



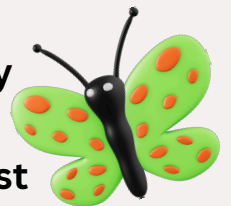
Term 3: May Newsletter 2026



Dear Parents...how did it get to be May already? We, at last are seeing some fabulous dry weather and the squeals of delight of our boys and girls to finally get on the school field, Trim Trail, Outdoor Learning Area and Forest School Area has been a real joy to witness.

Our Primary 7 pupils had a wonderful time on their residential trip to York and have many happy memories with their classmates and teachers. This is a huge undertaking by staff so I thank them for their willingness to give up their own family time for trips such as these.

Our Primary 7 pupils are experiencing all of their 'lasts' and whilst they are buzzing with excitement about moving to 'big school' they are filled with emotion about leaving us too. We wish them all the very best as they receive their school places in a few weeks time!



The rest of our pupils are enjoying various trips and special days, May assessment tests and are also thinking about which teacher they might have next year. Teachers are writing reports, engaging with training on the Science of Learning, ordering supplies for next term, preparing for Sports Day on top of teaching a busy curriculum! Parents are gallantly keeping on top of everything and we appreciate the support and encouragement given to staff by parents and grandparents!



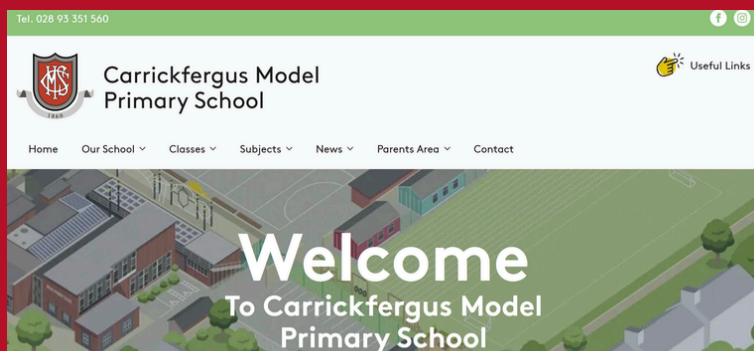
We hope that everyone enjoys the bank holiday weekend!



School Crossing Patrol - Carrickfergus Model PS (Job Reference: 26002598)

Please talk to anyone who might be interested in this post. SCPs are appointed by the Education Authority rather than individual schools so the recruitment exercise will be undertaken by the EA recruitment team.

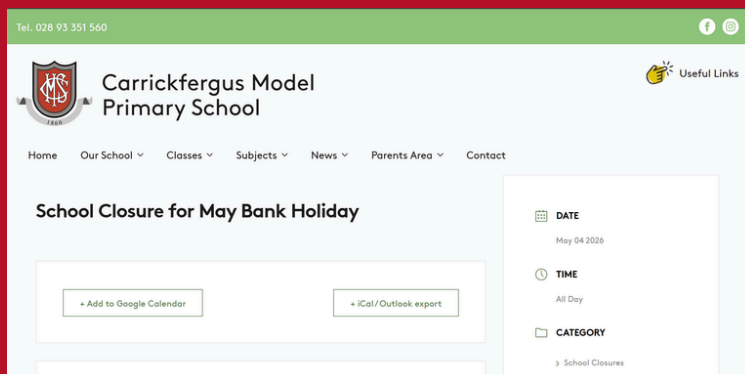
CELEBRATING 165 YEARS WITH A BRAND NEW SCHOOL WEBSITE...



ALL DATES WILL BE ADDED TO OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE CALENDAR RATHER THAN VIA THIS NEWSLETTER.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SAVE A PARTICULAR DATE TO YOUR PHONE CALENDAR ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS SELECT THE EVENT AND THEN CHOOSE TO ADD IT YOUR GOOGLE CALENDAR.

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School Closure for May Bank Holiday	Art Club P1 & P2 (1.50pm - 2.50pm) Art Club P3 - P7 (3.00pm - 4.00pm) Monkymasters P1 & P2 (1.50pm - 2.50pm) MultiSports P1 & P2 (1.50pm - 2.50pm) MultiSports P3 - P7 (2.00pm - 3.00pm) Supermasters P3 & P4 (3.00pm - 4.00pm)	Athletics P1 & P2 (1.50pm - 2.50pm) Athletics P3 - P7 (3.00pm - 4.00pm)	Acting Up Club P1 - P3 (1.50pm - 2.50pm) Acting Up Club P4 - P7 (3.00pm - 4.00pm) Cheerleading P1 - P3 (1.50pm - 2.50pm) Cheerleading P4 - P7 (3.00pm - 4.00pm) Football P1 - P3 (1.50pm - 2.50pm) Football P4 - P7 (3.00pm - 4.00pm)	Junior Choir P3 & P4 (2.00pm - 3.00pm) Orchestra P5 - P7 Invite Only (2.00pm - 3.00pm)		
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DO LET US KNOW HOW YOU GET ON AND ANYTHING ELSE THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL AS WE ARE STILL WORKING ON THE CONTENT!



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & COLLECTIVE WORSHIP SURVEY



Thank you VERY much to parents for completing the Religious Education and Collective Worship Survey. Most parents would like their children to continue learning about RE and joining other children in the hall for collective worship.

In order to protect the small number of families who wish to withdraw their child we will not be publishing the results of the survey but Mrs Miller is happy to talk to anyone in person who would like to know more about the survey results.

Details about our interim RE arrangements will be published on our website and when the new guidance arrives from the EA / DENI, further information will be communicated. Parents will know that the entire curriculum is being refreshed so RE will form part of that change.

School Residential Trips in P6 & P7



Check your ParentMail for a form to complete and have your say on school residential trips. Every parent from P1 - P6 is being asked to share their views. Whilst P6 & P7 may seem a long way off for some, it will be here soon enough! Please help us plan ahead so we have considered the views of parents and pupils.



TransformEd Update

In this Newsletter we will be focusing on the changes that will be coming to pupil 'Assessment.'

How we assess pupils is important and this will look very different at 5 years old and 11 years old. For a long time now primary schools have had to decide for themselves how pupils are assessed and this has made huge differences across our system also costing the school a huge amount of money to buy into GL tests. This year we are changing this slightly to try and be measured in the amount of assessment we are doing. However, we are in an interim period as all assessment will be changing through TransformEd in the next few years. So, what will this look like?

- Baseline Check in Primary 1
- Phonics Check in Primary 2
- Annual reading fluency checks in Primary 3 - Primary 5
- Literacy and Numeracy Assessments in Primary 4
- A multiplication check in Primary 5
- Literacy, Numeracy and Science assessments in Primary 7 and Year 10

This is a few years away from implementation but we will keep you updated!

This year, all Primary 3 - Primary 7 pupils will be sitting standardised tests throughout the month of May. These cannot be revised for but please do encourage your child to attend well and focus and concentrate as best they can.



SPORTS WEEK 2026

Wear school PE kit Monday - Thursday and your own Sports Gear on Friday!

Monday 18th May: Sports Day Run through

Tuesday 19th May: Sports Day

Wednesday 20th May: P1 - P4 House Sports & P5 Swimming

Thursday 21st May: P5 - P5 House Sports

Friday 22nd May: Whole School Mini-marathon

Sports week has something for everyone! Lots of healthy competition but also lots of activities with friends and staff.

Some children love Sports Week but we know that some aren't so sure but we want everyone to join in, cheer for others and focus on having fun together.

The PTA will be serving tea & coffee and our annual pre-loved uniform sale will also be available.

More to follow...



Bounce 'N' Bop!

Our Annual PTA Summer Fundraiser will take place on Thursday 18th June this year!

Whether our boys and girls fancy a bounce on a Bouncy Castle, zoomies on a space hopper or bungee jumper or a bop and groove to music in our designated dance and bop area, we are going to have lots of fun!

There will be a minimum £5 donation and permission required for every child to take part but we hope to raise as much money as we can for the following:

New school sound system / Nando's upkeep / Buddy shelters for the playground to help on damp days