# Carr Lodge Autumn News 2025



#### Dear Families,

As we come to the end of this Autumn term, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt thanks to our wonderful parents and the wider community for your continued support and partnership. Our children have been simply amazing — their enthusiasm, kindness and eagerness to learn have shone through in every classroom and it has been a joy to watch them grow and achieve so much this term. I am equally proud of our dedicated staff, whose strength, compassion and unwavering commitment have carried us through challenging times and truly helped us weather the storm together. It has been a term full of learning, collaboration and resilience and I couldn't be prouder of what we've accomplished as a school community.

Have a wonderful half-term.

**Mrs Sarah Crampton - Principal** 

### Nursery

Nursery have had a lovely first half term settling into new their new routines. The children have impressed us so much with their resilience and motivation to learn. Forest Friday has been a huge hit so far! They have learnt all about their own identity and the identity of others. This week we enjoyed learning all about the festival of lights, Diwali.

## Reception

This half term has been full of fun, learning and celebration — a fantastic way to begin the year! We kicked things off by celebrating Elmer Day, where we explored the theme of celebrating differences and enjoyed lots of creative activities linked to the story.

As part of our 10-year anniversary celebrations, the children learned the song "When I Grow Up" from the film Matilda. Their performance was absolutely amazing — we were so proud of their enthusiasm and confidence in front of an audience!

## Year 1

We are so proud of how well Year 1 have settled into their new routines this term. The children have shown great enthusiasm for learning and are already making great progress. One area they have been working particularly hard on is their handwriting – they've been introduced to the handwriting lines and their writing is looking beautiful!

In DT this half term, the children have been learning all about fruits and vegetables, with a focus on smoothies. They enjoyed exploring different fruit combinations and decided to make their own smoothies to sell and raise money for their outdoor provision. The event was a huge success – thanks to their hard work (and some very tasty smoothies!) they raised over £100!

### Year 2

Year 2 have had a busy and exciting start to the year, diving into their topic on transport and how it has changed over time. The children have really enjoyed exploring how different types of transport have evolved and they're looking forward to building on this learning with a visit to the Danum Museum next half term.

In Design and Technology, the children have been investigating mechanisms, with a focus on how wheels and axles work. They had great fun racing their creations against each other to test how successful their designs were!

Music has also been a real highlight for Year 2 this term. The children have been learning to find the beat and perform using a range of instruments. They were thrilled to showcase their musical talents during the school's ten-year anniversary show — a proud moment for all!

Year 3 has had a brilliant start to the year, exploring our topic 'Pre-Historic Britain'. The children have learnt about the beginning of pre-history, in particular, the three eras of the Stone Age. They have enjoyed learning about how life changed over time and also how the weapons improved over time. Alongside all of this learning, they had the opportunity to go to Creswell Crags where they could bring their learning to life. They jumped into the roles of archaeologists and palaeontologists and this was a real highlight of the trip.

Year 3

In Art, the children have been developing their sketching skills, looking at tone, texture and shape. They have learnt a range of techniques to be able to add detail to the sketches. For the final piece, they used their observation skills and sketching techniques to be able to draw a Mesolithic clay pot from a range of perspectives. This was a great opportunity to practice being resilient and reflective, as being an artist, it took them time to perfect.

In Science, we have been exploring different types of rocks. We were very lucky to have a special visitor who shared his expertise on the formation of rocks. During the day, they had the opportunity to hold a range of rocks that had been discovered from around the country. They were truly invested and this visit will support us greatly in the next few lessons.

A real highlight of the term so far, was definitely our Careers Day. All of the children loved sharing what they wanted to be when they grow up. In Year 3, we had a cake tester come in and share all the insights to the food production industry. They were able to use their evaluation skills and reflect on the taste, texture and appearance. This visit will really support us in our upcoming DT project, where we will design, make and evaluate a fruit tart.

Year 4

Year 4 have started the new school year in productive fashion - reading the Iron Man in English and composing poetry and character descriptions around this, plus covering Place Value, Addition and Subtraction in Maths.

We have kick started our exciting Industrial Revolution topic with a trip to York Railway Museum just last week and have thoroughly enjoyed learning about life in these trying and difficult times and the wondrous inventions that improved living conditions for people for centuries to come. In Science, we have been learning all about states of matter, which has linked nicely with exploring how steam engines work. In PE, we have been orienteering as part of our OAA topic and mastering a range of football skills, with the help of Activ8 in PE.

On the more creative side of things, we have rounded things off by producing sketches of the Iron Man, plus cityscapes reflecting the grim times, with London Town struggling beneath a dense smog!

What an amazing half term it's been for Year 5 at Carr Lodge!

We began the term with a Road Safety session, where pupils learned the importance of keeping safe when out and about.

One of our highlights was our Creative Benin Workshop, where we explored the fascinating Kingdom of Benin through drama. The children brought history to life by acting out key moments, discovering new facts, and deepening their understanding of this incredible civilisation.

Another special moment this half term was celebrating Carr Lodge's 10th Anniversary! To mark this milestone, Year 5 performed "This Is Me" from The Greatest Showman, complete with Makaton signs that we learned especially for the occasion. It was a moving and joyful performance that made us all proud.

To round off the half term, we were thrilled to welcome families into school for our very first **Year 5 Stay and Learn session**. The children loved sharing their knowledge and showing parents what they've been learning—it was wonderful to see so many smiles and so much enthusiasm in the room!

It truly has been a **fantastic start to Year 5**, and we couldn't be prouder of how engaged, curious, and creative our pupils have been. We're already looking forward to next half term, which promises to be filled with even more exciting learning and opportunities!

Year 5

Year 6 have made a fantastic start to their final year at primary school! The children have settled in brilliantly and are already showing great enthusiasm and maturity in everything they do.

In English, we've been diving into our class text, *The Boy at the Back of the Classroom* by Onjali Q. Raúf — a powerful story that has sparked thoughtful discussions about friendship, kindness, and understanding the experiences of others. The pupils have really impressed us with their empathy and the quality of their written responses.

In Maths, we've been working hard to develop and secure our knowledge of place value and the four operations. The children have shown great perseverance as they tackle challenging problems and deepen their understanding of number relationships — an excellent foundation for the year ahead.

We're also very excited to be working alongside South Yorkshire Police on their new Citizenship Project. This partnership is helping our pupils learn about responsibility, community, and how to be positive role models both in and out of school.

Year 6 are currently busy preparing their **Social Justice** project and we can't wait to share it with you all next term.

It's been a busy and brilliant start to Year 6, and we can't wait to see what the rest of the year brings!

The whole school took part in 'When I Grow Up' day at the start of October. Children dressed up in an outfit that showed their ambition for the future. From astronauts to zoo keepers and everything in between. It was amazing to see the children's ambitions and also the creative ways that people showcased their plans for the future.

# When I Grow up Day

During the day, children took part in an inspiring assembly before taking part in a range of workshops run by our amazing volunteers. Children got to do a range of activities including: learning about selling houses, making plans as interior designers, learning about the logistics involved in 3 different companies, learning what it is like to be a GP, learning how to carry out taste testing for the next cake creations and to talk to a Red Bull pit team design engineer. All of these sessions and the careers talks in Year 5 and 6, really got the children engaged and motivated about their future.

Thank you so much to all the parents who donated their time and shared their skills and knowledge with the children. You made the day an amazing success.

**Harvest** -Thank you to everyone who supported our harvest food collection. We were overwhelmed by your generosity and this was greatly appreciated by the Food Bank.

**Spooky Disco-** We are over the moon to announce the Spooky Disco has raised just over £1000 which will all support school funds at Carr Lodge. Thank you so much for your support it was a brilliant event.

### **Good byes and Good Luck!**

### **Other News**

We want to thank the following staff for their dedication to Carr Lodge and wish them well- Miss Corns and Mrs Gill are starting their maternity leave and will be returning next year. We hope they have a wonderful time with their new babies and are looking forward to baby cuddles very soon!

Miss Johnstone is relocating with her family and will be sadly missed by everyone at Carr Lodge. Miss Johnstone has been with Carr Lodge since we opened our doors in September 2015 and has been part of the Early Years Team for most of this time. She has brought fun, laughter and sarcasm to the team and things just won't be the same without her! We wish her well on her new role and good luck relocating with her family.

# Year 6

# Carr Lodge Autumn Gallery

















