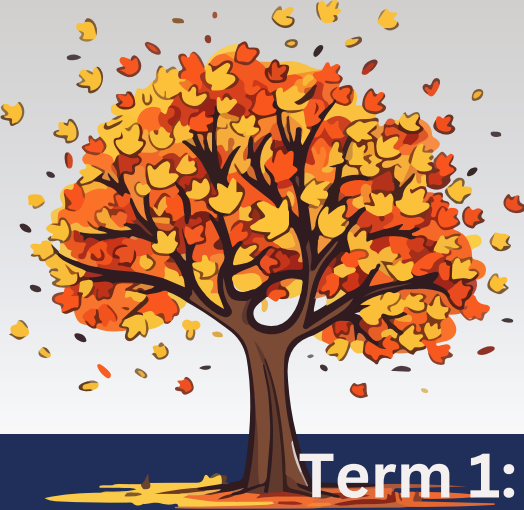




Carrickfergus Model Primary School

"Aspiring to learn, care and grow
together."



Term 1: October Newsletter 2026

Dear Parents,

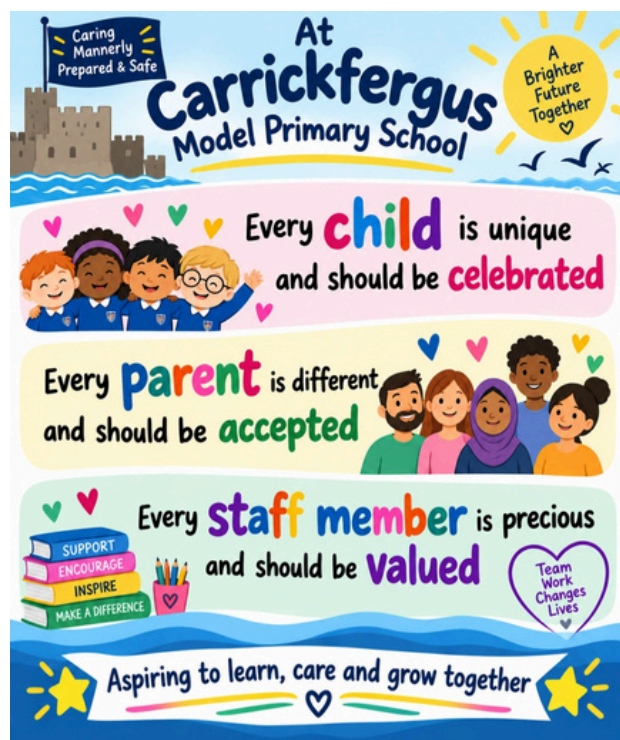
September is now complete and the pupils should be well settled into their new classes. I would like to thank my staff for getting to this point and all the reassurance they have given to parents and pupils at the start of term.

I am hopeful that the school kitchen can remain fully operational now. My thanks to local MLA, John Stewart and the EA Building Maintenance and Grounds Maintenance Teams for their help. A special thanks to our school kitchen team who have ensured that the kitchen is immaculately clean and ready to go!

After reading this Newsletter you will appreciate how busy October quickly becomes. The big 'C' word is already being whispered in the corridors as staff make seasonal preparations...86 days until Santa!

It was lovely to see so many parents attend our annual PTA meeting; plenty of ideas put forward and decisions made. We love parents getting involved with school life so even if you missed the meeting you can still be involved. Lots of these plans have been spoken about in Assembly so the children should know about some of them already.

Mrs Miller
Principal



Small Contributions
Make a Big Difference.
♥

Voluntary Contribution ♥

Together
We Can
Make a
Difference
♥

Supporting Our School ♥ Supporting Our Children ♥ Brighter Futures



Here at the Model we fully recognise how challenging family finances can be and how expensive having a child at school is.



Unfortunately all schools are in difficult financial position where 98% of the allocated budget goes on staffing and most schools going further into a deficit.



At present, teachers receive **£10 per child** to purchase everything they need for the entire school year.



Parental **voluntary** contribution enables us to top this up throughout the year and assists us with maintaining our school building for the comfort & safety of everyone.

Kind
Parents
Stronger
Schools
Brighter
Futures
♥

Each year we ask for

£25
per pupil

£35
per family

The money given by parents this year will be split between your child's class and school maintenance.



Every year we are blown away by the generosity of parents so every year we promise to spend your generously given money wisely.

Thank you very much in advance

as we know how hard it is for families but we want the best for our pupils which is why we ask.

A Brighter
Tomorrow
Together
♥

CHILDREN ♥ FAMILIES ♥ OUR SCHOOL ♥ OUR COMMUNITY



Winter Uniform



from Tuesday 29th September

Shirts & ties for everyone



Shirts can be long or short sleeved.

We would particularly love our KS2 children to wear proper ties rather than elasticated to get them ready for big school.

Polo shirts / white T-shirts

are for PE days only.



PE footwear

Proper trainers are preferred rather than Converse-style shoes, as they offer better protection when children are playing in the playground or on the field.



No jewellery on PE days please.



Boys may wear grey shorts all year round

as we know they can get warm!



Uniform change in 2027/28



There is another minor change to our uniform coming in 2027/28, which Governors will communicate in due course.

Please name everything!



Especially jumpers and cardigans – we have these left behind in the playground every day!

Please always send a coat



Our weather can change very quickly!



Thank you for your continued support!





Every year we gather as a whole school to celebrate Harvest and create mini Harvest Hampers to take to local elderly residents. This has been a long standing tradition in our school and fits in well with our 'Take 5 initiative.' The Gratitude & Giving aspect of Harvest teaches children to think of and care for others.

In order to make our hampers we kindly ask each child to bring something very specific. We are incredibly grateful for your support! ♥



P1

Please bring a tin of soup.



Each P1 child will add their tin to the Harvest table; their first visit to the whole school Assembly which is a very special moment for them!

P2

Please bring a packet of nice biscuits.



P3

Please bring tea, coffee or hot chocolate.



P4

Please bring a nice bar of chocolate.



P5

Please bring a bag of boiled sweets or mints.



P5 pupils make and deliver the Harvest hampers to local elderly residents alongside handwritten notes; something they look forward to every year.

P6

Please bring soap, shower gel or hand cream.



P7

Please bring a bunch of flowers or a potted plant on Thursday 8th October.



Their last Harvest at primary school!

When to send items in?

Please send your child's item to school between Monday 5th October – Wednesday 7th October. Hampers will be made on Wednesday afternoon.

Flowers / plants can be brought in on Thursday 8th October (the morning of Harvest).

♥ Gratitude
♥ Giving
♥ Kindness
♥ Community

♥ Together we can make a difference ♥

A Kinder Brighter Tomorrow ♥

Stronger
Together

Our School
Our Community
Brighter Futures

PTA Events

2026 - 2027

Great Events ♥ Happy Children ♥ A Brighter Tomorrow

Small
Support
Makes a
Big Difference

Get Involved
Make a Difference
Be Part of It! ♥



Golden Glow Disco

Thursday 15th (pm) &
Friday 16th (am) October

**Helpers
Needed!**



Book Fair

Week of 2nd November

**Helpers
Needed!**



**New Skill November
Challenge**

Month of November

Learn
Try
Achieve
Grow!



Christmas Decorating

Thursday 26th or
Friday 27th November

**Helpers
Needed!**



Whole School Santa Walk

Friday 4th December

Walk
for a
brighter
tomorrow! ♥



**Model Cozy Christmas
(Wear pyjamas)**

Thursday 17th December



Open Day

Saturday 9th January

Come
and see
our amazing
school! ♥



**No January Blues
(Dress up)**

Friday 29th January

Positive Minds
Brighter Days ♥



KS2 School Production

Week of Monday 8th March

**Helpers
Needed!**



Spring Raffle

Month of April

Fantastic
Prizes! ★



Sports Day

Tuesday 25th May

**Helpers
Needed!**



Whole School Colour Run

Thursday 10th June

**Helpers
Needed!**

♥ Thank you for supporting our school! ♥

This year we are fundraising towards
new Ride-on vehicles & storage
and a **multipurpose garden pod**

PTA
Makes It
Happen!





PTA

FUNDRAISING!

Working together to make our school even better

What did we fundraise for last year?

- ★ Playground Markings
- ★ Completion of our Zen Den
- ★ Top up of Playground Toys
- ★ Rewards & Certificates



What are the PTA fundraising for this year?

2026-2027

- ★ Ride-Ons & Scooters for different ages with storage to further develop gross motor skills which are essential for written work & concentration.
- ★ Phonetical Readers for P1 - P4
- ★ A two-year plan to buy a brand new multi-purpose garden pod (different learning spaces are at a premium!)



Thank you for supporting
our school PTA!



Medical or Allergies Communication

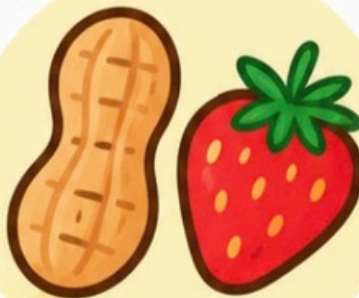
New parents or for a child where there has been a change to the management of an allergy or a medical condition (even if it is no longer the case) please email



dcaldwell883@c2kni.net



New
Medication



New or
Existing Allergies



No Longer
Needs Medication
or Allergy

Please keep us informed of any updates so we can ensure your child's health, safety and wellbeing is always supported.



GOLDEN GLOW DISCO!

CARRICKFERGUS MODEL PRIMARY SCHOOL



Thursday
15th October

P6 - P7

6.45pm - 8.00pm

Friday
16th October

P1 - P5

during the school day

Family Photo Evening

Thursday 19th November 2026

in the school hall

More Info about booking to come after the half-term break so don't contact the office just yet...thank you!

It will be from 5.00pm onwards and will depend on numbers.

This has been very popular in the past!



 **Family Photo Evening**
by Cool For School Photography

The Ultimate Digital & Print Package
Update your family album *and support your school* at the same time!
Join us for a fun, and relaxed evening session to get beautiful, professional portraits of your whole family.

- **4 High-Resolution Digital Images** — Professionally edited and delivered right to your inbox.
- **4 FREE 8x6 Prints** — from your digital images delivered to your child's school

Complete Package £50
£10 goes straight to school funds/PTA

Important Session Details
To maximize school fundraising capacity and ensure every family gets their dedicated time, sessions are strictly **5 minutes** long and focused entirely on capturing the full family unit together in one group setup.
Please note: Due to the quick pacing of the evening, we are unable to split sessions into separate individual child or sibling mini-setups.

HOW TO BOOK
Sessions are limited!
Contact school office to arrange a time slot and pay **£10 booking deposit**.
This goes straight to school funds and comes off the total price - **only £40 to pay on the night**.