



Parent Newsletter - Friday 19th September 2025

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Headteacher's Welcome

We are now week three of the term and the children are settling well into the new routines. I am pleased to see and hear a buzz around school - children are engaging enthusiastically in activities set by their teachers. This week, I have watched the teaching of phonics and

listened to some children read in Year 1. Reading is always high on our agenda; becoming skilled in this area allows children to access and enjoy all other subjects.

The whole school looked very smart for school photos on Tuesday. I have been encouraging everyone to keep up this wonderful standard of presentation. We've also had *Welcome Wednesday* for Early Years and Key Stage One, which saw excellent attendance and provided a lovely opportunity to invite parents into our classrooms.

During my playground duty today, it was lovely to watch children of all ages play so nicely together. Our Year 6 playtime ambassadors were doing an exceptional job, supporting our younger pupils to enjoy a game of 'duck, duck, goose'.

In class, our pupils have also been completing baseline assessments. These are crucial in helping us shape our learning approach to ensure we meet the individual needs of every child. By understanding each pupil's starting point, we can provide targeted support and challenge.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend - I hope this sunshine continues!

Mrs Strange

INSET DATE CHANGE

The staff training day scheduled for Monday 1st June 2026 has been rearranged to take place on Monday 20th July 2026.

This means that children will be expected to be in school on Monday 1st June 2026 and summer term will now end on 17th July 2026 for all pupils.

Pupil absence will not be authorised if holidays are booked for 1st June 2026 after today's date.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. Thank you for your understanding.

Our Assemblies

Assemblies are an important part of our school week. This term we are introducing new assemblies designed to enrich our pupils' learning and personal development.

Each week, pupils will have three assemblies:

1. Broadening Horizons
2. My Actions, My Community, My Safety
3. Celebration assembly

Further information about these assemblies can be found on our website: <https://www.caldecoteprimaryschool.org.uk/page/?title=Assemblies&pid=197>

Values Winners

YR- Hector

Y1- Jack L

Y2- Melissandre

Y3- Beatrice

Y4- Evalyn E

Y5- Joshua

Y6- Vaishnav



Personal Achievements

Children can bring in something once a term to share in the Friday assembly.

Zachary received a medal for completing the library "Story garden challenge" and Vaishnav received his brown belt in Karate.

Well done both of you!



Golden Table Winners

Charlene Y3

Erica Y1

Lewis Y3

Class catch ups-Blue Class

Each week, the individual classes will take it in turns to share some details about the exciting events happening in their classroom.

Blue Class are settling in to Year 1 and learning the new routines. We have started our topic on Woodlands and they are enjoying creating woodland scenes and animals linked to our class story and science topic. They have written sentences linked to our story Wild and have created new characters for the story. They are remembering capital letters and full stops which is great to see. In maths we have been working on subitising and recognising parts in a whole number. They are using part whole models with different resources to see how parts are made up to make a whole. In DT we have been using a variety of skills, like cutting, folding and curling, to create trees.

Donations

Year 1 are always looking for new resources to support our learning throughout the year. If you have any of the following that you could donate we would much appreciate it thank you.

Resource list

Toilet rolls

Bottle tops

Conkers

Pine cones

Old note books, colourful paper

Shoe laces

Pots and pans – for mud kitchen

Small world people, characters plastic or wooden

Drain pipes

Small spades

Trowels

Small buckets

Soil

Sand

Sandpit with lid

Arts and craft resources (feathers, paper, pipe cleaners, stickers, ribbon)

Clean recycling e.g. bottles, boxes (no bigger than shoe boxes), egg boxes, etc.

Straws

Stencils

Jigsaws – 30 – 300 pieces pictures age appropriate.

Role play resources like play food, shop, till, pots and pans, bowls, plates, etc

Painting aprons or old shirts/t-shirts

Large beads for threading

Educational board games like the Orchard Toys



Parent working group

Our parent working group meetings are an opportunity for our community to come together to discuss issues and new initiatives within the school and work collaboratively to drive these.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, **the first meeting is postponed until Friday 10th October 2025**. This meeting will be to discuss our school vision and values. Parent views on home learning will also be on the agenda. If you are unable to attend but would like to share your view on the vision and values, or home learning, please email the school office for the attention of Mrs Strange.

If you will be joining our parent working group session on Friday 10th October 2025, please register your interest here¹. There will be coffee and cake!

¹<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=g7FW8jtLik29W21qY3TWYIJpCxtTnI9MkgSevj9KpX9UNFJBSU1ST1JWVIZTVUkxTzIEUkZBMUU2RS4u>

Diary Dates



Dates for the Diary

2025/2026 PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF THE DATES SO YOU DONT MISS ANYTHING		
Date	Event	Time
Friday 26th September	Parents working group	8.50am -10.00am
Friday 26th September	Blue class celebration assembly	2.40pm
Monday 29th-Thursday 2nd October	Y5 Bikeability	All day
Wednesday 1st October	K2 Welcome Wednesday	8.40am-9.00am
Friday 3rd October	Yellow class celebration assembly	2.40pm
Tuesday 7th October	Y5 Duxford Trip	All day
Thursday 9th October	Yellow class 'History off the page' visit	All day
Friday 10th October	Orange class celebration assembly	2.40pm
Wednesday 15th October	Parent consultations	4.00pm-7.00pm
Wednesday 15th October	KS1 Welcome Wednesday	8.40am-9.00am
Thursday 16th October	Parent Consultations	8.00am-11.00am
Friday 17th October	Green class celebration assembly	2.40pm
Thursday 23rd October	Rainbow Raffle non uniform day	All day
Friday 24th October	Training day- no pupils in school	All day
Monday 27th-Friday 31st October	Half term	All week
Wednesday 5th November	KS2 Welcome Wednesday	8.40am-9.00am
Friday 7th November	Purple class celebration assembly	2.40pm
7th November	School Disco	5.00pm
Tuesday 11th November	VR Vision Screening	9.30am
Wednesday 12th November	VR & VS Weighing & Measuring	9.00am
Friday 14th November	Y3 Bikeability	9.00am-3.00pm
Friday 14th November	Red class celebration assembly	2.40pm
Wednesday 19th November	KS1 Welcome Wednesday	8.40am-9.00am
Friday 21st November	Red class celebration assembly	2.40pm
Friday 21st November	Chocolate/bottle non uniform day	All day
Tuesday 25th November	Flu Vaccines- in school	9.00am-12.00 pm
Friday 28th November	Parents working group	8.50am -10.00am
Friday 28th November	Blue class celebration assembly	2.40pm
Saturday 29th November	Christmas Fair	2.00pm-4.00pm
Wednesday 3rd December	KS2 Welcome Wednesday	8.40am-9.00am
Friday 5th December	Yellow class celebration assembly	2.40pm
Thursday 11th December	Panto visit: Sleeping Beauty	9.30am-1.15pm
Friday 12th December	Orange class celebration assembly	2.40pm
Wednesday 17th December	KS1 Welcome Wednesday	8.40am-9.00am
Friday 19th December	Term ends	3.20pm
Tuesday 6th January	Spring term begins	8.40am
Wednesday 21st January	Young Voices @ Q2 Arena London	10.00am-11.00pm
Friday 30th January	Parents working group	8.50am -10.00am
Friday 30th January	Break the rules day	All day
Friday 20th March	Parents working group	8.50am -10.00am
Friday 8th May	Parents working group	8.50am -10.00am
Friday 26th June	Parents working group	8.50am -10.00am