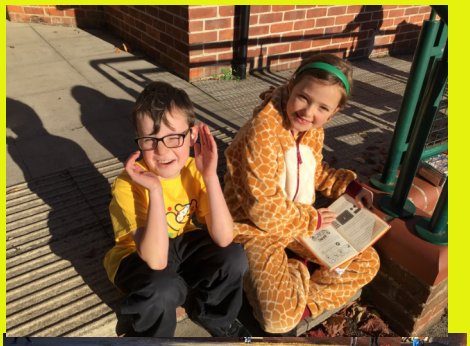
# Carswell Times

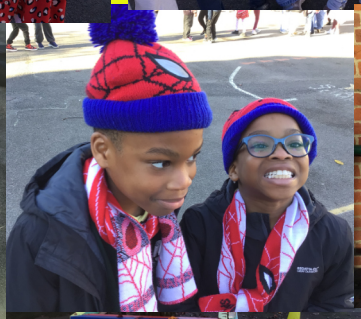
13th November 2026

# Children in Need Day!











# Remembrance assembly

It was a sombre day on Wednesday as three troops from the Barracks came to our remembrance assembly. We observed a minutes silence and two musicians from Abingdon school ended it by playing The Last Post and Revielle on bugles.
















# Great fire of london science workshop!

Science Oxford came to teach our Year 1s and 2s all about fire on Thursday. They learnt about the fire triangle and how fire spreads. There was lots of safety involved. Thank you Science Oxford!


















# Out and About!

## Playtime zones in full effect!








## Scrap pod obstacle course!





FRIENDS OF CARSWELL SCHOOL PRESENT

# Jingle Ball Disco

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## 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

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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

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| 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 |

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| 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 |

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| 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 |

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| 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!







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*This week's sign is brought to you by Elena and Maria in Year 5!*







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# Celebration Assembly!

## Good learners!




## Kindness!




## Birthdays!



## Carswell Star!




## Achievements!








# Mr Crandon's letter

Dear Carswell Community,

The leaves are falling fom the trees and scarves and gloves are out of the cupboard and onto heads and hands. The sky has been cold and grey and autumn is slowly giving way to winter. Our school is cosy though, Mr Rutty has put the boiler on and the rooms are toasty by the time the children start lessons!

There was lots of bright colours on show on Friday for Children in Need day. The school raised one hundred and fifty pounds for the Children in Need charities so thank you to all who donated!

On Friday the 27th of November we have our annual Jingle Ball, look out for ParentMails and posters for more info. It has been tricky to organise this year but Friends of Carswell School have managed to pull it off, well done them. If you'd like to give some support and time to ensure our FOCS events keep running please pop into the office for more details.

Our learning reviews are next week. Your child's class teacher will be talking about the strengths and areas for improvement in your child's learning and it's a space for you to ask questions.

Have a lovely weekend!

Best wishes

Mr. Crandon

