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Dear Parents and Carers,

21st May 2025

It's nearly Carnival time and I'm delighted to share that the *Schools of Chesham Carnival* will be back for its 52nd year on **Saturday 14th June 2025**. This year's theme is Children's Books, and at Waterside, we're very excited to be creating a float inspired by the wonderful stories of Julia Donaldson. Our PTA is working incredibly hard to bring the theme to life, and we'd love your support to help make this year's event a memorable one for the whole community.

Mufti-Day – Thursday 22nd May

To help build donations for the Carnival, we will be holding a Mufti Day on Thursday 22nd May. Children are invited to come to school in their own clothes in exchange for bringing in a bottle donation for the event. All types of bottles are welcome (e.g. drinks, toiletries), but please ensure they are unopened and in date. Bottles will be accepted after half term so don't worry if you can't donate one tomorrow.

Creative Day – Wednesday 28th May, 10.30 am–12.30pm

The PTA will be holding a special Creative Day at school to prepare for the float, and everyone is welcome. Please come along with your children to help design and build our amazing Julia Donaldson-themed float.

Volunteers Needed

To ensure the carnival runs smoothly, we are in need of volunteers to act as:

- Marshals (a short meeting will be held ahead of the event),
- Bucket collectors
- Helpers to set up on Friday 13th June and clear down after the procession.

These roles are essential to the event's success, and your support would be greatly appreciated. **Link for volunteers to sign up:** <https://forms.office.com/e/tsZQxEKPzJ>

Creative Week in School – 2nd to 6th June

The week after half term, children will be working on float decorations during the afternoons. Please send them in with a painting apron or old shirt/t-shirt to protect their school uniform.

Float Riders

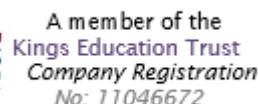
Fifteen children will be selected to ride on the float during the carnival. If your child is chosen, we will contact you with further details.

This is always a fantastic community event, and it's wonderful to see the children's creativity and teamwork on display. Thank you, as always, for supporting the school and the PTA – we couldn't do it without you.

Warm regards,

Mrs Blackmore

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