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## Parent Weekly Newsletter

Summary of Spring 1  
Week 1

w/c 6th January 2024

What's going on behind the  
scenes at Carcroft School?



Dates for the forthcoming week (Spring 1 Week 3)  
w/c Monday 20th January  
[Spring 1 Diary Dates](#)

**Winter Reading Competition continues...**

**Thursday 23rd January** - KS1(Y1 & Y2) Road Safety 1:30 - 2:30

**Thursday 23rd January** - Winter Reading Competition - winners breakfast

**Thursday 23rd January** - LKS2(Y3 & Y4) Basketball tournament at Campsmount

**Friday 24th January** - Staff training day, school closed to pupils



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**w/c 27th January (week 4)**

**Monday 27th January** - Staff training day, school closed to pupils

**Tuesday 28th January - Thursday 30th January** - SLC (individual dates have been sent out to parents)



## Sharing our Stories as we go...

We understand that life gets busy so parents do not always get the chance to visit our website but we want to share with you all of the amazing stuff we get up to at Carcroft School; we call this sharing our stories.

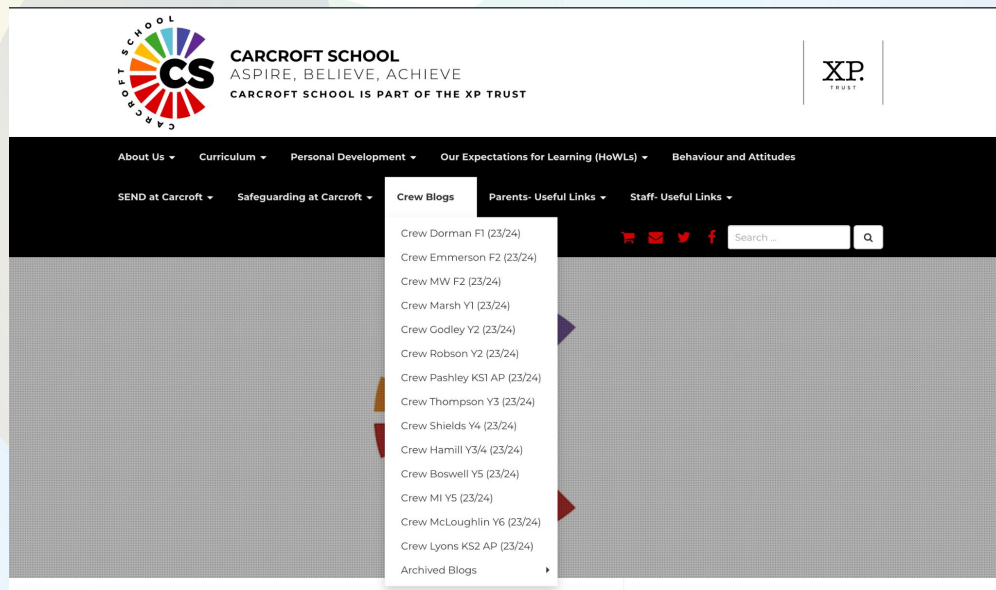
In order to share our stories, as well as blogging on our website, we are also going to provide snapshots via our weekly newsletter.

However, if you wish to see more of what your child gets up to whilst at school, head to our website using this link and head to crew blogs and select your child's crew.

[Website link](#)



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## Celebrating the Best Version of You!

At Carcroft School and across the XP Trust we want our children to leave us being the best version of themselves. In order to support our pupils to achieve this, we focus on three key things (3 dimensions):

1. Character Growth
2. Beautiful Work
3. Academic Success

Each week we will showcase how this is done!

## Character Growth (Crew)





## Kindness Crew

With it being our first week back after the Christmas holidays, we have had lots of crew challenges to continue to develop our Be Kind HoWL. We particularly enjoyed the Jelly Baby challenge where we were challenged to look after our Jelly Baby, all day, without eating it! Some of the crew made it a safe space to ensure it was well looked after. Fortunately, five out of the six Jelly Babies survived, with Declan's still going strong two days later!

choose  
Kindness



## Academic Success- Reading

We aspire for our pupils to leave us achieving the best they can academically across the curriculum.



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Children must bring their book bag into school every day so that their reads can be checked and in case their book gets changed.

It is extremely important that children are reading daily at home.

Thank you for your support with this.

Please can we ask that children are reading their book at home for 10 minutes per day and at least 3 x per week/ ideally 4 times a week.



## Academic Success- Reading

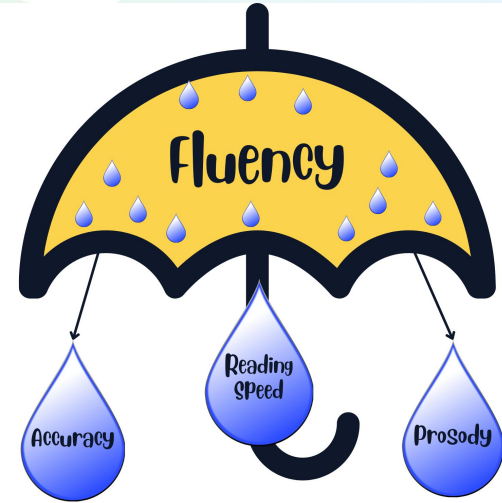


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Our activate today really worked on our fluency and words per minute, something we are really working on this term.



Our reading focus across school is to continue to improve our reading fluency. This means that we are practicing reading with accuracy, at a good pace with expression and intonation.

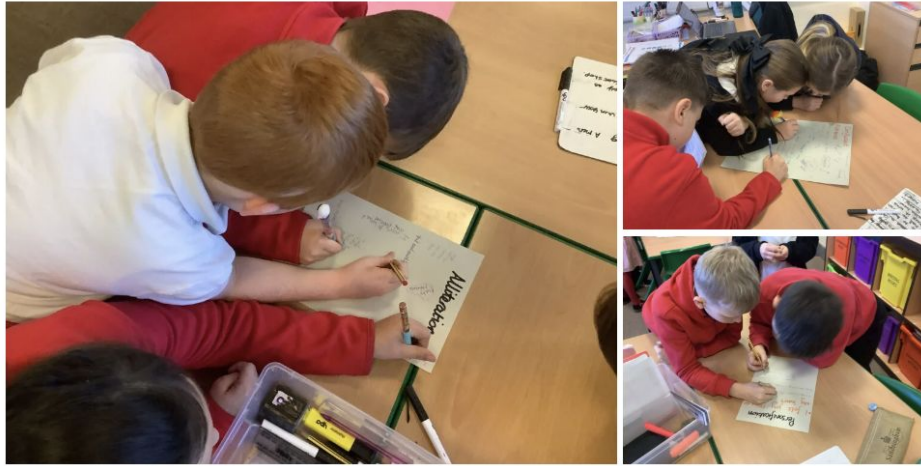


## Academic Success- Grammar/Writing



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Today in Crew Wilkinson, we have been looking at figurative language. We created some figurative language that could be used in our setting description.



Learning about figurative language in Y5.

This is week we have started our writing about Stan and Mabel who are trying to gather other animals to be able to join an orchestra. We have so far met a duck that plays an oboe and rabbits that play the drums.





# Academic Success- Maths



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Grappling with length in Crew MI.



Hook Week...  
See how things grow: How do things grow and change?



Counting in nursery! Great maths!



Being artists! Working as a crew to  
create art work.



## Wider Curriculum KS1

*Hook Week... Family learning fun*  
**Ready, steady, grow! How can I be the healthiest version of me?**



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As part of our hook week activities we have been listening to different genres of music and reflecting on how the songs made us feel. From Taylor Swift and Jay-Z to Bob Marley and Frank Sinatra, there was something for everyone!!





Crew Godley have had a fantastic week exploring their teeth. We began our learning by looking at the different types of teeth we have and their purposes. We explored our mouths with a mirror where we looked at the different teeth we have.

We then created moulds of our teeth so we could compare where we all were in our journey. Some of us had lost baby teeth whilst others were still waiting too.



*Hook week...*

**Photos that changed the world: How can one moment influence our future?**



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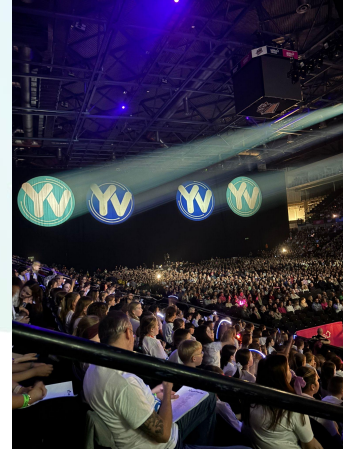


## Wider Curriculum Choir

# Young Voices 2025!



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This week, our school choir attended Young Voices 2025 at Sheffield Arena. The whole day was absolutely incredible and our children were all wonderful! We feel very proud of each and every one of them - such an amazing experience and we cannot wait for next year! A HUGE thank you to Mrs Atherton and Miss Evans for supporting, as well as the parents who joined us on the day - same again next year?!

**Miss McGlone**



## Attendance for this week...

Current School Attendance is ....

W/E 10/01/25	Attendance Figure %
Crew McLoughlin* (Y6)	98.15
Crew Hamill* (Y5/6)	97.18
Crew Robsons (Y2)	95.17
Crew Wilkinson (Y5/6)	94.71
Crew MI* (Y4)	93.46
Crew Tymon (FS2/Y1/Y2)	93.33
Crew Shields* (Y3)	93.07
Crew McGlone* (FS1)	92.40
Crew Frost* (FS2)	91.92
Crew Marsh* (Y1)	91.42
Crew Godley* (Y4/5/6)	80.00

**Our School  
Attendance  
Target is 96%**

**Just a reminder that  
to achieve 96% for  
the year that children  
must not be absent  
for more than 6 or 7  
days in a year.**

