



# CARLTON MINIOTT PRIMARY ACADEMY

## Dates for your diary 2023/2024

- 1st February - Year 5 Trip / SEN Drop-In
- 5th February - Year 2 Cake Stall
- 7th February - Class 5 Open Classroom
- 8th February - Class R Open Classroom / Yrs 3/4 Tchoukball Competition / FOS Disco
- 9th February - School closes for Half-Term
- 19th February - School Re-opens
- 21st February - Young Voices Concert
- 22nd February - Yrs 5/6 Dodgeball
- 26th February - Class 3 Cake Stall / Class 4 Open Classroom
- 28th February - Class 2 Open Classroom
- 7th March - Year 4 School trip / Yrs 1/2 Key Steps Gym Competition / Year 5 last swim lesson
- 11th March - Class 5 Cake Stall

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## Cross Country

Yesterday we took 40 KS2 children to the local cross country competition. There were 8 races for the different age groups. Our children did fantastically well with the majority of them finishing very near the front.

Out of the 8 races Carlton Miniott had someone finish in the top 3 in six of the races. Well done to everyone who took part.



## SEN Drop-In

On Thursday next week at 3pm we will be holding a drop-in session for any parents who want to talk about special needs with our SEN Lead, Mrs Carol Logan-Meredith.

## Letter from School's Minister

This week we were very pleased to receive a letter from the School's Minister, which I would like to share with you. Please see next page.



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## Dates for your diary 2023/2024 - continued

- 14th March - Year 3  
Swimming lessons start /  
Yrs 5/6 Hi Five Netball  
Competition / Class 3  
Open Classroom
- 19th March - Class 6 Open  
Classroom
- 22nd March - School closes  
for Easter Holidays
- 8th April—Staff Training  
Day, no students in school
- 9th April - School re-  
opens for Summer Term



**Rt Hon Damian Hinds MP**  
Minister for Schools

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Mr Steve Crocker  
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08 January 2024

*Dear Mr Crocker,*

I am writing to congratulate you on your school's outstanding achievement in the 2023 Phonics Screening Check.

We want to ensure every child develops a firm grasp of phonics as the basis on which to improve standards of reading. As such I was delighted to see your results.

With 97 per cent of pupils in Year 1 at Carlton Miniott Primary Academy meeting the expected standard in the check, your school is in the top 3 per cent of all primary schools in the country.

The latest figures show that 83 per cent of pupils who met the expected standard in the check went on to achieve at least the expected standard in reading at key stage 2 in 2023, which underlines the importance of developing the ability to decode words effectively at an early age.

Your particular success in teaching phonics and early reading so effectively means your pupils are developing a firm foundation, from which they can become increasingly fluent and develop a lifelong love of reading.

I would like to thank you for your commitment and success in this vital area of a child's early education and congratulate you, your staff and pupils again on all you have achieved.

Yours sincerely,

*Damian Hinds*

**Damian Hinds**  
Minister for Schools

## Fallen Wall

As you will know the boundary wall has been blown over in the high winds and we are in the process of getting this repaired. I would like to say a big thank you to Thirsk Racecourse and the parents who work there for organising the metal barriers so that the school can continue to operate as normal.



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## A Message from our School Council

Dear Parents,

My name is Pippa and I am a member of the School Council. We have found out from talking to children in school that they would like an outdoor classroom/tree house classroom like the one below, for us to play board games and read in at playtimes and lunchtimes.

We are aiming to begin to start raising money for this but wondered if anyone had any links to any businesses that would like to support us in this project. If you do that would be amazing. Please let the School Office know.

From The School Council.



## FOS date for your diary

Don't forget that our next FOS disco will be on Thursday 8th February.

Times and prices remain the same as last year:

5-5.30pm - Class R £2.50. Parents/carers must stay with their child throughout.

5.45-6.45pm - Classes 1-3 (£4 incl drink and hotdog)

7-8pm - Classes 4-6 (£4 incl drink and hotdog).

More information can be found on the school website:-  
[www.carltonminiottacademy.org](http://www.carltonminiottacademy.org)