



Welcome to Carlton Cricket Club!



We'd like to extend a warm welcome to you and your child(ren) to Carlton Cricket Club's 2025 season. This note is a brief introduction to the club; there is lots more information on the [Junior section of the club website](#).

What to expect

Cricket! And fun.

Primary training sessions are on Wednesday evenings, starting on 23 April, and are listed in [Teams and Training Times](#). Here is a summary.

Squads	Times
P2 - P4	5:40 - 6:55pm
P5	7:00 - 8:15pm

All training sessions are at [our ground in Grange Loan](#).

We are planning to have a cake stall and teas/coffees at Primary training sessions, which is a highlight of the training sessions from the children's point of view.

What should I bring to training sessions?

Your child does not need any cricket kit, we have everything they will need for training and matches. They will be playing with a soft ball, so they don't use pads, gloves, helmets etc.

Wear something warm and comfortable that you don't mind attracting grass or mud stains.

We also offer a range of cricket clothing through <https://www.gray-nicolls.co.uk/collections/carlton>, including the ever-popular Carlton hoodie. These are entirely optional.

It's also a good idea to bring a water bottle, and 50p to spend at the cake stall.

Finally, please label anything which can be dropped: hoodies, hats, water bottles ...

Are there matches?

Yes! We play Kwik Cricket (softball) matches against other clubs on many Sunday mornings. The schedule is not published yet, we'll be in touch with details in a few weeks.

The general pattern on a Sunday morning is: meet at 9:15; start playing at 9:30; play three games; finish around 11:30.

As a general rule, we invite only players who played last year to the first few games, then all players from around mid-June, once they've had a few training sessions.

We use Pitchero to announce matches, ask about availability of players, and announce teams. We'll send a separate communication with more detail about how we - and you - use Pitchero.

How do I keep up with Carlton news and events?

You can stay informed through:

1. **Pitchero** – Match details, training updates, and event announcements. Enable notifications so you don't miss anything!
2. **Instagram (@Carltoncc1863)** – News and updates.
3. **WhatsApp** - the "Arrows Chat" group is available for general Carlton discussions. This is aimed at senior teams, but might be of interest to parents of juniors. Contact one of the junior committee if you want to be added.
4. **Website ([CarltonCC](#))** – Regular news updates.

Do you stop for summer holidays?

No! Cricket goes on every week from 23 April to the end of August.

What if it rains?

We try very hard not to cancel cricket, so you will find we play on through light rain. But sometimes the weather defeats us and we have to cancel a training session. When that happens, we will announce it through Pitchero and Twitter.

Can I help?

Yes please!

All of our lead coaches for training sessions are paid professionals, but all the admin of the club is done by volunteers. We always need help to run the club, for example:

- Running the cake stalls at Wednesday training sessions.
- Helping to run the teams on Sunday mornings.

- Selling and serving burgers at club social events (once the weather warms up a little).
- And various other roles.

We will make requests for help of various sorts at points through the season - please consider these positively and offer help when you can, we really appreciate all help

Alternatively, please contact Siobhan or any one of the junior committee (see below) and offer to help. It doesn't have to be a lot, a few evenings selling cakes would be a great start and a good way to meet other parents at the club.

Can I join in?

Yes!

Some parents join Carlton to play cricket as well as their children. We run seven senior league teams including two Women's teams, plus a Sunday development side and occasional friendly games. If you're interested in playing, please contact Martin (membership secretary).

Who should I ask ...

Contact details are all on the [Contacts](https://carltoncc.co.uk/juniors/contacts/) page: <https://carltoncc.co.uk/juniors/contacts/>, also on the noticeboard just inside the middle door of the clubhouse.

Junior cricket is managed by the Junior committee. Key contacts are:

- **Siobhan Fontenla**, junior convenor - questions generally about Carlton junior cricket.
- **Mary Rose**, Child Wellbeing and Protection Officers - questions or concerns about the wellbeing of your (or any) child.
- **Stevie Gilmour**, head coach - questions about coaching; tips on improving your child's cricket; summer camps ...
- **Charles Stronach**, cricket manager - questions about junior teams.
- **Kelly Caton**, kit manager - questions about Carlton clothing.
- **Kelly Foley**, fixtures secretary and Lost property.
- **Kailas Shelar**, Kwik Cricket team manager
- **Martin Firth**, membership secretary - questions about membership and Pitchero.

We try to make sure that one of us is at training sessions to answer questions, or just for a chat about cricket.

We hope you and your children enjoy cricket as much as we and our children have done, and we look forward to seeing you at Carlton this summer.

Siobhan Fontenla & the Junior Cricket Committee