THE CARRWOOD TIMES

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School re-opens on Monday 2nd November 2026

Reception Acorns will be visiting Santa at Tong Garden Centre on Wednesday 2nd December. The cost of the trip is £9.50. Payment and consent must be given via parent pay.

Our school Pantomime visit will be on Wednesday 13th January 2027.

We will be going to the Alahmbra Theatre to see 'The Pantomime Adventures of Peter Pan'. The cost of this is £13.00 and needs to be paid via parentpay before 6th January 2027. Only children from Reception to Year 6 will attend the Pantomime.





Starting 5th November there will be a FREE 5 week baby massage course at Carrwood Primary. This will be every Thursday from 12.45pm - 2.45pm. Please call 01274 434940 if you would like a place or more information!

Poppy items will be on sale during the school day after the half term break. Please send your child to school with the correct change. Items and prices can be seen on our Facebook page.





The cost of a primary school dinner at Carrwood is **£2.66.** The cost of a nursery child dinner is **£2.46.** Dinners must be paid for via parentpay.

Secondary School Applications for September 2027

The application for Year 7 closes on 31st October 2026 you **MUST** have applied before this date to ensure your child gets a place in secondary school for September 2027.

Look at what we have been up to this half term!



FREE SCHOOL MEALS UPDATE !

From September 2026 there has been some changes to free school meals. These changes mean that many more families at Carrwood Primary School will be entitled to receive support. Free school meals provide children with a nutritious meal during the school day, playing an important role in supporting their health, wellbeing, and learning.

What are the changes?

There will now be two categories of benefits-related free school meals:

Targeted FSM: This applies to pupils from households receiving Universal Credit with an annual earned household income of £7,400 or less.

Expanded FSM: This is a brand-new category for pupils in households that receive Universal Credit but have an annual earned income above £7,400.

Who will benefit from Expanded FSM?

From September 2026, the previous £7,400 income threshold is being removed for general eligibility. This means all children in households receiving Universal Credit will be entitled to a free school meal each day.

What if your household income is £7,400 or less?

Families qualifying for Targeted FSM (income of £7,400 or less) receive additional support beyond a free school meal. Depending on the school, this can include funding towards educational visits, school uniforms, milk, and other school-provided support.

Does this affect Universal Infant Free School Meals?

No. All children in Reception, Year 1, and Year 2 will continue to receive Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) automatically.

Important Note: Even if your child already receives UIFSM, we highly recommend checking whether you qualify under the new FSM criteria. Qualifying under these categories allows our school to access crucial additional funding to support your child's learning.

How to apply:

- If your child already receives benefits-related FSM (not just the standard Infant Free Meals), you do not need to do anything. Bradford Council has advised that they will automatically identify eligible families and update our school records before the autumn term starts.
- If your child currently receives benefits-related FSM but your circumstances have changed since you first applied, you may need to check if you are still eligible.
- If you wish to apply under the new Expanded FSM criteria, you can do so directly through the Bradford Council website, just search Free School Meals.

Please visit **www.bradford.gov.uk/benefits/applying-for-benefits/free-school-meals**