



# Parent newsletter - Thursday 23rd October 2025

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## Headteacher's Welcome

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have finally made it to the end of a long half term; I know that the children are looking forward to a break! I enjoyed tea party with the values winners today as they spoke so enthusiastically about planned activities and time at home with their families next week.

I am pleased to share some insights from our school that highlight our commitment to continuous improvement. Last week, Gary Casey (Local Authority Maths Adviser) and I conducted a Maths Learning Walk - this was an opportunity to observe and reflect on the quality of mathematics teaching across our school. These learning walks are crucial in ensuring we maintain high standards of educational delivery and provide our pupils with the most effective learning experiences possible. It was noted that teachers were using effective questioning to guide children's learning, and high quality vocabulary was evident. I was particularly impressed with how a child used mathematical language to provide a clear, concise response when solving a problem.

I was delighted with the excellent parental attendance at Parents Evening; it is so important for parents and teachers to discuss pupil progress, share insights, and work collaboratively to support each pupil's educational journey. We were also joined by Mark Lydon, Co-Chair of Governors, on Thursday morning to ring the bell whilst I was supporting in classes.

In other news, have received a complaint from a member of the public about parking over private driveways during drop off and pick up times. Please ensure that you are parking legally and considerately at the start and end of the school day. This helps to keep everyone safe.

Tomorrow, teachers will be engaging in training on cognitive science and its application to curriculum design. This professional development session underscores our dedication to evidence-based educational practices. By understanding how pupils learn, we can design more effective and engaging learning experiences that support cognitive development and academic achievement.

Wishing you a restful break, and we look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 3rd November 2025.

With best wishes,

Mrs Strange

## **Goodbye and Thank You, Nicole!**

Today has been a teary day as we say goodbye to Miss Nicole Brazil on her last day at Caldecote. We surprised her at the end of lunch service with cards from the children and gifts from the staff. Nicole has been a much-loved member of the kitchen team for the past nine years. Every day she greets our children with warmth and kindness, and she has got to

know them extremely well in her time serving at the hatch. We wish her the best of luck as she increases her hours in another role. Nicole, you are one-of-a-kind and we will miss you!

Mrs Strange



## Congratulations to Miss Turner

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*Another Caldecote school baby is on the way! Congratulations to Miss Turner and her partner who are expecting their 3rd baby in March 😊*

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## Important Update: Changes to End-of-Day Pupil Dismissal

To enhance the safety and security of our pupils, from **Monday 3rd November 2025** teachers will now dismiss all pupils directly to parents or authorised adults. It is vitally important that the school has up-to-date information on who is permitted to collect your child or whether they are able to walk home alone.

For any long-term changes to collection arrangements, please inform the school office in writing as soon as possible. For one-off changes, such as playdates, you may notify the staff member on morning high-vis or Care clubs staff on the day.

Pupils will be dismissed at the following locations:

Key Stage 1 continue to dismiss at their gate

Year 3 (Orange) - Left hand side of the climbing frame (by Red Class)

Year 4 - (Green) - Right hand side of the climbing frame (by Red Class)

Year 5 - (Purple) - Via the main playground door

Year 6 - (Silver) - Via the main playground door, as Purple Class, by Yellow Class

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us keep our pupils safe.

## School Disco! 7th November 2025



## KS1 Christmas production

It's that time of year again!

We are excited to inform you that Key Stage 1 will be performing 'Lights, Camel, Action' for their Christmas production. The performances will take place on Tuesday 2nd December and Wednesday 3rd December. Further information regarding tickets will be sent out after half term.

Over the next couple of weeks, classes will send home information regarding costumes and scripts (Year 2 only). Yellow Class take on the speaking parts along with singing and dancing. Yellow Class were able to choose whether they would like a speaking part and we have worked hard to accommodate choices. Red and Blue Class will join in with the singing and perform dances.

## Y1 Classroom environment

We're refreshing the Year 1 classroom environment to better support our children's learning and development. Each child will have a table space and a space on the carpet area, creating a flexible and engaging setting for their activities. Learning will continue through a rich mixture of approaches, ensuring that key skills and knowledge are embedded in meaningful and enjoyable ways. The Year 1 Team look forward to welcoming them back to start our next topic: Marvellous Materials.

## Eco Team

This year we will be participating in the 'Cut your carbon challenge' during the whole of November. Every pupil has been issued a challenge sheet to be completed if and where possible at home. Following this we will be able to measure how much carbon we have cut collectively as a school so the more children that take part the greater the result.

It's really important that those who participate return the form with their name on so they can be recognised with a certificate. We ask that forms are returned to your child's class teacher by Monday 1st December.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Gibbs and the Eco Councillors.

## Purple Class Update (from last week)

Purple Class have had an eventful half term.

Last week, we enjoyed a trip to Duxford as part of our History learning on WWII and this week we attended the CB23 Careers Fair where we were able to learn more about a range of careers and the skills required for these career options. We have been enjoying our class book, Letters from the Lighthouse, which is based in WWII and we have been trying to solve the mystery of the contents of these secretive letters. In English, we have learnt about biographies and written our own biographies about Winston Churchill. We have worked hard on using relative clauses accurately this half term and we included these in our biographies. This week in maths, we have been learning about factors, prime numbers and composite numbers and the children have used 'factor bugs' to help identify the factors of a product. WWII has been a very interesting topic and we have been inspired to create lots of exciting home learning crafts and carry out our own research on the topic. Well done Purple Class for your active engagement with the topic.

Mrs Woods

## Extra-curricular sports at Caldecote

### Sports at lunchtime

Mr Segrave and his team have been running sports clubs during lunch time, extending our curriculum offer to pupils. It has been great seeing so many pupils enthused to participate. This week, classes have chosen which sport they would like to do after half term. We have lots of children signing up!

### Year 5 and 6 Dodgeball Festival

A group of Y5 & Y6 children participated in a Dodgeball festival. They had lots of fun and played mini games - great teamwork was shown by the children who took part.



## Year 6 children's newsletter - Class updates

### Red class

Red class have been reading 'The Tiger who came to tea' and they have also been making bromsticks to fly in the playground.

### Blue class

Blue class are writing their own story openers and are learning about 2d shapes in maths.

### Yellow class

Year 2 are preparing for their nativity play and have also been writing diary as diaries to pretend that they were in the great fire of London.

### Orange class

Orange class have been learning the 12 times table and have done one of their 8 by 8 activities. They have also had a pebble jar treat, which was a pyjama day.

### Green class

Year 4 are looking at geometry in maths and they have also been to making board games.

### Purple class

Purple class have been looking at war poems. In maths, they had one looking at square numbers and cube numbers.

### Silver class

In English, Silver class have been writing a story and they have been doing fractions in maths.

## Diary Dates

2025/2026 PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF THE DATES SO YOU DON'T MISS ANYTHING		
Date	Event	Time
Wednesday 6th 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 & V6 Weighing & Measuring	9.00am
Friday 14th November	V3 Bikeability	9.00am-3.00pm
Friday 14th November	Silver class celebration assembly	2.40pm
Monday 17th November	Waste free lunch	12.00pm-1.15pm
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 26th November	H1 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
Tuesday 2nd December	KS1 Nativity	9.30am
Wednesday 3rd December	KS2 Welcome Wednesday	8.40am-9.00am
Wednesday 3rd December	KS1 Nativity	1.45pm
Friday 5th December	Yellow class celebration assembly	2.40pm
Thursday 11th December	Parro visit: Sleeping Beauty	9.30am-11.6pm
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 @ O2 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