



# Parent newsletter Friday 7th November 2025

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## Headteacher's Welcome

Dear Caldecote Community,

What a vibrant week we've had at our school!

Our PTA has been active, hosting their AGM and preparing for tonight's exciting school disco. We're looking forward to welcoming our pupils for an evening of fun.

Our Broadening Horizons assembly this week marked World Adoption Day, Sunday 9th November 2025, where we explored the beautiful diversity of families. The key message was simple yet powerful: love is the heart of every family, regardless of how it is formed.

Road safety has been another key focus this week. During our 'My Actions, My Community, My Safety' assemblies across key stages, our Junior Travel Ambassadors (JTAs) have been championing an important message: "Be Bright, Be Seen". They were pleased to award two pupils in assembly today who have been wearing high-vis when coming to school on the darker mornings.

On Wednesday, we welcomed our English Adviser from the Local Authority into school to support us in reviewing the delivery of phonics. It was great to see our phonics scheme, Little Wandle, in action! There are many strengths to our current practice and children are responding well to the high quality teaching that they are receiving. We are looking forward to taking our next steps and appreciate working collaboratively with local experts in our journey to excellence.

Next week, we're gearing up for Anti-Bullying Week, starting with Odd Socks Day on Monday. Throughout the week, our pupils will engage in meaningful activities designed to:

- Explore and understand their inner strengths
- Encourage daily acts of kindness
- Investigate "The Power of Good" – understanding how one positive action can inspire another
- Think critically about leadership and influence

These initiatives reflect our ongoing commitment to creating a supportive, inclusive, and empowering learning environment.

In other news, we have discovered that our school boiler needs an urgent repair. We have arranged for the necessary work to take place on Monday and Tuesday of next week. Please be assured that we do not foresee this causing any disruption to the children's learning or comfort. Temporary heaters will be in place as a precaution to ensure the school remains warm and comfortable throughout the repair period. With the temperatures falling slightly, please ensure your child brings their school jumper each day!

We hope you have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Strange

Headteacher

## Values Winners



YR- Theo

Y1- Florence

Y2- Kamilla

Y3- Haleema

Y4- Olivia

Y5- George

Y6- Clayton

## Personal Achievements

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

- Akira completed her 200m backstroke
- Viaan was awarded his 8th KYU orange belt
- Katy passed her Gymnastics proficiency level 4
- Fara completed her "Red" swimming award
- Hallie received her "Bronze" award in Rainbows

Well done all of you!

## Golden Table Winners

- Jack C Y1
- Jack B Y6
- Hallie Y2

## Class catch ups - Silver Class

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*Each week, the individual classes will take it in turns to share some details about the exciting events happening in their classroom. This week, it is the turn of Silver class!*

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This week in maths, we've been working on multiplying fractions, both by whole numbers and by other fractions. Pupils have been developing their confidence with these calculations and learning to explain their reasoning clearly.

In writing, we've wrapped up our narrative stories, which explored themes such as magic, family, friendship, and courage. The next challenge is persuasive writing. Choosing a topic has sparked plenty of discussion—we're not short of opinions, but we're now focusing on how to express them in a formal and convincing way.

In science, excitement is building as we await the arrival of the hearts for dissection. This hands-on exploration will help us understand the circulatory system in a memorable and meaningful way.

We're also finalising plans for our graphic novel project. Pupils are beginning to think about how to combine text and illustration to tell a story with impact.

As we move through the term, it's been encouraging to see pupils taking greater ownership of their learning. Well done, Silver Class, let's continue building our sense of responsibility and pride in all we do.

## Nut free school reminder



*1 - Please remember we are a nut free school, this includes no Nutella in sandwiches or Nutella bars as these contain nuts. We have had a few pupils this week with Nutella in their lunchboxes.*

*Thank you for your co-operation.*

## Careclubs Holiday Club

The children had a fun packed holiday club during the October half term with "Spooktacular fun" including arts and crafts and a Halloween party.







## Eco-Schools Green Flag accreditation

**Dear Parent/Carer,**

We are writing to you to share some exciting news - this year, our school has made the decision to work towards Eco-Schools Green Flag accreditation.

With the world beginning to experience the effects of climate change - from different species of plant and animals becoming extinct, to micro-plastics being found in the most remote locations on Earth - now, is the time to take action.

The Eco-Schools programme empowers young people to create positive change by taking a lead on environmental actions and projects in their school and local community.

Within Eco-Schools' simple framework, young people have the freedom to decide on the environmental issues they would like to tackle, the actions they would like to take, and how they are going to involve their school and community. The seven-step process takes around one academic year to complete and culminates in an Eco-Schools' assessor reviewing our application and recognising our achievements.

The Eco-Schools programme began in 1994 and is delivered in more than 100 countries around the world. The programme not only positively impacts our planet (for example, schools participating in the programme planted almost 50,000 trees during the last academic year), it also benefits young people, building teamwork and leadership skills, whilst increasing confidence and reducing eco-anxiety.

As a key part of the Eco-Schools process is involving our entire school and wider community, we wanted to get in touch to let you know about our involvement. We also wanted to let you know what to expect over the coming months: regular updates in our school newsletter and other channels; invitations to participate in environmental events and projects; and increasingly conscientious young people.

If you would like to support our work or know more about the Eco-Schools programme, please contact **Mrs Gibbs via the school office.**

Yours Sincerely,

**Mrs Gibbs, Mrs Lydon** and the Eco Representatives.

## JTA'S

Thank you so much to those that completed the JTA parent survey. 84 of you completed the questionnaire. We have emailed our road safety team at the council to see what our next step should be in light of the results. We will keep you posted.

Also thank you to all those that participated in 'Be Bright Be Seen' this week, the JTA's issued out 5 bookmarks to those that were brightly dressed coming into school on Wednesday. We also had a parent that was brightly dressed for the occasion! The winners for key stage 1 and 2 go to Alyssa and Parker Dean, for their bright hi viz jackets that they wear on the way to breakfast club each morning, they have received a small prize each.....well done all!





# Diary Dates



## Dates for the Diary

| 2025/2026 PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF THE DATES SO YOU DON'T MISS ANYTHING |                                   |                 |
|--|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Date   | Event                             | Time            |
| Tuesday 11th November  | YR Vision Screening               | 9.30am          |
| Wednesday 12th November  | YR & Y6 Weighing & Measuring      | 9.00am          |
| Friday 14th November   | Y3 Bikeability                    | 9.00am-3.00pm   |
| Friday 14th November   | Green class celebration assembly  | 2.40pm          |
| Monday 17th November   | Waste free lunch                  | 12.00pm-1.15pm  |
| Wednesday 19th November  | K51 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   |
| Tuesday 2nd December   | K51 Nativity                      | 9.30am          |
| Wednesday 3rd December   | K52 Welcome Wednesday             | 8.40am-9.00am   |
| Wednesday 3rd December   | K51 Nativity                      | 1.45pm          |
| Friday 5th December  | Orange 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  | K51 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 |