd September 2027	SCHOOL CLOSED
INSET day	Monday 6th September 2027	SCHOOL CLOSED
Autumn term starts	Tuesday 7th September 2027	School open

Sign of the Week!







Coats

on

outside!

This week's sign was brought to you by McKinlea and Lilly!

Celebration Assembly!

Good learners!



Kindness!



Birthdays!



Carswell Star!



Achievements!





Mr Crandon's letter

Dear Carswell Community,

We're slowly sliding towards Christmas; rehearsals have begun for the Nativity and Carol Concert, we have our annual panto next week and cards have been designed, printed and given to families. It's all go!

Our learning reviews took place this week. Anyone who couldn't attend for any reason please approach your child/ren's class teacher to book a 10 minute chat - it's important for us to share your child's successes and next steps and you will be able to find out what they've been up to every day!

It was Non-School Uniform day today. Thank you to all who donated things for the Jingle Ball tombola. The school did look a bit like a fashion show during the day!

Speaking of the annual Friends of Carswell School Jingle ball it's next Friday (27th November). Take a look at page 5 for more details and to purchase tickets. It'll be loads of fun for all, including parents, and the children love the disco dancing. See you there!

Finally, just a reminder that payments for the panto, on Wednesday next week, are through ParentMail. There has been some updates to ParentMail this week that have caused some issues so please let us know if you have had any problems with payments or communications!

Have a lovely weekend.

Warm regards

Mr. Crandon

