Carswell Times

22nd October 2026

Let's Harvest!













Year 1 and 2 Harvest art!

Year 1 Peacock class read all about the Little Red Hen and used actual wheat stalks to print to make their artworks and Year 2 Tortoiseshell class created watercolours of root vegetables, showing what they look like underground. They were shown at our Harvest festival on Thursday. I think they look spectacular!

























Out and About!

EYFS Harvest performance!







Sharing bread!

Every year after our Harvest festival each class shares a loaf of bread together. In year 5 and 6 this year we learnt about the history of bread, how it connects to agriculture and why sharing food is important in all cultures and religions. They were lucky enough to have butter too!













Abingdon library half term event!

GRUFFALO GRANNY

STORYTIME & CRAFT



Celebrate the release of Gruffalo Granny with us!



Join us for a special storytime, followed by a fun craft activity where you can make your very own Gruffalo character to take home!





28th October- 11:00am- 12:30pm

Abingdon Library

Spaces are limited, book at the library counter or call: 01865 815005



The Library Abingdon



Abingdon library half term event!

HALLOWEEN SPECIAL AT ABINGDON LIBRARY



JOIN US FOR STORYTIME AT 14:30

Winnie the Witch



THEN CRAFTS AT 15:00!

MAKE YOUR OWN SPOOKY HALLOWEEN MONSTER!

Book at the library counter or call 01865 815005



Friends of Carswell School

FOCS

Parents, carers, school & community

DONATIONS NEEDED



Winter coats

Halloween costumes



We're asking for donations of winter coats and Halloween costumes, which will be sold alongside school uniform at the



FOCS COFFEE MORNING

Thursday 22nd October

(before Harvest service)

Your donations will help us raise funds for our school and community.

Drop off at the school office

Carswell Community Primary School

Happy Together Learning for Life

OPEN DAY



Reception September 2027 School Places



Come and see our wonderful school in action and find out more about joining our Carswell community.

Thursday 5th November 2026

Book your visit through the office:

office.2595@carswell.oxon.sch.uk

Guided tours available at:

- 9.30am
- 10.30am
- 11.30am
- 1.30pm

Dates for the Year

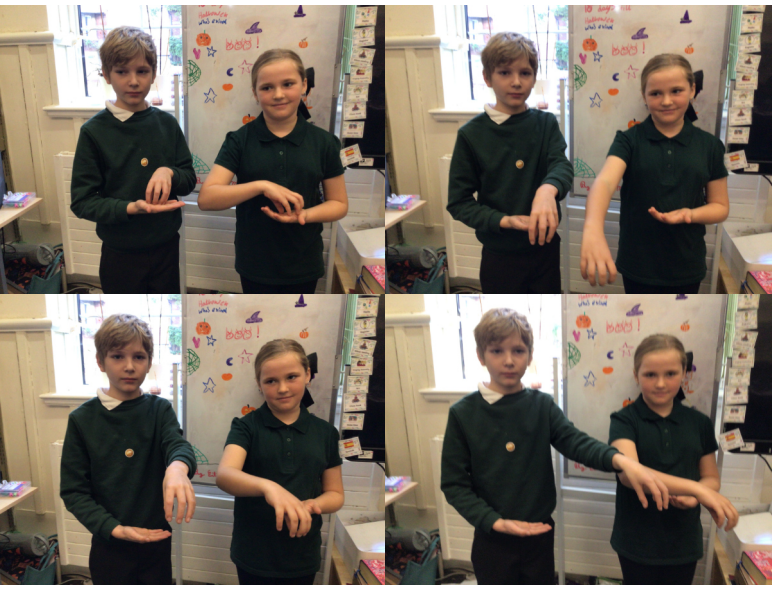
Autumn Term 1 starts	Thursday 3rd September 2026 8.45 am	School open
FOCS AGM	Tuesday 29th September 7 – 8 pm	School dining hall
Year 6 Swimming	Tuesday 16th September for 10 weeks	White Horse Leisure Centre
Music flood week	21st September—25th September 2026	School and market square
FOCS coffee and 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!



Sharing...

This week's sign is brought to you by Finn and Immi from Year 5!



Bread!



Mr Crandon's letter

Dear Carswell Community,

The last week of term is at an end and half term awaits. We've had a busy week that culminated in our Harvest festival, a lovely event that brings our community together. We had a lot of donations for the Abingdon Foodbank so thank you all, thank you to Trinity Church for hosting and thank you to the children for their wonderful singing, artworks and poems.

Each class had a loaf of bread (and butter if they wanted!) to share when they returned from the Trinity church and the teachers spoke to them about the history of sharing food throughout cultures and religions.

If you're looking for something to do over half term Abingdon library has activiites on offer. Take a look at pages 4 and 5 for more information.

We're having an open day on the first Thursday back (5th of November), groups of potential parents will be shown round the school by me or Mrs Cook, seeing the school on a typical day - staff will make sure it's even tidier than usual however!

Please remember not to come to school tomorrow, it won't be open!

Have a great half term.

Warm regards

Mr. Crandon

