

Carswell Times

2nd October 2026



Ride on Time!



Our EYFS classes had a great day on Tuesday as they rode mini-cars around a 'road' and learnt about road safety with Tracey and Justin from Ride on Time. Fun and learning at the same time!



Out and About!

Stretching with Swallowtail!

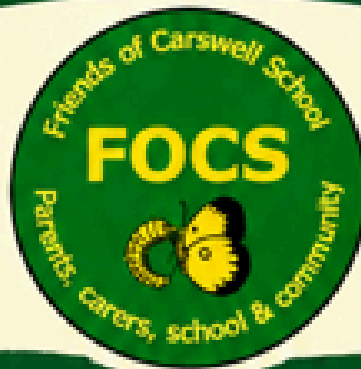


Peacocks dissolve ice!



Wood White's autumn cafe!





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



Get Involved with FOCs!

Support our school ♥ Make a difference
Be part of something special



AGM – All Welcome!

Tuesday 29 September at 6.30pm
at the School

Last year we raised

£12,700

and this has
been spent on...



A new school
minibus



School trips



New EYFS
garden



Food for
Hill End



Year 6 leavers
party and gifts



SATS
breakfast



New playground
resources

...and so
much more!



Please come along and join our team!

Without volunteers
we cannot continue
and support the school.

No matter how much time you can give,
you can make a real difference!

Friends of
Carswell
School



Make the rules day

Friday 16 October

Pay 50p for every rule you would like to make-please pass the money to your teacher

Wear silly
socks

Paint your
nails

Have crazy
hair

Have squash
in
your water
bottle

Wear your
PJs

Bring a small
teddy

Wear your
clothes
back to front

Wear make
up or face
paint



HARVEST 2026

Thank you for supporting Abingdon Foodbank this harvest.
This year we would be really grateful for:

TINNED MEAT, FISH and VEGETABLES



SOUP, BAKED BEANS, SPAGHETTI HOOPS, PASTA SAUCE, RICE, PASTA



TINNED FRUIT, PUDDINGS, PEANUT BUTTER, HONEY, BISCUITS



CEREAL, UHT MILK, COFFEE, HOT CHOCOLATE, SQUASH





**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 <u>am</u>	School open
FOCS AGM	Tuesday 29 th 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 <u>am</u>	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 11 th 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 16 th 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 <u>3th</u> 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 20 th 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!



When will

Summer

end?

This week's sign is brought to you by Peter and Nicholas from Purple Emperor class!

Celebration Assembly!

Good learners! Kindness!



Birthdays!

Carswell Star!



Achievements!



A close-up photograph of two hands with dark skin. One hand is holding a yellow pencil, and the other is resting on a piece of white paper. They are drawing a yellow shape, possibly a letter or a simple figure. The background is slightly blurred, showing more of the paper and the hands.

Mr Crandon's letter

Dear Carswell Community,

It's been balmy and warm this week, autumn is waiting in the wings but the summer's heat refuses to leave. The leaves on the trees have started to fall however so I'm sure we'll be wrapped up in scarves and coats in no time.

It was our first full governing board meeting on Monday, where we welcomed new Governors (thanks for joining!) and discussed everything from the school's finance, our development plan, policies and much more. We thank them for their continued support (and challenge!) and for giving their time and expertise.

It was also the AGM for Friends of Carswell School on Tuesday evening. They are vital to our school culture and work hard to provide all our community events throughout the year. There was much to celebrate, the biggest being our minibus, which they funded. It is a small team and getting smaller so if you can spare some time to join or volunteer you would really help to keep all those special things (Jingle Ball, Summer Festival, Discos, Make the Rules Day, Quizzes to name a few) going! We need you!

It is the abingdon Fair this weekend and on Monday and Tuesday. It does cause some traffic issues so please leave home in plenty of time to ensure you are at school for 8.40 am.

Have a lovely weekend and have fun at the fair if you go!

Best wishes

Mr. Crandon

Mr Crandon

